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# Foreword

### By the National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation is proud to play a leading role in partnership with the U.S. oceanographic community in the operation and management of the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP). We are equally proud of the cooperation and commitment of our international partners, who contribute both financial and intellectual resources required to maintain the high quality of this unique program. The Ocean Drilling Program, like its predecessor, the Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP), is a model for the organization and planning of research to address global scientific problems that are of high priority internationally and of long-term interest to the scientific community and general public.

Major scientific themes guiding the development of specific drilling cruises range from determining the causes and effects of oceanic and climatic variability to understanding the circulation of fluids in the ocean crust and the resultant formation of mineral deposits. Although such studies are at the forefront of basic scientific inquiry into the processes that control and modify the global environment, they are equally important in providing the background for assessing man's impact on the global environment or for projecting resource availability for future generations.

The transition from the DSDP to the ODP was marked by a number of changes. The 471-foot *JOIDES Resolution*, which replaced the *Glomar Challenger*, has allowed larger scientific parties and the participation of more graduate students, a larger laboratory and technical capability, and operations in more hostile ocean regions. The *JOIDES Resolution* has drilled in all of the world's oceans, from the marginal ice regions of the Arctic to within sight of the Antarctic continent. Over 1,200 scientists and students from 26 nations have participated on project cruises. Cores recovered from the cruises and stored in ODP repositories in the United States and Europe have provided samples to an additional 1,000 scientists for longer term post-cruise research investigations. The downhole geochemical and geophysical logging program, unsurpassed in either academia or industry, is providing remarkable new data with which to study the Earth.

In 1994, NSF and our international partners renewed our commitment to the program for its final phase. Of the 20 countries that supported ODP initially, only one, Russia, has been unable to continue for financial reasons. As the reputation and scientific impact of the program continue to grow internationally, we hope to add additional members and new scientific constituencies. This global scientific participation continues to assure the program's scientific excellence by focusing and integrating the combined scientific knowledge and capabilities of its member nations.

We wish the program smooth sailing and good drilling!

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## Foreword

### By Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc.

This volume presents scientific and engineering results from the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP). The papers presented here address the scientific and technical goals of the program, which include providing a global description of geological and geophysical structures including passive and active margins and sediment history, and studying in detail areas of major geophysical activity such as mid-ocean ridges and the associated hydrothermal circulations.

The Ocean Drilling Program, an international activity, operates a specially equipped deep-sea drilling ship, the *JOIDES Resolution* (Sedco/BP 471), which contains state-of-the-art laboratories, equipment, and computers. The ship is 471 feet (144 meters) long, is 70 feet (21 meters) wide, and has a displacement of 18,600 short tons. Her derrick towers 211 feet (64 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 51 and a ship's crew (including the drill crew) of 62. The size and ice-strengthening of the ship allow drilling in high seas and ice-infested areas as well as permit a large group of multidisciplinary scientists to interact as part of the scientific party.

Logging, or measurements in the drilled holes, is an important part of the program. ODP 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 Formation MicroScanner is available for high-resolution imaging the wall of the hole, 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 wall of the hole, and a vertical seismic profiler can record reflectors from below the total depth of the hole.

The management of the Ocean Drilling Program involves a partnership of scientists and governments. International oversight and coordination are provided by the ODP Council, a governmental consultative body of the partner countries, which is chaired by a representative from the United States National Science Foundation (NSF). The ODP Council periodically reviews the general progress of the program and discusses financial plans and other management issues. Overall scientific and management guidance is provided to the operators of the program by representatives from the group of institutions involved in the program, called the Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES).

The Executive Committee (EXCOM), made up of the administrative heads of the JOIDES institutions, provides general oversight for ODP. The Planning Committee (PCOM), with its advisory structure, is made up of working scientists and provides scientific advice and detailed planning. PCOM has a network of panels and working groups that screen drilling proposals, evaluate instrumentation and measurement techniques, and assess geophysical-survey data and other safety and siting information. PCOM uses the recommendations of the panels and committees to select drilling targets, to specify the location and major scientific objectives of each two-month drilling segment or leg, and to provide the science operator with nominations for co-chief scientists.

Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc. (JOI), a nonprofit consortium of U.S. oceanographic institutions, serves as the National Science Foundation's prime contractor for ODP. JOI is responsible for seeing that the scientific objectives, plans, and recommendations of the JOIDES committees are translated into scientific operations consistent with scientific advice and budgetary constraints. JOI subcontracts the operations of the program to two universities: Texas A&M University and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory

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of Columbia University. JOI is also responsible for managing the U.S. contribution to ODP under a separate cooperative agreement with NSF.

Texas A&M University (TAMU) serves as science operator for ODP. In this capacity, TAMU is responsible for planning the specific ship operations, actual drilling schedules, and final scientific rosters, which are developed in close cooperation with PCOM and the relevant panels. The science operator also ensures that adequate scientific analyses are performed on the cores by maintaining the shipboard scientific laboratories and computers and by providing logistical and technical support for shipboard scientific teams. Onshore, TAMU manages scientific activities after each leg, is curator for the cores, distributes samples, and coordinates the editing and publication of scientific results.

