



EXTENDED CALL

For five active **leading members** of the **international scientific community** to serve of the new **ECORD** (The European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling) **Facility Board**

DEADLINE: 5 October, 2012

From 2013 the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (2003-2013) will be called the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) "*Exploring the Earth beneath the Sea*"

The Science Plan "Illuminating Earth's Past, Present and Future" (<http://www.iodp.org/Science-Plan-for-2013-2023/>) is the guiding scientific document for the new IODP.

The new program architecture will maintain an overarching international umbrella and an international scientific evaluation system, but will allocate more independence to the platform providers. Individual Platform Providers contribute to IODP by fulfilling objectives identified in the Science Plan. NSF will operate the *JOIDES Resolution* as an independent Platform Provider. ECORD will operate the Mission Specific Platforms (MSPs) as an independent Platform Provider. MEXT/JAMSTEC will operate *Chikyu* as an independent Platform Provider.

Role of the Facility Board (FB) in the new ECORD Structure: Each Platform Provider will have its own Facility Board (FB) that will be responsible for the effective delivery of the Facility's contribution to the IODP Science Plan with the available resources. The ECORD Facility Board will be the key planning forum for MSP operations where the work program for expeditions will be approved. For more information about the future of ECORD in the new IODP Program see: <http://www.ecord.org/pub/brochure.html>

Composition of the ECORD FB: The ECORD FB will five include senior leading scientists (Science Board), members from the ECORD Executive Bureau, representatives from the ECORD Science Operator and the ECORD Managing Agency (EMA), and representatives from ECORD/IODP funding agencies. The ECORD Facility Board will have liaisons from all major entities in the program.

ECORD FB Tasks: The ECORD Facility Board will primarily: 1) schedule proposals for drilling based upon science priorities, optimal geographic distribution, and costs; 2) assess the Annual ECORD plan; and 3) advise on long-term planning.

The ECORD FB will meet once a year. The first meeting of the ECORD FB is planned in Spring 2013. Costs incurred by the members of the ECORD FB will be fully covered by ECORD.

Application Process: Interested scientists should provide the ESSAC Office (see contact information below) with the following documents in PDF only: **1**) a CV, **2**) a letter of interest including your specific expertise, previous involvement in DSDP/ODP/IODP (if applicable), and **3**) a list of publications. The final selection is expected to be done by early November 2012.

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