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Foreword

By Integrated Ocean Drilling Program Management International, Inc.

The Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) is the most ambitious ocean exploration and drilling program ever undertaken. With multiple platforms and multiple partners, our research spans the globe and truly represents international collaboration and diplomacy among scientists and nations interested in attaining scientific goals.

The Proceedings present the scientific and engineering results of IODP drilling projects, each an important component of an international program designed to better understand Earth, its environmental changes and processes, the deep biosphere, and climate change.

The collective effort required to conduct each IODP expedition is colossal. Beginning with scientists who submit ocean drilling research proposals, there are others who evaluate, rank, and prioritize proposals. Scientists also schedule the science operations, select science party members from scores of international scientists qualified to participate, plan platform operations, ready the drillship, and choose borehole locations. There are onboard logistics to manage and critical communications to coordinate among various academic institutions, governments, and national science organizations. And the resulting data must be managed and made accessible to scientists, particularly those who will prepare future proposals. Every aspect of planning an IODP expedition takes a village—or several. There are many participants and many more stakeholders.

Ocean-drilling achievements, however complex, help us understand extraordinary linkages and interpret relationships as they exist in various parts of the Earth system. Achievements in two legacy drilling programs (the Ocean Drilling Program and Deep Sea Drilling Project) have validated the scientific concepts behind plate tectonics, contributed to the understanding of ocean circulation changes, and extended our knowledge of long- and short-term climate change—scientific information at the foundation of our current drilling program.

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The discoveries discovered in this volume build upon layers of knowledge and science developed over roughly the last fifty years. Expedition Proceedings are published by IODP Management International for IODP under the sponsorship of the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), Japan’s Ministry of Culture, Education, Sports, Science and Technology, and other IODP members. The material is based upon research supported under Contract OCE-0432224 from NSF.

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When proposing the concept of a multiship operation to the central Arctic Ocean in early 1998, we were naïve about the long road ahead—one that turned out to be quite bumpy at times. Luckily, there was a tremendous amount of help around to assist in navigating this road. The continuous, constructive, and unfailing support provided by the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) and IODP scientific advisory communities throughout the many review cycles of the drilling proposal gave us the incentive to keep going.

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Drilling location maps

A site map showing the drilling locations for this expedition and maps showing the drilling locations of all Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP), Ocean Drilling Program (ODP), and Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) drilling sites are available in PDF format. These maps were produced using Generic Mapping Tools (GMT) of Paul Wessel and Walter H.F. Smith (gmt.soest.hawaii.edu).

IODP Expedition 302 site map
IODP map (Expeditions 301 and 302)
ODP map (Legs 100–210)
DSDP map (Legs 1–96)

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