

ECORD Council Meeting #17
Berlin, 2-3 June 2010
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CONSENSUS, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-1

ECORD Council approves the minutes of the Rome meeting without modifications (ECORD Council meeting #16).

ACTION EMA: to include a list of acronyms in the agenda book for future ECORD Council meetings.

ECORD Council motion 10-01-1

ECORD Council elects Anne de Vernal as incoming Vice-Chair from Oct 1, 2010, to become the Chair as of April 1, 2011.

The Executive will be composed of Mireille Perrin (Chair), Anne de Vernal and Guido Lüniger (Vice-Chairs), Mike Webb and José Ramón Sánchez Quintana.

Verbruggen moved, Perrin seconded, 12 of 13 in favour, 1 abstained (de Vernal)

ECORD Council motion 10-01-2

ECORD Council approves the nomination by ESSAC of Carlota Escutia as the new ESSAC Vice-Chair

Barriga moved, Verbruggen seconded, 12 of 13 in favour, 1 abstained (Sanchez-Quintana)

ECORD Council motion 10-01-3

ECORD Council approves the nomination of the following new SAS members by ESSAC:

- SPC: Javier Escartin (F), Heiko Pälke (UK)
- SSP: Peter Clift (UK)
- EDP: Neal Watson (UK)

Barriga moved, Verbruggen seconded, all in favour

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-2

ECORD Council supports the proposal of Sasha Leigh (NERC) to organise a joint industry-academia workshop to discuss potential cooperation in the Arctic.

This workshop will be organised by the ECORD Managing Agency, with the support of Sasha Leigh and UK IODP, and in consultation with the ECORD ILP and ESSAC

In preparation for this workshop, the ECORD Council members will be requested to contribute

- names/ groups to which the Arctic brochure should be sent to,
- names/groups who should be invited to participate in the workshop.

ECORD Council motion 10-01-4

ECORD Council approves the proposed FY11 ESO budget at the level of USD 1,538,900

ECORD Council approves the proposed FY11 ESSAC budget for FY11 at the level of 156,000 €.

ECORD Council approves the proposed FY11 EMA at the level of 218 500 €. This budget includes salaries.

Lüniger moved, Webb seconded, 11 of 12 in favour, 1 abstained (Seidenkrantz)

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-3

Although Iceland has not paid its contribution to ECORD since FY09, ECORD Council encourages ESSAC to consider the application to sail on an IODP expedition submitted by an Icelandic scientist. The decision regarding this application should be made exclusively on scientific merit.

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-4

ECORD Council acknowledges that there will be a shortfall in its FY10 budget due to the collapse of the Euro with respect to the US Dollar. Given the positive balance of the ESO budget in FY10 as well as the planned reduced ECORD contribution in SOC's for FY11 to 13, ECORD Council decides that the full 3 P.U.s should be paid to NSF in FY10 as signed in the Memorandum.

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-5

Following the request of the Lead Agencies to provide our opinion as to which integrative activities should be cut, ECORD Council suggests that the following core group of integrative activities is essential to the program: evaluation, core curation, databases and publications.

The ECORD Council needs to be better informed on how the commingled funds are spent to make further recommendations. A discussion with IODP-MI and the Lead Agencies is necessary.

The ECORD Council feels that the request to consider any decrease in participation is too vague to be answered.

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-6

The ECORD Council considers important to investigate all possible options for the governance of ECORD in the new programme, including a MoU or an ERIC. The ECORD Council tasks a subgroup composed of the ECORD Executive augmented by Josef Stuefer to consult all relevant entities, possibly including a lawyer and report at the next meeting.

ECORD Council Motion 10-01-5

In recognition of a developing international science programme for future ocean drilling:

- ECORD will develop an independent business plan which involves an enhanced MSP programme and accompanying contributions to international scientific drilling programme.
- ECORD Council asks IWG+ to complement the architecture of the new phase of the programme with a realistic cost estimate and a plausible funding scheme, to support the next programme with a transparent business plan.

Henriet moved, Stuefer seconded, all in favour.

ACTION EMA and ESO: to develop the business plan for ECORD

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-7

At its last meeting in Rome, ECORD Council passed the consensus 09-02-3:

“ECORD Council recognises 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.”

ECORD Council decides to include not only the evaluation of the scientific accomplishments but also of the MSP operations. Therefore, the new evaluation should be built among other things on the outcomes of the mid-term evaluation review (available at <http://www.ecord.org/enet/ecord-midterm-review.pdf>)

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-8

To organise an independent evaluation, ECORD Council favours a European organisation over an organisation from an ECORD member country

ACTION EMA: to contact ACADEMIA EUROPEA to investigate if it can organise the evaluation. If not, the help of ICDP, as already supported by the ECORD Council, should be sought.

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-9

ECORD Council allocates the ECORD Managing Agency a budget of 30,000 € for organising the evaluation. If this budget proves to be insufficient, the EMA should come back to the Council.

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-10

After discussion of the revised points of agreement circulated by the Lead Agencies in preparation for the next IWG+ meeting, the ECORD Council acknowledges the modification in the requirement to become a Platform Provider. This new requirement allows ECORD to obtain this status. Concerning the other points, the ECORD Council decides

- that the ECORD delegation to IWG+ should keep on supporting the simplified membership scheme as agreed upon at the Tokyo meeting, but remains open to discussion
- that it is essential to include representatives of the science community (the Chairs of the future evaluation and implementation panels) as members of the Executive Board.

ACTION EMA: to inform the LAs on the agreed ECORD position before the IWG+ meeting

ECORD Council consensus 10-01-101

The next ECORD Council meeting will be organised in France, November 17-18, 2010. It is planned that the meeting will last at least one and a half day. If necessary and depending on the agenda, the meeting will be extended to two full days.

ACTION EMA: To decide with the incoming Chair, Mireille Perrin, the location of the next Council meeting to be held in France.