

ECORD Council Meeting #18
November 17-18th, 2010
Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris (IPGP), Paris, France

CONSENSUS, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

ECORD Council motion 10-02-1

ECORD Council approves the minutes of the Berlin meeting with one minor modification requested by J.P. Henriët.

Verbruggen moved, Webb seconded, all in favour

ACTION ESSAC: At the next Council meeting, to present a five years average table of the ECORD berths quotas

ACTION EMA: Recommend to IODP-MI to investigate the possibility of inviting students when a full science party is not required on an expedition

ACTION EMA: Approach the 3P ARCTIC conference organisers to investigate how ECORD can participate.

ACTION EMA: Investigate the possibility of organising the Arctic workshop as a side meeting to the 3P Arctic conference (Halifax, Canada, 30/8-2/9/2011)

ACTION EMA: Prepare a two page flyer to promote ocean drilling science to be distributed to the European Commission

ACTION Josef Stuefer: Approach the Committee responsible for preparing the Marine Board-ESF Position Paper "Navigating the Future IV" to investigate how the ECORD science goals could be addressed

ACTION Koen Verbruggen: Contact Jeffrey O'Sullivan, Irish representative at the ESF-Marine Board with the same goal

ECORD Council consensus 10-02-1

The "Société Civile" does not seem to be the right instrument for the management of ECORD in the next phase because it involves important additional costs (in particular VAT)

ECORD Council consensus 10-02-2

The ECORD Managing Agency is requested to hire a French consultancy with an international experience in accounting to advise ECORD on the best option to manage the ECORD funds and avoid the effect of exchange rate fluctuations. Advice on the most suitable legal structure will also be sought

ECORD Council consensus 10-02-3

A new revised version of the business plan will be prepared before the next IWG+ meeting in January.

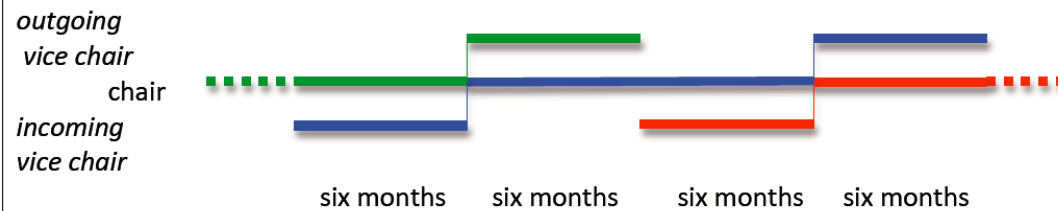
ACTION Executive: Revise the business plan

ECORD Council motion 10-02-2

For a better continuity, ECORD Council decides to modify the term of the chair and the vice chairs. Starting October 1st 2010, the chair is appointed for a whole year instead of six months. After the end of his(her) term, the chair will become the outgoing vice chair for six months.

An incoming vice-chair will be then appointed to become the chair after six months. At any time, there will be a chair and one vice chair.

The ECORD executive will be composed of 5 individuals: the chair, the vice chair and three additional members. The three major contributors (France, Germany and UK) will always sit on the executive. The Chair will be able to rely on executive members to support him(her) and when appropriate delegate certain activities.



An amendment to the ECORD Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared to insert this modification.

Webb moved, Verbrüggen seconded, all in favour

Motion approved by electronic vote (16 votes)

ECORD Council motion 10-02-3

ECORD council endorses the proposal of the Executive to facilitate the transition to the next phase. In order to insure a smooth transition, CNRS will continue to host EMA and BGS to host ESO during the first three years of the new programme (2014-2016).

Lüniger moved, De Vernal seconded, 15 in favour, 1 abstention (Sweden)

Motion approved by electronic vote (16 votes)

Action EMA : organize an electronic vote for the two motions.

ECORD Council consensus 10-02-4

Recommendations from ECORD to be conveyed at the IWG+ meeting:

- Need for clarifications regarding the securing of 8 berths for ECORD
- Need to revise the US\$10M allocated to the Chikyu
- Need to secure a minimum budget to support the integrative activities at the programme level
- Need to clarify the role of the Board of Governors (BOG) in the new structure and its relations with the Program Governing Board (PGB)
- Need to clarify the membership of the Program Governing Board (PGB) and to support the representation of the scientific community as members and not observers
- Need to maintain a standing Engineering Development Panel (EDP), possibly as a subgroup of the planned Technology Panel (TP)

ACTION EMA: Send the ECORD comments to the Lead Agencies before AGU meeting

ACTION EMA: Contact Gerold Wefer to discuss about the role of BoG in the new program

ECORD Council consensus 10-02-5

The next Council meeting will be hosted by Anne de Vernal in Montreal, Canada, May 31st to June 1st, 2011