The *Chikyu* IODP Board (CIB) is now accepting applications from active leading scientists to serve as CIB Chair (Japan), and two Science board members (US and Japan) from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018.

Role of the *Chikyu* IODP Board: The *Chikyu* IODP Board primarily recommends and advises JAMSTEC on: (1) the annual and the long-term *Chikyu* operations plans, based upon scientific advice from the IODP science advisory panel, (2) IODP-related activities such as data management, publications, core curating, capacity building and outreach programs, (3) activities regarding promotion of future drilling projects such as workshop organization and project coordination, and (4) other activities as needed.

Composition of the *Chikyu* IODP Board: The *Chikyu* IODP Board is comprised of six (including the chair) scientific leading members of the international scientific community, representatives from funding agencies, research organizations, and industries contributing above certain levels to *Chikyu* operations, as well as including representatives from CDEX/JAMSTEC.

The CIB will have liaisons and observers from all the major entities in the program. The chair of the *Chikyu* IODP Board will be a Japanese scientist selected according to his or her scientific and managerial leadership. The term of the chair is two years while other science representatives will serve for three years. The chair and board membership can be renewed.

The *Chikyu* IODP Board will meet at least once per year. The next meeting will be held in Japan in February-March 2015. Costs incurred by the CIB members will be covered by JAMSTEC.

Application Process: Interested scientists should provide the CIB Nominations Committee with the following documents: (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a letter of interest including your specific expertise and previous involvement in DSDP/ODP/IODP/ICDP/other scientific drilling programs, and, (3) a list of scientific publications.

Applicants wishing to be considered for the *Chikyu* IODP Board chair should indicate this intention in their cover letter. The deadline to apply is 30th January 2015. The final selection will be completed by mid February 2015.

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