

**ECORD Council Meeting #19**  
**Montréal, May 31<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011**

**CONSENSUS, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS**

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**ECORD Council motion 11-01-1**

ECORD Council approves the minutes of the Paris meeting without modifications (ECORD Council meeting #18).

Henriet moved, Webb seconded, all in favour (*10 votes: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, UK*).

**ECORD Council motion 11-01-2**

Following the adoption of motion 10-02-2 to modify the term of the ECORD chair, ECORD Council approves the proposed amendment to the Annex C of the MoU.

*Lüniger moved, Webb seconded, all in favour (10 votes).*

Action EMA: modify the Annex C to the ECORD MoU accordingly and distribute it to all ECORD member countries.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-01-1**

ECORD Council appoints Guido Lüniger, former vice- chair, as the third member of the executive. The Executive will be composed of Mireille Perrin (Chair), Anne de Vernal (Vice-Chair), Mike Webb, José Ramón Sánchez Quintana and Guido Lüniger.

ACTION EMA: to organize, in coordination with the local host and the USIO, an outreach event for all ECORD funding agencies at the January 2012 JOIDES Resolution port call. The portcall is planned to be either in Lisbon (Portugal) or Cadiz (Spain).

ACTION EMA: To collect comments from the ECORD Council members regarding the first draft of the ECORD evaluation report. Responses will be conveyed to the ECORD Evaluation Committee. The deadline for responses is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**ECORD Council motion 11-01-3**

ECORD council approves the principle to support the Magellan Plus programme. This programme will be co-funded by ECORD and ICDP and will support workshops to develop proposals for oceanic and continental drilling. A small committee chaired by Jochen Erbacher (IODP Germany) and composed of 4 ECORD and 1 ICDP representatives will be in charge of the evaluation of the proposals.

For FY12, ECORD Council allocates a maximum budget of 50 000 €. In addition, it is expected that ICDP will contribute 10 000 €. Regulations for the use of the funds will be set up by the ECORD executive in consultation with Uli Harms (ICDP) and Jochen Erbacher.

Jocher Erbacher will submit an annual activity report to the ECORD council.

*Webb moved, Escutia seconded, all in favour (11 votes: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, UK)*

ACTION EMA: contact Jochen Erbacher and Uli Harms to set up the committee

**ECORD Council motion 11-01-4**

ECORD Council approves the FY12 ESSAC budget at a level of Euros 158 000.

*Webb moved, Lüniger seconded, all in favor except one abstention (Escutia-Doti) (11 votes)*

**ECORD Council motion 11-01-5**

ECORD Council approves the FY12 EMA budget at a level of Euros 245 300. This budget includes salaries.

*Webb moved, Lüniger seconded, all in favor (11 votes)*

**ECORD Council motion 11-01-6**

ECORD council approves the FY12 ESO budget at a level of US\$ 9 200 000. If a problem arises with the tender for the drilling platform to be used for the final MSP expedition, ECORD will approach NERC for commitment over FY13 budget.

Webb moved, Lüniger seconded, all in favour (*11votes*)

**ECORD Council consensus 11-01-2**

ECORD council approves the general content of the business plan. After editing, the final version will be distributed to the ECORD council members during the summer.

ACTION EMA: To finalize the business plan and to circulate it among the funding agencies.

ACTION EMA: to contact relevant groups in Europe (MARUM, ICDP, etc..) and initiate discussions regarding the “Distributed Infrastructure” project

Action EMA: To prepare a 3 page summary explaining the proposed “Distributed Infrastructure” project to be circulated towards the EC and the Marine Board.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-01-3**

ECORD Council is in favor of allocating the \$ ~2M savings from the commingled funds budget FY11 to support JR operations in FY12. However the Council tasks the ECORD representatives at the IODP council to request more transparency in the IODP commingled funds budget.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-01-4**

In preparation for the IWG+ meeting, the following statements will be sent to NSF and MEXT:

- As a consortium, ECORD needs to consider the concerns of its member countries. If one country fails to fund the next phase, there is a risk of domino effect
- ECORD considers that it will be a major challenge in the current economic climate to meet the \$20m pa target but ECORD is committed to try (via direct funding and leverage of additional funds) and seek for the status of platform provider. However ECORD does not anticipate at this time being able to contribute more than \$6m pa to commingled funds.
- MSPs are essential to all ECORD member countries.
- To address a wide range of the science goals listed in the New Science Plan, the JOIDES Resolution regularly operating in all oceans is essential to all ECORD member countries
- ECORD welcomes the unique contribution to deep scientific drilling that is offered by the Chikyu
- ECORD supports the general principle that each platform provider covers the costs of its own platform and cannot commit to fund other platforms on a regular basis
- The commingled funds must be used in priority to support core integrative activities. A high level of transparency in the accounting of commingled funds will be essential.
- If there is a surplus of commingled funds, ECORD supports the concept of « opportunity funds ». These may be used to support a platform for a specific expedition, specific instrumentation (for example CORKs), engineering development, etc... A clear definition of "opportunity funds" and of the decision making process for their utilisation is required.

Action EMA: To send the statements to NSF and MEXT before the IWG+ meeting.

**ECORD Council consensus 10-01-5**

The next ECORD Council meeting will be organised in Granada, Spain, November 2-3, 2011. The local host will be Carlota Escutia-Doti. The meeting is planned for one and a half day.