Integrated Ocean Drilling Program

Leadership Positions in the New IODP Scientific Advisory Structure

The agencies funding IODP have tasked the central management office to revise the Scientific Advisory Structure (SAS). IODP Management International (IODP-MI) therefore seeks nominations or applications for two key positions within the new SAS: (I) Chair of the top-level committee, Scientific Implementation and Policy Committee (SIPCOM); and (2) Chair of the Proposal Evaluation Panel (PEP). Both positions will carry a part-time salary commensurate with experience and workload, and will be administratively supported by staff at IODP-MI, effectively minimizing tasks in meeting planning, communication and administration. Both positions need be filled by October 2011. Terms of References (ToR) for all SAS entities at: www.iodp.org/new-program.

The SIPCOM Chair represents the highest authority within the approximately 100 member large SAS. We seek a mid to late career scientist with a proven record of effective leadership skills within scientific programs and/or institutions. SIPCOM will meet at least once per year. The individual filling this position for the initial two years of the new SAS is envisaged to be from the European IODP consortium as part of an international rotation schedule for this key SAS position.

The PEP chair will be assisted in overseeing the planning and execution of bi-annual proposal review meetings by four sub-panel chairs, each covering one of the four grand challenges of the science plan for the new program planned for 2013-2023. We seek a mid-career, active scientist with broad research interests, and a proven ability to manage meetings and scientific reviews of great diversity and complexity. Experience with scientific drilling is desirable. Period of tenure can be up to three years.

Nominations or applications must be received by May 6th 2011, and include a brief CV and names and contact details for three references. All material will be kept confidential within a small group of reviewers. The successful candidates will need program and funding agency approval. Questions, applications and nominations to: position@iodp.org.

