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A site map showing the drilling locations for this expedition and maps showing the drilling locations of all International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) expeditions, produced using QGIS (http://www.qgis.org), and all Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, Ocean Drilling Program (ODP), and Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) expeditions, produced using Generic Mapping Tools (GMT) of Paul Wessel and Walter H.F. Smith (https://www.generic-mapping-tools.org), are available in PDF.

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Expedition 401 benefited from the scrutiny of the Environmental Protection and Safety Panel on four separate occasions before the expedition, as well as consulting them twice during it. The expedition required permission to drill in Portuguese and Spanish waters, which was sought and obtained by the JRSO team. Postcruise support from the teams associated with X-ray fluorescence (XRF) scanning, sampling, curation, and publications has been exemplary, particularly with the added challenges associated with developing and navigating new protocols and processes suitable for Land-2-Sea projects.

Expedition 401 was the antepenultimate IODP expedition before the decommissioning of *JOIDES Resolution*. Consequently, for almost all the technical team on board and many of the SEA1 crew, this was their last scientific drilling expedition. Despite this, their support for the scientists and enthusiasm for the science was extraordinary. They truly are a remarkable group of people with whom it has been a privilege to work.

An enormous amount of work and expertise goes into turning a drilling proposal into a successful offshore expedition. Much of this happens before the ship ever sets sail and is largely invisible to the science party. Sailing on *JOIDES Resolution* has been an exceptional opportunity. Thank you to all those that made that possible.

#### **Foreword**

The International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) represents the latest incarnation of almost five decades of scientific ocean drilling excellence and is generally accepted as the most successful international collaboration in the history of the Earth sciences. IODP builds seamlessly on the accomplishments of previous phases: the Deep Sea Drilling Project, Ocean Drilling Program, and Integrated Ocean Drilling Program. The 2013–2023 IODP Science Plan (*Illuminating Earth's Past, Present, and Future*) defines four themes and thirteen challenges for this decade of scientific ocean drilling that are both of fundamental importance in understanding how the Earth works and of significant relevance to society as the Earth changes, at least in part in response to anthropogenic forcing. This phase of IODP represents an intense level of international collaboration in bringing diverse drilling platforms and strategies to increasing our understanding of climate and ocean change, the deep biosphere and evolution of ecosystems, connections between Earth's deep processes and surface manifestations, and geologically induced hazards on human timeframes.

The *Proceedings of the International Ocean Discovery Program* presents the scientific and engineering results of IODP drilling projects, expedition by expedition. As in the preceding Integrated Ocean Drilling Program, expeditions in the current IODP phase are conducted by three implementing organizations, each providing a different drilling capability. These are the US Implementing Organization (USIO; through September 2014) and the *JOIDES Resolution* Science Operator (JRSO; as of October 2014), providing the leased commercial vessel *JOIDES Resolution* for riserless drilling operations; JAMSTEC's Institute for Marine-Earth Exploration and Engineering (MarE3), providing the drillship *Chikyu* for riser and occasional riserless operations; and the European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD) Science Operator (ESO), providing "mission-specific" platforms (MSPs) for expeditions that extend the IODP operational range where neither drillship is suitable, for example, in polar environments and in shallow waters. Scheduling decisions for each capability are made by three independent Facility Boards, each of which includes scientists, operators, and platform funding partners: the *JOIDES Resolution* Facility Board (JRFB), *Chikyu* IODP Board (CIB), and ECORD Facility Board (EFB). At the beginning of the current IODP, the three Facility Boards agreed to utilize Publication Services at the USIO and now the JRSO for production of all expedition *Proceedings* volumes and reports.

The current IODP differs from prior scientific ocean drilling programs in that it has neither a central management organization nor commingled funding for program-wide activities. Yet this phase of IODP retains a fundamental integrative structural element: a "bottom-up" evaluation of all proposals for drilling expeditions by a single advisory structure composed of scientists representing all international program partners. International scientists may submit drilling proposals to the Science Support Office; all submitted proposals are then evaluated by a Science Evaluation Panel in the context of the Science Plan.

The current IODP also has an international integrative level for high-level discussion and global consensus-building: the IODP Forum. The Forum is not only charged with assessing program-wide progress toward achieving the current Science Plan, but also with overseeing approaches toward a new bright future of scientific ocean drilling post 2023. At present, IODP involves 22 international funding agencies, including those from the United States, Japan, an Australia/New Zealand consortium (ANZIC), China, India, South Korea, and the 15 members of ECORD (Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom). The IODP membership represents an unparalleled level of international scientific collaboration; one of the greatest and ongoing strengths of scientific ocean drilling.

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