



## **A new Science Plan for ICDP**

### **Continental scientific drilling conference in Potsdam at the GFZ**

The ICDP Science Conference “Imagining the Past to Imagine our Future”, will be held November 11 - 14, 2013 in Potsdam, Germany. About 180 leading scientists, ICDP stakeholders, media representatives, young researchers, policymakers, and industry professionals from 26 countries review ICDP activities and highlight achievements. The main goal of the conference is to define a new ICDP Science Plan to bridge the gap between understanding of geoprocesses and societal needs such as water quality and availability, climate and ecosystem evolution, energy and mineral resources and natural hazards. Keynote talks and discussions are online available via live video streaming through the ICDP website.

Great advances have been made in recent years in the understanding of Earth’s composition, structure and evolution by continental scientific drilling projects funded and supported by ICDP. Since its founding in 1996, 30 drilling projects have been conducted and 60 workshops were held with ICDP support. The International Continental Scientific Drilling Program ICDP serves the scientific community through financial and operational support for international high-profile projects. Key topics of ICDP projects tackle active faulting and earthquake processes, heat and mass transport, global cycles and environmental change and the hidden biosphere.

Further information is available at <http://conference2013.icdp-online.org/>