

***Chikyu* IODP Board**

Conflict-of-Interest Policy

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The objective of the conflict-of-interest (COI) policy for the Chikyu IODP Board (CIB) within the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) is to minimize both real and perceived conflicts of interest while maintaining the fullest possible involvement of knowledgeable scientists and other individuals in providing scientific and technical advice to the CIB. The CIB will operate under a comprehensive, effective, and, to the maximum extent possible, flexible COI policy.

Definition:

A conflict of interest is a situation in which the interests (e.g., personal, familial, professional, financial, or commercial) of a CIB member, or designated alternate, involved in project designation and expedition scheduling, or in IODP-related financial or commercial enterprises, have a real or perceived impact, either positive or negative, in the view and recommendations of the Board.

Implementation:

Conflicts of interest are unavoidable. Potential conflicts should be identified as early as possible prior to meetings, with sufficient time to allow the Chair of the CIB to work with JAMSTEC and the appropriate national and consortia offices to identify alternates with suitable scientific and technical expertise for conflicted members.

If any CIB member, alternate, or any other attendee of a board meeting, has any direct interest that might be affected by, or might reasonably be perceived to be affected by, any action under consideration, that member or attendee is required to make a public declaration of the existence of such COI to the chair.

The Chair will make a determination regarding whether the circumstances actually constitute a COI and will take appropriate action, including whether or

not the conflicted party should recuse themselves from the discussion, and for how long.

All declared or proposed possible COIs, and the relevant actions taken, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the COI was considered.