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Foreword

By the National Science Foundation

The Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) is a major component of the National Science Foundation's continuing commitment to the study of the geologic processes that have shaped our planet and modified its environment. The scientific problems being addressed range from the geologic history and structure of continental margins to the processes responsible for the formation and alteration of the ocean's crust. In a time of enhanced public and scientific interest in problems of global change, ODP provides critical data on changes in ocean circulation, chemistry, and biologic productivity and their relation to changes in atmospheric circulation and glacial conditions. The Ocean Drilling Program has a unique role in addressing these problems, since it is the only facility for continuously sampling the geologic record of the ocean basins, which cover 70% of our planet.

The ODP is the successor to the Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP), which was a global reconnaissance of the ocean basins. DSDP began operations in 1968 at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, using a 400-foot drillship, the *Glomar Challenger*. DSDP was supported initially by only the National Science Foundation, with extensive involvement of international scientists who were invited to participate on drilling cruises. As this international interest continued to grow in the early 1970's, formal participation in the project was offered to the international geoscience community. In 1975, five nations (France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union) accepted this commitment to joint planning and conduct of the project, as well as to financial support for operations. This International Phase of Ocean Drilling (IPOD) continued to 1983. Although the *Challenger* had reached the limits of her capabilities, the remarkable scientific success of the DSDP and the new questions it had generated demanded a continuing capability for drilling in the oceans.

The Ocean Drilling Program was organized, international participation was coordinated, a new drillship (the *JOIDES Resolution*) was contracted and outfitted, and her first cruise sailed in early 1985, within 18 months of the retirement of the *Challenger*. This is a remarkable accomplishment that reflects the efforts and excellence of the Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc. (prime contractor for ODP), Texas A&M University (science and ship operator), Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory (logging operator), and the international science community in organizing and planning the new program. It was argued in planning for the ODP that a larger drillship was required to provide space for the increasing U.S. and international demand for shipboard participation, improved and expanded laboratory capabilities, and improvements in coring and logging systems. A larger and better equipped vessel would also provide better stability and working conditions in high-latitude regions of the oceans. The success of the *JOIDES Resolution* has proven the wisdom of these early arguments.

ODP now has operated in all oceans except the ice-covered Arctic. We have drilled above the Arctic circle and within sight of the Antarctic continent. Over 1000 scientists from 25 nations have participated in the initial ODP cruises. The larger scientific parties have allowed an increased emphasis on student participation and training aboard ship. The state-of-the-art laboratories support rapid and complete initial analyses of samples that provide both scientific results and guide subsequent shore-based studies. Nearly 1000 additional scientists have used these data and requested samples from the program's core and data archives for continuing study. The geochemical and geophysical logging capability is unsurpassed in either academia or industry and has provided remarkable new data with which to study the Earth. New experiments to measure and monitor geologic processes have been deployed in ODP boreholes.

The international commitment to ocean drilling has increased in the ODP. In addition to our five partners in IPOD—France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom—two consortia have joined ODP: Canada-Australia and the European Science Foundation (representing Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey). The 20 countries of the ODP represent the community of nations that have a global interest in the geosciences and oceanography. This global scientific participation has assured the program's scientific excel-

lence by focusing and integrating the combined scientific knowledge and capabilities of the program's 20 nations. It has allowed problems of a global nature to be addressed by providing databases and background studies which are openly shared for planning and interpreting drilling results. It has eased problems of access to territorial waters, allowing comparative studies to be done among oceans. Finally, the international sharing of program costs has allowed this important and large program to proceed without detrimental impact to the research budgets of any one nation.

The Ocean Drilling Program, like its predecessor, DSDP, serves as a model for planning, conducting, and financing research to address problems of global importance. The National Science Foundation is proud to have a leading role in this unique international program, and we look forward to its continuing success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter E. Massey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Foreword

By Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc.

This volume presents results from the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP), where scientists use a specially equipped ocean drilling ship to sample and measure the properties of the submerged part of the Earth's crust. These data are then synthesized with other information to yield new insights into earth processes.

These results address the scientific goals of the program, which include providing a global description of geological and geophysical structures and materials, studying in detail areas of major geophysical activity such as mid-ocean ridges and the associated hydrothermal circulations, and studying passive and active continental margins. In addition, the ODP data support the study of sea-level and ocean-circulation changes, the effects of the Earth's orbital variations on climate, and the study of processes and mechanisms of evolution from the biological records in the cores which are recovered from drilling.