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) of Columbia University is responsible for the program's logging operation, including processing the data and providing assistance to scientists for data analysis. The ODP Data Bank, a repository for geophysical data, is also managed by LDEO.

Core samples from ODP and the previous Deep Sea Drilling Project are stored for future investigation at four sites: ODP Pacific and Indian Ocean cores at TAMU, DSDP Pacific and Indian Ocean cores at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, ODP and DSDP Atlantic and Antarctic cores through Leg 150 at LDEO, and ODP Atlantic and Antarctic cores since Leg 151 at the University of Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany.

Scientific achievements of ODP include new information on early seafloor spreading and how continents separate and the margins evolve. The oldest Pacific crust has been drilled and sampled. We have new insights into glacial cycles and the fluctuations of ocean currents throughout geological time. ODP has also provided valuable data that shed light on fluid pathways through the lithosphere, global climate change both in the Arctic and near the equator, past sea-level change, seafloor mineralization, the complex tectonic evolution of oceanic crust, and the evolution of passive continental margins.

Many of the scientific goals can be met only with new technology; thus the program has focused on engineering as well as science. To date, ODP engineers have demonstrated the capability to drill on bare rock at mid-ocean-ridge sites and have developed techniques for drilling in high-temperature and corrosive regions typical of hydrothermal vent areas. A new diamond coring system promises better core recovery in difficult areas. In a close, collaborative effort between ODP engineers and scientists, a system has been developed that seals selected boreholes ("CORKs") and monitors downhole temperature, pressure, and fluid composition for up to three years. When possible, ODP is also taking advantage of industry techniques, such as logging while drilling, to obtain continuous downhole information in difficult-to-drill formations.

JOI is pleased to have been able to play a facilitating role in the Ocean Drilling Program and its cooperative activities, and we are looking forward to many new, exciting results in the future.

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Chapter 3: Figure 1. Seismic profiles collected during Leg 161.

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| Log and Core Data Directory Structure:   |
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Geochemical logs (element and oxide wt%) FMS data Hole 975C: High resolution logs Conventional logs Sonic waveforms Geochemical logs (element and oxide wt%) Temperature logs Hole 976B: High resolution logs Conventional logs Sonic waveforms Geochemical logs (element and oxide wt%) FMS data Hole 976E: High resolution logs Conventional logs Sonic waveforms Temperature logs Hole 977A: High resolution logs Conventional logs Sonic waveforms FMS data Hole 979A: High resolution logs Conventional logs Sonic waveforms

### Summary of ODP Core Data:

Site 974: Hole A: grape.dat magsus.dat pwave.dat Hole B: grape.dat index.dat magsus.dat pwave.dat Hole C: grape.dat magsus.dat natgam.dat pwave.dat Hole D: grape.dat magsus.dat natgam.dat pwave.dat Site 975: Hole A: grape.dat magsus.dat natgam.dat pwave.dat Hole B: grape.dat index.dat magsus.dat

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#### **Text Table Directory Structure:**

This CD contains text tables from Chapters 4–9 in the CDtables directory. Three physical properties (thermal conductivity, velocity, and index properties) tables from each chapter, though numbered sequentially, are not found in text and are only on the CD.

#### Chapter 4, Site 974:

- Table 5. Correlation of organic-rich layers: 4tbl\_5.txt
- Table 7. Age of biostratigraphic events and depth of their occurrence: 4tbl\_7.txt
- Table 9. Composite depth table for Holes 974A, 974B, 974C, and 974D: 4tbl\_9.txt
- Table 10. Splice table for Site 974: 4tbl\_10.txt
- Table 12. Results of inorganic and total carbon (TC) analyses of sediment samples: 4tbl\_12.txt

Table 15. Interstitial water data from Site 974, Tyrrhenian Sea: 4tbl\_15.txt

- Table 16. Thermal conductivity data from Holes 974B, 974C, and 974D (CD only): 4tbl\_16.txt
- Table 17. Sonic velocity data from Holes 974B, 974C, and 974D. Sensor codes are: L, longitudinal; T, transverse; H, Hamilton frame (CD only): 4tbl\_17.txt

Table 18. Index properties from Holes 974A, 974B, and 974C (CD only): 4tbl\_18.txt

#### Chapter 5, Site 975:

- Table 4. Correlation of organic-rich layers: 5tbl\_4.txt
- Table 7. Age of calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminiferal biostratigraphic events and depths of their occurrence: 5tbl\_7.txt
- Table 9. Composite depth table for Holes 975A, 975B, 975C, and 975D: 5tbl\_9.txt

