

ECORD Council Meeting #16
Roma, 25-26 November 2009
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)
Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, Roma, Italy

CONSENSUS, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

15/12/09

ECORD Council motion 09-02-1

ECORD Council approves with one minor modification the minutes of its Lisbon meeting (ECORD Council meeting #15). The Norwegian representative at the 15th Council meeting was still Are Carlson.

K. Verbruggen moved, S. Leigh seconded, all in favour.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-2

ECORD Council elects Mireille Perrin as incoming Vice-Chair to replace Guido Lüniger as of 01 April 2010.

N. Wardell moved, J. Sánchez seconded, all in favour with one abstention (M. Perrin).

ECORD Council motion 09-02-3

ECORD Council elects José Sánchez as member of the Executive to replace Reinhard Belocky when he steps down as of 01 April 2010.

M-S Seidenkrantz moved, K. Verbruggen seconded, all in favour with one abstention (J. Sánchez).

ACTION EMA and Executive: To look at the list of current ECORD IODP-MI members and make a suggestion for the replacement of J. Ludden as ECORD Governor in 2010. The name of the new ECORD Governor should be submitted by E-mail to the Council for approval.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-4

ECORD Council endorses ESSAC nominations for SSEP (Science Steering and Evaluation Panel):

Tim Ferdelman (Germany), replacing Kai-Uwe Hinrichs (Germany), from November 2010

Jürgen Koepke (Germany), replacing Achim Kopf (Germany), from November 2010

F. Barriga moved, K. Verbruggen seconded, all in favour.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-5

ECORD Council thanks S. Leigh for initiating the ECORD ILP. ECORD Council encourages her to focus the work of the panel on the Arctic Ocean.

K. Verbruggen moved, A. de Vernal seconded, all in favour with one abstention (S. Leigh).

ECORD Council consensus 09-02-1

ECORD Council considers that the Magellan workshop series has been very successful in building the ocean drilling scientific community at the ECORD level and developing drilling

proposals. ECORD asks to be more visible in this program by asking ESF to use the ECORD logo on all related documents.

ECORD Council tasks EMA and the ECORD Executive to investigate with ESF how this program could be extended to facilitate the development of new proposals for the next phase of ocean drilling.

ACTION EMA + ECORD Executive: To investigate with ESF how the Magellan Workshop Series could be extended to facilitate the development of new proposals for the next phase of ocean drilling.

ACTION EMA: To continue the dialogue with the Marine Board and investigate how ocean drilling/DSF concept could be incorporated in the planned “Navigating the Future” position paper.

ACTION S. Leigh + M. Friberg + EMA: To draft a statement on the position of the ECORD Council regarding the Aurora Borealis vessel. The draft should be submitted to the Council by email for its approval.

ECORD Council consensus 09-02-2

ECORD Council supports the proposed composition of the Science Plan Writing Committee and the proposed Chair. ECORD is pleased that this composition is oriented towards climate, fluids and the deep biosphere. However ECORD Council asks that in the science plan topics such as geodynamics, natural resources and geohazards are also given due emphasis.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-6

ECORD Council approves the financial statement for FY09 presented by the ECORD Science Operator.

M.Perrin moved, F. Barriga seconded, all in favour with one abstention (S. Leigh).

ECORD Council motion 09-02-7

ECORD Council reaffirms its aim to implement two MSP expeditions after the GBREC and before the end of the programme. In FY10 and FY11, ECORD Council will favour contribution to the Platform Operation Costs over the payment of the Science Operation Costs to IODP.

A. de Vernal moved, K. Verbruggen seconded, all in favour.

ACTION EMA: To inform the LAs and IODP-MI of a possible shortfall in the 3 P.U. in SOC's in FY11.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-8

ECORD Council recognizes the scientific benefit of having the P.I. of the proposal as a co-chief. Therefore ECORD Council supports the nomination of Paola Vannucchi as co-chief for CRISP-A, although Italy is currently significantly over quota.

M-S. Seidenkrantz moved, A. de Vernal seconded, all in favour with one abstention (N. Wardell).

ACTION EMA: To inform the USIO of the Council's support to nominate Paola Vannucchi as co-chief for CRISP-A expedition.

ECORD Council consensus 09-02-3

ECORD Council recognizes the need for an independent evaluation of the ECORD scientific achievements using ocean drilling and of future prospects in a new programme of sub seafloor exploration.

ACTION ECORD Executive: To define the terms of reference and timeline for an independent evaluation of the ECORD scientific achievements using ocean drilling and of future prospects in a new programme of sub seafloor exploration.

ACTION EMA: To ask NWO if they are willing to conduct the evaluation of ECORD scientific achievements using ocean drilling. In the case of a negative answer, EMA should return to Council by E-mail for further guidance.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-9

ECORD Council considers it essential that the results of the Tahiti MSP expedition are published before the IODP scientific accomplishments are reviewed. ECORD Council is concerned that the results and synthesis have not been published within the expected timescale.

K. Verbruggen moved, A. de Vernal seconded, all in favour.

Action EMA: To pass this motion to the co-chiefs of the Tahiti expedition

ECORD Council motion 09-02-10

ECORD member countries willing to continue to participate in ocean drilling activities within the new programme are invited to sign an expression of interest, before the end of 2011. Signing members will constitute the programme planning committee.

M. Friberg moved, S. Leigh seconded, all in favour.

ACTION EMA and Executive: To prepare the text for the “Expression of Interest” to be signed by ECORD member countries willing to continue participate in ocean drilling activities within the new programme.

ACTION ECORD Chair: To ask BGS and INSU-CNRS if they are willing to continue managing ESO and EMA respectively within the new phase of the drilling programme.

ACTION EMA: To find clarification on the process for filling these positions.

ACTION M. Friberg: To prepare a presentation of the ERIC scheme and the potential benefits for ECORD at the next ECORD Council meeting.

ACTION M. Friberg + EMA + ESO: To investigate the possibility of including ECORD in the ESFRI list for FP8.

ECORD Council consensus 09-02-4

ECORD Council favours model 2 for the architecture of the new drilling programme where each operator covers their own operating costs and contributes \$2-3M p.a. to a central ‘management’

agency for 'common' activities such as proposal evaluation, core depositories etc.. However, ECORD Council recognizes that in such model, the rights of all partners need to be clarified.

ECORD Council motion 09-02-15

ECORD Council thanks Dan Evans for his accomplishments as the ECORD Science Operator Manager. He played a major role in setting up ESO and in implementing the first three very successful MSP expeditions. He largely contributed to make ECORD a key player (if not a Lead Agency) in IODP.

ECORD Council wishes him well when he retires after the offshore part of the Great Barrier Reef Expedition.

After so much time dedicated to his participation in meetings all over the planet, he will hopefully enjoyed all the more the golf courses of his native Wales

N. Wardell moved, M. Perrin seconded, all in favour.

ACTION EMA: To poll the members of ECORD Council to fix the dates during the week of 31st May to 4th June 2010, for the next ECORD Council. To check with the future chair, Guido Lüniger, if it is possible to held the meeting in Bonn.