

7th ECORD Council meeting **Edinburgh, 24 November 2005**

List of Motions and Actions

ECORD Council motion 05-02-01. ECORD Council approves Stockholm minutes.

J.Björck moved, S.Dürr seconded. All in favour.

Action S.Dürr: on behalf of the Council to contact Susan Egelund and thank for her efforts and dedication of more than 10 years in promoting ODP, IODP and ECORD.

ECORD Council motion 05-02-02. ECORD Council nominates John Ludden Vice Chair as of October 1, 2006. S.Dürr will serve on the Executive from April 1, 2006.

R.Schorro moved, J.Björck seconded. All in favour.

ACTION EMA – send out a note on how to obtain ACEX “Artist at Sea” photos.

ACTION: ESSAC (J.Pearce) and ECORD-net (A.Winkler) to coordinate preparation of Workshop on Deep Sea Floor Frontier.

ACTION - J.Ludden as steering committee member to continue going to the meetings in Brussels.

ECORD Council motion 05-02-03. The ECORD Council proposes the setting up of a panel of international experts from outside the IODP community to undertake an evaluation of the ECORD contribution to IODP. The panel will review the scientific benefit derived from participation by member organisations. It will also assess the potential for ECORD to deliver future scientific excellence within IODP.

C.Franklin proposed, J.Ludden seconded, all in favour.

ACTION EMA – to distribute to Council the draft mandate and collect responses

ACTION ECORD Council - to discuss Mandate for evaluation panel

ACTION Chair – to ask funding agencies to provide nominations for the Evaluation panel

ACTION EMA: In association with B.Avril, explore possibilities of setting up ESF secretariat for the Evaluation panel.

ECORD Council motion 05-02-04. ECORD council endorses the following ESSAC recommendations:

SPC – Jan Behrmann to replace Hans Brumsack, October 2006

SPPOC – Hans Brumsack to replace Hermann Kudrass, October 2006

SPPOC – Serge Berné to replace Xavier Le Pichon contingent on IFREMER approval

J.Ludden proposed, C.Franklin seconded, all in favour.

ECORD Council motion 05-02-05. ECORD council asks ESO to go for tender for New Jersey Margin expedition.

C.Franklin proposed, R.Schorno seconded, all in favour.

ACTION EMA : Prepare and send out a written justification document to explain the need of moving funds forward from FY07 to FY06

ECORD Council motion 05-02-06. The ECORD council received the budget presentation from ESO in which a possible budget deficit from the ACEX operation and a potential surplus from the Tahiti operations were outlined. ECORD Council congratulates ESO on its budget management in a difficult situation with fluctuating fuel prices. ECORD Council agrees on maintaining a flexible relationship with ESO by which, in principle, moderate operational losses that are beyond control of the ESO and operational surpluses will be smoothed through an agreed budgeting procedure.

J.Ludden moved, R.Schorno seconded, voted in favour with one abstention (C.Franklin)

ACTION EMA: Explore possibilities to cover the costs of Evaluation committee from the ERA-net funds with an estimated budget of 40 000 Euro.

ECORD Council motion 05-02-08 on Magellan workshop series and *à la carte* ESF programme. ECORD Council asks the ESF to consider NERC funding of the High Latitudes workshop as a UK contribution to the Magellan workshop as part of the a la carte programme. Furthermore, ECORD Council suggests the Magellan workshop series be steered by ESSAC, in co-operation with ESF, and that workshop proposals already “on the table” and prioritised should be implemented in 2006. Responses to an open call are suggested to be implemented in 2007. Workshop participants should be chosen according to scientific merit.

M.Kullin proposed, S.Dürr seconded, voted in favour with one abstention (C.Franklin)

ECORD Council motion 05-02-09. The ECORD council accepts the FY06 ESO budget which includes the New Jersey Margin expedition.

J.Björck moved, J.Ludden seconded, voted in favour with one abstention (C.Franklin)

ECORD Council motion 05-02-10. The ECORD council approves the FY05 and FY06 EMA budget.

C.Franklin moved, J.Monteiro seconded, all in favour

ECORD Council motion 05-02-10. ECORD council fully supports the spirit of the Frascati report and welcomes the drive for efficiency within the IODP structure and attempt to further facilitate development of proposals within the science advisory structure. Although we endorse the principles of the report, ECORD would not wish to see the establishment of new structures within IODP unless they replace existing structures.

C.Franklin moved, S.Dürr seconded, all in favour.

ECORD Response to Frascati report

ECORD Council motion 05-02-11. The ECORD council welcomes the efforts of IODP MI to expand IODP membership. However, it is concerned that the offer of an «introductory membership » giving advantageous science participation on IODP expeditions will leave existing small consortium members at a disadvantage. Such a membership would give new participants a distinct advantage over current contributing members through provision of one berth per year.

C.Franklin moved, S.Dürr seconded, all in favour.

ECORD Council motion 05-02-12. The ECORD council understands the willingness of IODP MI to interact with the managers/chairs of the various entities of IODP through the IODP Management Forum. However a clear presentation of the mandate of this new body would help understanding its exact role in the IODP structure. ECORD would welcome clarification of the source of the mandate and funding.

C.Franklin moved, S.Dürr seconded, all in favour.

Opinion on Aurora Borealis

ECORD Council supports in principle the provision of an ice-capable drillship that could be used as an MSP in IODP. However, support in principle does not mean that member organisations would financially support or endorse the building or operation of Aurora Borealis. Decision would be taken independently by member organisations on provision of detailed scientific and business cases.