The ECORD/ICDP MagellanPlus Workshop Series Programme aims to foster the development of new IODP/ICDP drilling projects, and invites scientists from ECORD/ICDP member countries to propose workshops for the elaboration of compelling drilling proposals.

Scientific Ocean Drilling is entering a transitional phase from the 2013-2023 Science Plan to the 2050 Science Framework (www.iodp.org/2050-science-framework), which represents a new and innovative approach for conducting science using offshore drilling platforms.

A prominent role for Mission-Specific Platforms (MSP) is anticipated to achieve the goals of the 2050 Science Framework.

MagellanPlus welcomes proposals for workshops aimed at generating MSP drilling proposals, either as stand-alone projects or as part of land-to-sea transects that integrate marine and continental coring. Scientific themes must be aligned with the Strategic Objectives defined in the 2050 Science Framework, i.e.:
- Earth's Climate System;
- Feedbacks in the Earth System;
- Tipping Points in Earth's History;
- Global Cycles of Energy and Matter;
- Natural Hazards Impacting Society;
- The Oceanic Life Cycle of Tectonic Plates;
- Habitability and Life on Earth (e.g., deep biosphere).

Workshops may be either focused on specific scientific ideas and targets or be designed to explore a range of potential ideas related to the Strategic Objectives listed above.

The submission of MSP drilling proposals that consider the possibility of in-kind contributions is encouraged.

Proposals that would use the JOIDES Resolution will not be taken into consideration as the JOIDES Resolution Facility Board has decided to no longer accept new proposals/pre-proposals for this platform.

MagellanPlus workshops are normally expected to take place in ECORD/ICDP member countries, but exceptions can be made when justified. Workshops that combine virtual and face-to-face sessions, in order to both reduce our carbon footprint and allow for wider participation in workshops, can be considered.

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Deadline for applications: 15 May 2023