

**ECORD Council Meeting #20**  
**November 2-3, 2011**  
**Parque de las Ciencias (Science Museum)**  
**Granada, Spain**

**CONSENSUS, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS**

**ECORD Council motion 11-02-1**

ECORD Council approves the minutes of the Montreal meeting (ECORD Council meeting #19) with minor modifications.

Perrin moved, Henriët seconded, all in favour (*15 votes: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, UK*).

ACTION EMA: to provide CDEX the opportunity to advertise Chikyu technological relevance to the ECORD scientific community at the EGU 2012 booth/ townhall meeting.

ACTION EMA: to distribute copies of the ECORD Evaluation report among ECORD members

ACTION EMA: To prepare a 4 pages summary of the ECORD Evaluation report

**ECORD Council Consensus 11-02-1**

ECORD Council endorses the appointment of J. Erbacher as the Chair of the Magellan + Steering Committee. The Vice-chair and the committee Members will be approved later.

ACTION ESO: To advertise the availability of equipped containers to the ECORD community.

**ECORD Council motion 11-02-2**

The Council elects Mike Webb as the next Vice Chair from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to September 2012 to become the Chair from October 2012 to September 2013.

The Council elects Josef Stuefer as a member of the Executive in replacement of. José Ramón Sánchez Quintana.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the ECORD executive is composed of Anne de Vernal (Chair), M. Webb (Vice Chair), Mireille Perrin, Guido Luniger and Josef Stuefer.

Verbruggen moved, Barriga seconded, all in favour (*15 votes: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, UK*).

ACTION ESSAC: To provide information about the new Korean icebreaker.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-02-2**

A new revised version of the business plan will be prepared to be finalized after the first IODP Forum meeting in Goa (mid January 2012), when the new architecture and funding scheme are approved internationally.

ACTION Executive: To revise the business plan.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-02-3**

The following text will be included in the new framework for IODP:

**ECORD MSP Planning and Project Architecture and Financial Contributions**

- ECORD will be responsible for funding the implementation of Missions Specific Platform operations. In addition to its own funding, ECORD will encourage and help proponents to seek for additional funding sources on a project basis, with the aim of offering more opportunities. Possible additional funding may come from the European Commission, partnership with industry, specific funding at the national level, etc...
- ECORD will sign a MOU with NSF that includes access to the JR for ECORD scientists and in reciprocity access to MSPs for US scientists. Exact participation levels are to be defined in the Annex to the MOU
- ECORD will sign a MoU with MEXT to barter berths between MSPs and the Chikyu for ECORD and Japanese scientists respectively.
- ECORD will offer JOIDES Resolution Members and Associate Members the possibility to barter their berths on the JOIDES Resolution for berths on MSP expeditions on a case by case basis. Monitoring of the exchanged berths will be under the responsibility of the PMOs, in coordination with the IOs.
- Co-funded projects will require a flexible approach to staffing.

In addition, the following statements will be passed to NSF and MEXT:

- Strong desire to maintain a unified face for the programme
- PEP only deals with science; implying some other body is needed for long-term scientific strategy
- All efforts to implement Arctic expeditions arising from the science community
- ECORD contribution to JR:

USD 6M per year for 8 berths for at least 4 expeditions per year (8 months)

If 6M represent more than 33% of the ECORD budget, ECORD contribution will need to be revisited. ECORD will potentially contribute more, on a project basis, budget permitting

- ECORD and the Chikyu:

ECORD will set aside a small pot of money to facilitate collaboration with Japan (max USD 250 k)

ECORD is willing to develop an exchange berth mechanism between Chikyu and MSPs

ECORD is open to discussion to fund the Chikyu on a project basis.

*US\$10M max per project from the ECORD budget. Funding the Chikyu will likely result in one MSP expedition less*

- ECORD rights

600 berths per 10 year + cochiefs (not counted in the quotas) if the JR runs 5 expeditions per year

**ECORD consensus 11-02-4**

The timeline for the renewal set up by the ECORD Council will be revised in the following way:

- The revised ECORD business plan, the new science plan and the ECORD evaluation report will be submitted to all ECORD potential partners for the next phase at the end of January 2012
- The deadline for ECORD potential partners to send an expression of interest is delayed from the end of 2011 to mid-April 2012
- It is anticipated that the ECORD MoU will be signed mid-2013

ACTION EMA: To draft a letter to the community to explain the current status of the discussions between the platform providers concerning the new framework for scientific ocean drilling. This letter should be signed by the three IWG+ co-chairs.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-02-5**

The next ECORD Council meeting will be organised in Helsinki, Finland, June 5-6, 2012. The local host will be Jenni Virtanen. The meeting is planned for one and a half day.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-02-6**

ECORD Council expresses warm thanks and acknowledgments to Dr. Catherine Mével for the admirable work accomplished as Director of the ECORD Managing Agency during her mandate. ECORD will miss her experience and human qualities while building the new IODP.

**ECORD Council consensus 11-02-7**

ECORD Council thanks Mr Mohammed Benchikh for his hard work, kindness and dedication over the last 2 years as executive secretary of EMA. The ECORD Council members wish him success with forthcoming endeavours.