

## Call for Nominations

For candidates for the Chair of the IODP Forum

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 scientific objectives and to foster coordination among the providers of the three drilling platforms (*JOIDES Resolution, Chikyu*, and mission-specific platforms) which will be operated independently by facility governing boards established by their respective countries or consortia. See [www.iodp.org/new-program](http://www.iodp.org/new-program) for more information about the structure of the new IODP.

The Framework for the International Ocean Discovery Program establishes the IODP Forum as the custodian of the science plan and an international venue for exchanging ideas and views on the scientific progress of the program. Terms of Reference for the IODP Forum can be found at [iodp.org/new-program](http://iodp.org/new-program).

The Chair of the IODP Forum will be a well-recognized scientist selected for his/her scientific and managerial leadership. The Chair will be the face of the program and is expected to promote the program's scientific accomplishments at select scientific meetings, and to attend meetings of the platform facility boards and the Proposal Evaluation Panel (PEP). The Chair will require appropriate salary and logistical support (the TOR recommend a level of 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)). The Chair will be in place by October 1, 2013 and will serve for two years. The first Chair of the IODP Forum will be recommended by secret ballot of the Board of Governors of the non-for-profit corporation IODP Management International, Inc (IODP-MI) for endorsement by the IODP funding agencies.

**IODP-MI hereby calls for nominations for candidates to run for Chair of the IODP Forum.** Candidates can be self-nominated or nominated by a third party. Noting that Forum membership is open to all countries, consortia, or entities providing funds to platform operations, it is understood that the Chair of the IODP Forum has his/her primary scientific affiliation in one of the 26 nations that support IODP.

The nomination package will comprise:

- A statement describing the candidate's interest in leading the Forum and vision for ensuring that the Forum fulfills its mandate.
- An up-to-date CV with a recent photo, including standard CV contents, and indicating participation in scientific ocean drilling expeditions and any significant research carried out with data, samples, or results obtained via scientific ocean drilling programs (addressing scientific leadership) and

- indicating any participation in the program development, advisory structure, expedition leadership, or program management of scientific ocean drilling programs (addressing managerial leadership).
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who endorse the candidate that address the candidate's personal, scientific, and managerial qualifications to lead the Forum in its mandate and be the face of the IODP. At least one letter from someone who has been involved with the science advisory or program management structure of the program (e.g. chair of SAS panel or committee; leaders of national program offices) is encouraged.
  - A letter from a financial entity endorsing the candidate and agreeing to provide the necessary funds for salary and logistical support. It would be most natural for the Chair's salary and logistical support to be provided by the financial entity that supports IODP participation in his/her country of affiliation. However, other arrangements for financial support can be submitted in the nomination package.

Completed nomination packages must be submitted by email to [chairprocess@iodp.org](mailto:chairprocess@iodp.org) by **midnight January 31, 2013** in the submitter's local time. Nominators are completely responsible for ensuring that the nomination packages are complete. IODP-MI reserves the right to exclude incomplete packages from the selection process. Questions can be sent to [chairprocess@iodp.org](mailto:chairprocess@iodp.org).