



Call for Nominations

For six active leading members of the international scientific community to serve on the new *Chikyu* IODP Board (CIB)

The next phase of scientific ocean drilling, the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) “Exploring the Earth beneath the Sea”, will begin in October 2013. The science plan “Illuminating Earth’s Past, Present and Future” is the guiding scientific document for the new IODP. The new program maintains an overarching international umbrella to assess progress on achieving its long-term scientific objectives and to foster coordination among the platform providers, while the three platforms (D/V *Chikyu*, D/V *JOIDES Resolution*, and mission-specific platforms) will be operated independently by their respective countries or consortia (the platform providers). Each platform provider will have its own facility board that will be responsible for an effective contribution to the IODP Science Plan within available resources. See <http://iodp.org/new-program> for more information about the structure of the new IODP.

Role of the *Chikyu* IODP Board: The *Chikyu* IODP Board will primarily recommend and advise JAMSTEC on: (1) the annual and the long-term *Chikyu* operations plans, based upon scientific advice from the IODP science advisory panel, (2) 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 will comprise six (including the chair) scientific leading members of the international scientific community, representatives from funding agencies/research organizations/industries contributing above certain levels to *Chikyu* operations, and 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 and other science representatives will serve for three years. Chair and board membership can be renewed.

The *Chikyu* IODP Board will meet at least once per year. The first meeting will be held in July 2013 in Japan. 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 (Friday) 22 March 2013.** The final selection will be completed by mid April 2013.

For further information or questions please contact:

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