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Dear ICDP colleagues and friends:

Welcome to this 'late-mid-of-the-year' edition of the ICDP Newsletter. As ICDP continues to move through productive times thanks to all your engagement, I am pleased to share several important developments from ICDP funded projects and across the program.

The recent proposal evaluation cycle has concluded in May, and the Principal Investigators have received the decision letters on their submissions. I thank all PIs for their commitment and the considerable effort invested in developing innovative scientific drilling proposals, and also the [SAG](#), [EC](#) and [AOG](#) members whose expertise ensures a rigorous, transparent and constructive evaluation process. Congratulations to the successful teams, and we look forward to seeing these projects taking off at the different stages in the coming years.

ONGOING PROJECT NEWS

In China, the [Weihe Basin Drilling Project](#) is approaching its planned target depth, delivering valuable new insights into the basin's evolution. At the same time, preparations for the [Deep Dust Drilling Project](#) in Oklahoma are entering their final phase, with drilling expected to commence shortly. The preparation of a full proposal was the main objective of the ICDP workshop [Deep Chew Bahir](#) held in Addis Ababa in July. Sampling parties have recently taken place or are scheduled to convene in the coming weeks across several ICDP projects, including [SWAIS2C](#), [GOE-DEEP](#), [TransAmazon](#), and [Bushveld](#), enabling research teams to begin detailed analyses of the recovered material and further advance the scientific objectives of all these projects.



WEIHE

*Weihe Basin
Deep Drilling
Project*

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WEIHE drillers on site (Photo: WEIHE)

ICDP TRAINING & SUPPORT

Training and support of young scientists are an integral part of the ICDP policy. In this context, I would like to acknowledge the successful meeting of the [ICDP Early Career Researcher \(ECR\) Network](#) in Japan in May, as well as the [ICDP Training Course held at the KTB site](#), both of which made important contributions to fostering the next generation of the continental scientific drilling community.



Course participants during the KTB drillrig visit (KTB Windischeschenbach, Germany)

WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS

The months ahead offer several opportunities to our community to meet, exchange ideas, and strengthen collaborations. Upcoming events with ICDP involvement include the ICDP Workshop on drilling the Horoman peridotite massif ([Horoman DC](#)), the first [E-ODP](#) (Electronic Ocean Drilling Program) workshop, the [2026 International Symposium on Deep Earth Exploration and TopoAsia](#), and the [2nd Scientific Drilling Forum](#). These meetings reflect the breadth of scientific and technical expertise within our community and provide

valuable platforms for discussing future drilling initiatives and advancing Earth science research.

ICDP INFOS

Last but not least: Pls consider planning and conceptualizing new or revised proposal well ahead of the deadline that will be as usual January 15. Please do note that the ICDP Proposal Guidelines and the Proposal Cover Sheet have undergone several minor revisions – they will soon (October) be available on the website.

Stay tuned and let's keep the bit rotating!



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