



to all our icdp friends

from icdp Executive Director
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Season's greetings,
warm wishes
and a crisp start
into the
New Year!



panels and meetings

in 2020

As you all know, we have reorganized our program to face future challenges. The Assembly of Governors is now chaired by Bernard Westerop (NED) and co-chaired by Øystein Nordgulen (NOR) [\[read more\]](#) and the Executive Committee is led by Victoria Pease (SWE) and Philippe Claeys (BEL) [\[read more\]](#). The SAG is overseen by Flavio Anselmetti (SUI), with Lisa Park Boush (USA), supported by the new Secretary, Jonathan Wynn (USA). [\[read more\]](#).

As your calendars may now fill up rapidly please mark the [upcoming meetings](#) and make your travel arrangements:
SAG March 08-12, 2020 in Tel Aviv, Israel
EC May 11-14, 2020 in Flagstaff, Arizona USA
AOG May 13-16, 2020 in Flagstaff, Arizona, USA



**towards the
new ICDP Science Plan**

As decided in May in Kastanienbaum (SUI), a team of EC panelists met at GFZ in Potsdam to define the principles for the new plan. Writing teams, a broad structure and design principles have been defined. A draft will be presented at our next panel meetings in 2020.
Our [annual program report](#) that lists all ICDP activities will be available end of January.



**icdp projects
and workshops**

Looking back, 2019 was an exciting and busy year for our program. The [Eger Rift](#) project continued in 2019 and will go on into 2020. Since this fall [GRIND](#) is in full swing in Namibia, where the new mobile Drilling Information System was successfully tested for the first time in the field.

2020 will also be exciting with a start of actions in early January with the [Cornell](#) workshop on sustainable geothermal energy production in Ithaca, New York, USA. By mid-January we expect several new [proposal submissions](#). The [JET](#) project is going to run from March onwards and [Trans Amazon](#) is planning to start drilling in summer. The [NicaBridge](#) workshop will be held in early March while the [Lake Izabal](#) workshop is scheduled to take place in August.



**operational
support group**

For more than two decades, data management in ICDP has been relying on Ronald Conze, who will now unfortunately retire from the OSG end of this year. While wishing Ronald all the best for his future „post-ICDP life“ we welcome his successor Cindy Kunkel in his place. Furthermore, Katja Heeschen will be replacing Tanja Hörner as our project data scientist as of now.

Each year, ICDP hosts two Town Hall Meetings to provide an opportunity for our community to gather and connect. The AGU Town Hall meeting on December 9, 2019 was attended by more than 150 scientists.
If you missed this, please note down the next opportunity at the EGU meeting in Vienna during May 3-8, 2020.

With best wishes from your ICDP team Potsdam