



to all our icdp friends

from **Marco Bohnhoff**,
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As many of us prepare for some well-deserved (northern hemisphere) Summer rest, I am pleased to share the latest news and updates from across the ICDP community.

In May, the ICDP [Executive Committee](#) and [Assembly of Governors](#) gathered in Johannesburg, South Africa, to decide on this year's impressive slate of proposals: six for workshops and eight for drilling projects. All proponents have already been notified of the outcome, and we look forward to supporting the next phases of the newly funded projects!



EC-Meeting 2025

Johannesburg, South Africa

Several innovative ICDP workshops are actively being planned, each representing a crucial step towards ambitious drilling projects covering the diverse ICDP key science themes. The current lineup includes:

- Lake Kinneret Drilling ([KIND](#), Germany)
- Probing the Lithosphere under Samoa ([PLUS](#), Samoa)
- Drilling the Deforming Eastern Flank of Mount Etna ([FlankED](#), Italy) – Call open
- Deep Geothermal Energy Exploration in Crystalline Rock ([DeepEGS](#), Finland) – Call open
- Probing the Heart of an Earthquake and Life in the Deep Subsurface ([PROTEA](#), South Africa) – Call open
- Additionally, an online workshop is being organized to chart the next steps for the [DIVE](#) project (Drilling the Ivrea-Verbano ZoneE) – Call open

I wish all workshop participants successful networking, stimulating discussions, and fruitful collaborations. I look forward to seeing these efforts develop into compelling full proposals.

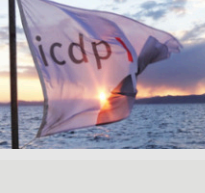
As part of ongoing strategic discussions and in the light of the increasing number of proposals this year, the ICDP panels have decided to update the pre-proposal guidelines and also introduced a new 'fast-track option' for full proposals in very specific circumstances. Principal Investigators are encouraged to review the new guidelines, which will be released in the coming weeks.

On the operative front, here are a few highlights:

- The ICDP-funded [GOE-DEEP](#) project has begun drilling in Gabon.
- Drilling in China's [Weihe Basin](#) is about to commence.
- In South Africa, the Bushveld Complex ([BVDP](#)) project has surpassed 1,500 meters in depth.

I extend my best wishes to all scientists involved for successful drilling operations and productive results. I am following the progress of these projects with great interest and enthusiasm - keep the drill bit rotating!

Marco Bohnhoff



News

from ICDP projects

The Bushveld Complex Drilling Project

The [BVDP](#) drilling project team has successfully overcome the challenges posed by an extremely brittle lamprophyre dyke. Drilling has now advanced beyond 1,600 meters, reaching a major lithological change this week. Excellent work!

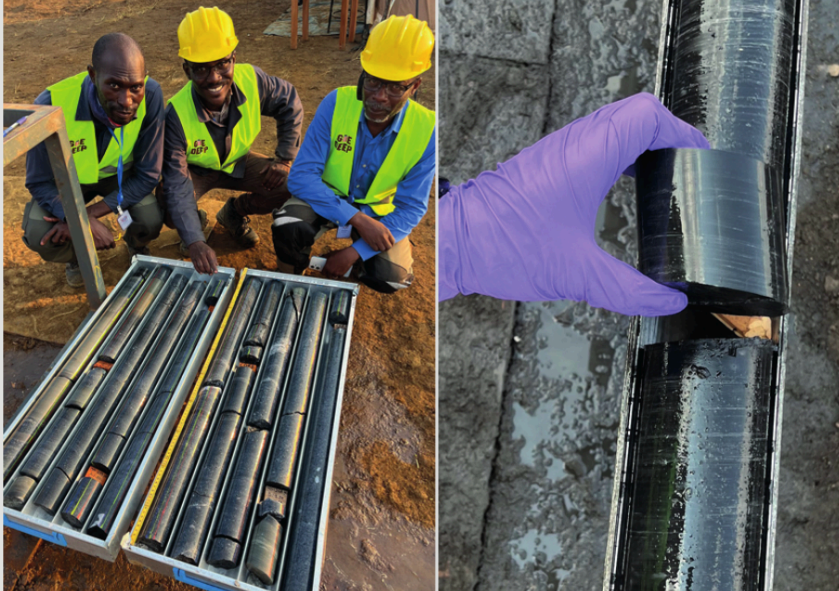


Cores at the ICDP Bushveld Complex Drilling Project (BVDP), South Africa © BVDP

Gabon and Oxygenation of Earth - Drilling Early Earth Project

The project [GOE-DEEP](#) commenced drilling 6 June in the Franceville Basin near Moanda, Gabon.

The team has made rapid progress, reaching 200 meters by the end of the first week!



The GOE-Deep project team with cores from the Okouma Plateau in Gabon (left) and a sample of black shale (right) © Alvo Lepland

Middle Jurassic Earth System and Timescale Project

The ICDP workshop for the [M-JET](#) project took place 2–6 June at the University of Coimbra's campus in Figueira da Foz, Portugal. Over 40 scientists – ranging from early-career researchers to key experts – gathered to explore the Middle Jurassic Earth System and Timescale and its sedimentary records, evaluate potential drill sites, and examine the societal relevance of this pivotal geological period.

The workshop also featured a field excursion to the stunning coastal outcrops of Cabo Mondego, where participants observed Jurassic sediments firsthand, deepening their understanding of this critical interval in Earth's history.



Open

ICDP workshop calls

The following ICDP workshops are accepting applications:

1. [FlankED workshop call](#)
Format: In-person
Date: 24–27 September 2025, in Italy
Application Deadline: 31 July
2. [Deep EGS workshop call](#)
Format: In-person
Date: 30 September – 2 October 2025, in Finland
Application Deadline: 10 July
3. [DIVE-2 workshop call](#)
Format: Online
Date and time: 10 July 2025, 14:00–17:00 CEST
Registration Deadline: 6 July
4. [PROTEA workshop call](#)
Format: In-person
Date: 16–17 October 2025, in South Africa
Application Deadline: 10 August

Interested researchers are encouraged to apply.

Stay safe, keep calm & drill

your icdp team from potsdam