The Ocean Drilling Program is a partnership of scientists and governments. Overall scientific policy and management guidance is provided by Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES), which consists of committees and panels made up of representatives of the participating institutions and other scientific and engineering experts. The JOIDES Executive Committee (EXCOM) provides general oversight; the JOIDES Planning Committee (PCOM) is the focal point for all scientific planning for the ODP and is key to the scientific success of the program.

The PCOM has a network of panels and working groups which screen drilling proposals, evaluate instrumentation and measurement techniques, and assess geophysical survey data and other safety and siting information. PCOM uses the recommendations of these panels and committees to select drilling targets, to specify the major scientific objectives of each two-month drilling segment or leg, and to provide the science operator with nominations for co-chief scientists. The science operator, Texas A&M University, in turn is responsible for planning the detailed ship's operations, actual drilling schedules, and final scientific rosters, which are developed in close cooperation with PCOM and the cognizant panels.

Many of the scientific goals can be met only with new technology. Thus the program has identified engineering goals, which include the ability to start a hole and to core on bare rock at mid-ocean-ridge sites, to drill in high-temperature and corrosive regions typical of hydrothermal areas, and to core in high latitudes with minimum interference from high seas and sea ice. To meet these needs, the program operates a specially equipped drillship, the *JOIDES Resolution*, which contains laboratories and equipment that are state-of-the-art, and carries a major new logging program.

The ship, registered as SEDCO/BP 471 after her owners and her length in feet (144 meters), is 70 feet (21 meters) wide, and has a displacement of 16,595 long tons. Her derrick towers 200 feet (61 meters) above the waterline, and a computer-controlled dynamic-positioning system stabilizes the ship over a specific location while drilling in water depths up to 27,000 feet (8230 meters). The drilling system collects cores from beneath the seafloor with a derrick and drawworks that can handle 30,000 feet (9144 meters) of drill pipe. More than 12,000 square feet (1115 square meters) of space distributed throughout the ship is devoted to scientific laboratories and equipment. The ship sails with a scientific and technical crew of 50 and a ship's crew of 65.

Logging is a major part of the overall operation. The program provides a full suite of geochemical and geophysical measurements for every hole deeper than 1300 feet (400 meters). For each such hole, there are lowerings of basic oil-industry tools: nuclear, sonic, and electrical. In addition, a borehole televiewer is available for imaging the well-bore wall, a 12-channel logging tool provides accurate velocity and elastic property measurements as well as sonic waveforms for spectral analysis of energy propagation near the well bore, and a vertical seismic profiler records reflectors from below the total depth of the hole.

Texas A&M University serves as science operator for the Ocean Drilling Program. In this capacity, they operate and staff the drillship to collect cores from JOIDES-designated sites from around the world. The science operator also ensures that adequate scientific analyses are performed on the cores by maintaining the shipboard scientific laboratories and by providing

logistical and technical support for shipboard scientific teams. Onshore, Texas A&M manages scientific activities after each leg, is curator for the cores, distributes samples, and coordinates the editing and publication of the scientific results. Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory (LDGO) of Columbia University manages the program's logging operations, which include processing the data and provision of assistance to scientists in data analysis. The ODP Data Bank, a repository for geophysical data, is also managed by LDGO. Core samples from ODP and the previous Deep Sea Drilling Project are stored for future investigation at three sites: ODP Pacific and Indian Ocean cores at Texas A&M University, ODP and DSDP Atlantic and Antarctic cores at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, and DSDP Pacific and Indian Ocean cores at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

International oversight and coordination are provided by the ODP Council, a governmental consultative body of partner country representatives, chaired by the United States, which periodically reviews the general progress of the program and discusses financial plans and other management issues. Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc., a nonprofit consortium of U.S. oceanographic institutions, serves as the National Science Foundation's prime contractor and manages the ODP. JOI is responsible for seeing that the scientific objectives and plans are translated into scientific operations consistent with JOIDES recommendations and budgetary constraints.

Scientific achievements of the ODP already include new data on early seafloor spreading and how continents separate and their margins evolve. We have new insight into glacial cycles and the fluctuations of currents throughout geological time. Technical achievements include the first bare-rock coring, and logging data more accurate and complete than ever before. JOI is pleased to have played a facilitating role in the Ocean Drilling Program.



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