

ECORD Council Meeting #15
Lisbon, 8-10 June 2009.
HOTEL ALTIS
Rua Castilho, 11, Lisbon, Portugal

MOTIONS, ACTIONS AND CONSENSUS

ECORD Council consensus 09-01-1

ECORD Council approves the minutes of the London meeting (ECORD Council meeting #14).

ECORD Council motion 09-01-2

ECORD Council elects Nigel Wardell to replace Sören Dürr as the incoming Vice-Chair. ECORD Council elects Guido Lüniger as member of the Executive to replace Nigel Wardell.

C. Franklin moved, D. Holtsman seconded, all in favour with two abstentions (G. Lüniger, N. Wardell).

ECORD Council motion 09-01-3

ECORD Council elects G. Lüniger as incoming Vice-Chair from 1 October 2009 to replace Nigel Wardell as of 1 April 2010. ECORD Council elects Chris Franklin as member of the Executive to replace G. Lüniger as of 1 October 2009.

J.P. Henriët moved, A. de Vernal seconded, all in favour with three abstentions (G. Lüniger, N. Wardell, C. Franklin).

ECORD Council consensus 09-01-1

ECORD Council thanks Dr. Suyehiro for his attendance at the meeting and wishes him success in his new appointment.

ECORD Council motion 09-01-4

ECORD Council approves the proposed FY10 ESO (1 743 000 \$), EMA (245 000 €) and ESSAC (167 100 €) budgets with the understanding that this could lead to a shortfall in SOC's contribution in FY10. These budgets include salaries. The current estimate of the shortfall is circa €650k, however the final figure is dependent on

- 1) Euro/Dollar Exchange Rate
- 2) Level of expenditure of the contingency amounts for NJ and GBR.
- 3) Level of possible default of funds from some ECORD members

ECORD Council feels that operation and completion of the MSPs as planned is an imperative and as a result will inform the Lead Agencies that this shortfall might occur, resulting in a possible underpayment of agreed SOC's contributions in FY10.

K. Verbruggen moved, F. Barriga seconded, all in favour with three abstentions (C. Franklin, G. Lüniger, M. Perrin)

ECORD Council motion 09-01-5

ECORD Council relinquish leading the creation on a European Sea Floor Agency. ECORD Council will pursue its aim of integrating the European deep-sea research through the Deep Sea Frontier Initiative.

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

ECORD Council consensus 09-01-2

ECORD Council appoints a delegation to represent ECORD interests at the IWG+ (International Working Group Plus) meetings. Members: Anne de Vernal (Canada), Mireille Perrin (France), Guido Lüniger (Germany), F. Barriga (Portugal), José Ramón Sanchez (Spain), and Chris Franklin (United Kingdom). Chris Franklin will chair the delegation and act as Co-chair at the IWG+ meetings on behalf of ECORD.

ECORD Council consensus 09-01-3

ECORD Council encourages the ECORD Industrial Liaison Panel to consider answering the call issued by Eurogia+ for the Arctic.

ECORD Council consensus 09-01-4

The ECORD Council thanks its members who have rotated off. Raymond Schorno, Are Carlson and Sören Dürr have actively participated in the setting up of ECORD and the negotiations with the Lead Agencies to join IODP.

Their knowledge and enthusiasm as ECORD Council members will be missed.

The Council send its best wishes to Raymond and Soeren in their new responsibilities and is sure that Are will enjoy his retirement.

ECORD Council consensus 09-01-5

The ECORD Council expresses its thanks to the CEREGE ESSAC Office.

The chair, Gilbert Camoin, and the scientific coordinator, Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch, formed a dedicated team that made the office function extremely efficiently for the benefit of the ECORD scientific community in Europe. The ECORD Council wishes them both well in their new endeavours.

The ECORD Council wishes good luck to the new ESSAC chair, Rüdiger Stein

ACTION EMA: To include in the agenda for the next ECORD Council an item on the Aurora Borealis vessel and the possibility of using it as an MSP in the new drilling programme after 2013.

ACTION ESSAC Chair and Jean Pierre Henriët: To organise the participation of ECORD at the special session in Education and Marine Science at the Eurocean Conference 2010.

ACTION EMA and Executive: To prepare a proposal on a collaboration scheme with ESF after 2013. The proposal should be presented at the next ECORD Council meeting.

ACTION EMA: To poll the members of ECORD Council to fix the dates on the third week of November 2009 for the next ECORD Council to be held in Rome.