

ECORD Council Meeting #14
London, 11-12 November 2008
Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate
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MOTIONS, ACTIONS AND CONSENSUS

(Approved by ECORD Chair C. Franklin)

ECORD Council motion 08-02-1

ECORD Council thanks Marcel Kullin and Rikke Pederson who have served on the Council and have now moved to new responsibilities. In particular, Marcel was involved from the start of ECORD, has served as the ECORD chair from April to September 2006, and has worked tirelessly to build the program. The Council wish them well in their new activities.

C. Franklin moved, N. Wardell seconded, all in favour

ECORD Council consensus 08-02-1

ECORD Council approves the Paris minutes without modifications.

ECORD Council motion 08-02-2

ECORD Council elects Sören Dürr as incoming Vice-Chair to replace Severino Falcón Morales as of 1 April 2009. ECORD Council elects Nigel Wardell as member of the Executive to replace Sören Dürr as of 1 April 2009.

C. Franklin moved, D. Holtsman seconded, all in favour

ECORD Council motion 08-02-3

ECORD Council approves ESSAC nominations for replacements on SAS panels.

SPC: R. Stein, Germany, to replace J. Behrmann after the August 09 SPC meeting.

STP: Marc K. Reishow, Leicester, U.K. to replace M. Lowell, who has rotated off, subject to check that there is no conflict of interest.

ECORD council approves the extension of Gilbert Camoin's mandate at SPC for one more meeting.

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

ECORD Council motion 08-02-4

ECORD Council approves the FY08 annual financial statement as presented by ESO.

K. Verbruggen moved, N. Wardell seconded, all in favour with three abstentions (C. Franklin, S. Dürr, B. Goffé). Absentee S. Falcón Morales

ECORD Council consensus 08-02-2

ECORD Council supports ESO's position to maintain the exchange rate of April 01, 2008 to calculate the SOC's to IODP-MI as has been the practice in previous years. In the past ESO

has lost with the fluctuations in the exchange rate and has covered the losses.

ECORD Council consensus 08-02-3

With the purpose to ensure contract completion for New Jersey, ECORD Council gives approval to ESO to include in the contract the possibility of making an early stage payment of about 750 000 USD when the platform leaves the Gulf port.

ECORD Council consensus 08-02-4

ECORD Council gives authority to Dan Evans to continue contract discussions to ensure the platform for the New Jersey Expedition. The contract could be modified later to include LWD if required for the expedition.

ACTION EMA: To pass the following message to the SPC chair and the VP Operations regarding the implementation of the APL#728:

The ECORD council recognizes the benefit of the APL system that allows the implementation of exciting science at short notice. However, considering the logistical complexity introduced by the APL in the case of an MSP, in different national waters, the ECORD council is concerned that adding the APL#728 to the Great Barrier Reef Environmental Changes project may jeopardize the negotiations with the contractor. Therefore, Council recommends that to ensure the implementation of the GBR, ESO should, at their discretion, not include the APL in the overall project.

ECORD Council motion 08-02-5

ECORD Council gives authority to the Executive to make decisions on the global duration of the New Jersey Expedition and flexibility to manage any demobilisation refund.

C. Franklin moved, K. Verbruggen seconded, all in favour

ACTION EMA: To investigate with the LAs different ways to simplify the flow of money within IODP.

ACTION CHAIR: To send a letter to the Italian partners of ECORD asking for unpaid contributions.

ACTION EMA: To send a letter thanking ICDP for its contribution.

ACTION ESO: To prepare, for the next Council meeting, a better estimation of costs for MSPs for the last three years of IODP.

ACTION EMA: To ask NSF for clarification on what they mean when they state that they consider ECORD as a Lead Agency.

ACTION S. Dürr: To prepare for the next Council meeting, a proposal on the creation of an Earth Science Board at ESF.

ACTION ESSAC: To include Council views on structure into the EGU Workshop 2009 - Beyond 2013: The future of European Ocean Research Drilling.

ECORD Council motion 08-02-6

ECORD Council is concerned that IODP will not make significant progress in the biosphere initiative, which was one of the underpinning drivers of IODP. Therefore ECORD Council strongly encourages IODP to make a sustained approach to the study of the deep biosphere during the remainder of the current programme. We encourage IODP to link existing, highly-ranked proposals in dedicated biosphere observatory installation with a coupled programme of 4-6 months additional drilling that would be the subject of a specific call for proposals and creation of a 'biosphere mission group', if appropriate working in a regional context.

S. Dürr moved, K. Verbruggen seconded, all in favour. Absentee B. Goffé

ACTION EMA: To send this motion to the BoG chair and the SASEC chair

ECORD Council motion 08-02-7

ECORD Council supports in principle the ESSAC proposal for the establishment of ECORD Grants. The Council will oversee the budget allocation for these grants at the appropriate time.

S. Dürr moved, N. Wardell seconded, all in favour. Absentee B. Goffé

ACTION EMA: To use funds from its budget to further relations with existing initiatives to promote marine and maritime sciences at the European level.

ACTION EMA: To inform the European Commission of ECORD's involvement in responding to the 2009 call.

ACTION Executive + S. Dürr: To establish a working group including members outside of the Council to finalize the ECORD Vision document for discussion at the next Council meeting.

ACTION Council members: To nominate potential participants to the working group.

ACTION CHAIR: To circulate among Council members, the Terms of Reference and Membership of the UK-IODP Industry panel liaison, asking for agreement to expand the UK - IODP Industry panel liaison to all ECORD countries.

ACTION CHAIR: If agreement is reached in the previous action, to request nominations for panel membership.

ACTION S. Dürr: To include the Aurora Borealis vessel and the possibility of Arctic Drilling in the ECORD Vision document.

ACTION S. Dürr: To contact the successor of John Marks as the ESF chair to maintain good relationships with ESF and encourage ESF to actively participate in the council discussions about the future.

ACTION EMA: To poll the members of ECORD Council to fix the dates on the third week of June 2008 for the next ECORD Council to be held in Lisbon.

Actions from the previous ECORD council meeting

ACTION ESSAC: To prepare the discussion on how to support 3D-site surveys for European-led proposals for the next ECORD Council meeting.

ACTION EMA: To include in the agenda for the next ECORD Council an item on funding for 3D-site surveys for European-led proposals.