



ECORD DEFINES ITS 2015-2018 MSP OPERATIONAL PLAN

At its annual meeting which was held on March 25-26, 2015 in Aix-en-Provence, France, the ECORD Facility Board has defined a 2015-2018 operational plan for Mission-Specific Platform expeditions reflecting :

- ✚ ECORD's aim to deliver one MSP expedition per year on average for IODP.
- ✚ The diversity of science themes (geomicrobiology, tectono-magmatic processes, effects of large impacts on Earth's environment, paleoceanography, climate and ice histories) that are addressed by MSP expeditions in the new IODP.
- ✚ The efficiency of the MSP concept to implement drilling expeditions in a wide range of environmental and climatic conditions, including technically challenging conditions.
- ✚ ECORD's operational flexibility demonstrated by the use of various drilling systems (drill ships, drill platforms, seabed drills : MeBo/MARUM Bremen and RD-II/BGS).
- ✚ A significant input of in-kind contributions (IKC) which help reducing the expedition costs.

2015	2016	2018	2018
758 Atlantis Massif	548 Chicxulub Impact Crater	813 Antarctic paleoclimate	708 Arctic ACEX2
Seabed drills (MeBo & RD-II)	Drill platform	Seabed drill (RD-II)	Drillship
IKC	IKC		IKC