Table 10. Splice table for Site 975: 5tbl\_10.txt

- Table 11. Results of inorganic and total carbon (TC) analyses of sediment samples: 5tbl\_11.txt
- Table 14. Interstitial water data: 5tbl\_14.txt
- Table 15. Thermal conductivity data from Holes 975B, 975C, and 975D (CD only): 5tbl\_15.txt
- Table 16. Sonic velocity data from Holes 975B, 975C, and 975D. Sensor codes are: L, longitudinal; T, transverse; H, Hamilton frame (CD only): 5tbl\_16.txt
- Table 17. Index properties from Holes 975A, 975B, and 975C (CD only): 5tbl\_17.txt

Chapter 6, Site 976:

- Table 3. Location of organic rich layers: 6tbl\_3.txt Table 4. Age of calcareous nannofossil and plank-
- tonic foraminiferal biostratigraphic events and depth of their occurrence in Hole 976B: 6tbl\_4.txt
- Table 5. Age (Ma) of calcareous nannofossil biostratigraphic events and depth of their occurrence (mbsf) in Hole 976C: 6tbl\_5.txt
- Table 9. Composite depth table for Holes 976A, 976B, 976C, and 976D: 6tbl\_9.txt
- Table 10. Splice table for Site 976: 6tbl\_10.txt
- Table 14. Results of inorganic and total carbon (TC) analyses of sediment samples: 6tbl\_14.txt
- Table 18. Interstitial water data from Hole 976B: 6tbl\_18.txt
- Table 19. Interstitial water data from Hole 976D: 6tbl\_19.txt
- Table 20. Thermal conductivity data from Holes 976A, 976B, 976C, and 976D (CD only): 6tbl\_20.txt
- Table 21. Index properties from Holes 976B and 976C (CD only): 6tbl\_21.txt
- Table 22. Sonic velocity data from Holes 976B and 976E. Sensor codes are: L = longitudinal, T = transverse, H = Hamilton frame (CD only): 6tbl\_22.txt

Chapter 7, Site 977:

- Table 3. Organic-rich layers: 7tbl\_3.txt
- Table 5. Age of calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminiferal biostratigraphic events and depth of their occurrence: 7tbl\_5.txt
- Table 10. Results of inorganic and total carbon (TC) analyses of Pliocene–Pleistocene sediment sample: 7tbl\_10.txt
- Table 13. Interstitial water data: 7tbl\_13.txt
- Table 14. Thermal conductivity data for Hole 977A (CD only): 7tbl\_14.txt
- Table 15. Index property data for Hole 977A (CD only): 7tbl\_15.txt
- Table 16. Sonic velocity data for Hole 977A. Sensor codes are: L = longitudinal, T = transverse, H = Hamilton frame (CD only): 7tbl\_16.txt

Chapter 8, Site 978:

- Table 3. Age of calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminiferal biostratigraphic events and depth of their occurrence: 8tbl\_3.txt
- Table 5. Results of inorganic and total carbon (TC) analyses of Pliocene-Pleistocene sediment samples: 8tbl\_5.txt
- Table 8. Interstitial water data: 8tbl\_8.txt
- Table 9. Thermal conductivity data for Hole 978A (CD only): 8tbl\_9.txt
- Table 10. Index property data for Hole 978A (CD only): 8tbl\_10.txt
- Table 11. Sonic velocity data for Hole 978A. Sensor codes are: L = longitudinal, T = transverse, H = Hamilton frame (CD only): 8tbl\_11.txt

Chapter 9, Site 979:

- Table 2. Location of organic-rich layer: 9tbl\_2.txt Table 4. Age of calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminiferal biostratigraphic events and depth of their occurrence: 9tbl\_4.txt
- Table 6. Results of inorganic and total carbon (TC) analyses of Pliocene–Pleistocene sediment samples: 9tbl\_6.txt
- Table 9. Interstitial water data: 9tbl\_9.txt
- Table 10. Thermal conductivity data for Hole 979A (CD only): 9tbl\_10.txt
- Table 11. Index property data for Hole 979A (CD only): 9tbl\_11.txt
- Table 12. Sonic velocity data for Hole 979A. Sensor codes are: L = longitudinal, T = transverse, H = Hamilton frame (CD only): 9tbl\_12.txt

### **Detailed Coring Summary Table Directory:**

This CD also contains extended coring summaries for Sites 974 through 979 in the CORESUM directory:

cs974.txt cs975.txt cs976ab.txt cs976cde.txt cs977.txt cs978.txt cs979.txt

### Structural Geology Observations Table Directory:

This CD also contains structural geology tables for Site 974, 975, 976, 977, and 979 in the SGDATA directory:

Site 974: 974A: 1h.txt 974B: 1\_7h.txt

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32\_57x.txt 58x.txt 59\_70x.txt 71x\_77r.txt 77\_80r.txt 80\_83r.txt 83\_95r.txt 95\_97r.txt 97\_102r.txt 102r\_105.txt 105r\_106.txt 976E: 12\_12r.txt 12r.txt 13r.txt 14\_15r.txt 15\_20r.txt 20\_21r.txt 22\_24r.txt 25\_28r.txt Site 977: 977A: 3h\_48x.txt 48 50x.txt 48x.txt Site 979: 979A: 19\_53x.txt 53x.txt

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