Despite the pandemic situation, the number of 2021 ICDP proposals remained at a high level with 20 pre-proposals and four full proposals. This year, we have received four pre-proposals and a full proposal for the joint "Scientific Drilling IODP-ICDP" funding initiative (already submitted by the January 15 deadline). ICDP's Science Advisory Group (SAG) reached a decision during March 16-18 in an unpacked virtual meeting, which was followed by the Executive Committee's decisions. The ICDP Science Advisory Group’s recommendation will be considered at the April Executive Committee meeting (virtual).

ICDP between the years 2019 and 2020: Past主席 Boush. During the past few years, ICDP has successfully completed even under the currently ongoing pandemic situation. The ICDP Science Advisory Group (SAG) will continue its work for the upcoming year with new Chair Lisa Park Boush.

Scientific drilling in Northeast China reached new milestone

The third hole, SK-3, in China was completed last December. It is the third hole in China with a total depth of 656 m and recovered 114 cores of excellent quality and high recovery rate. The team reached the project’s goal by drilling through the complete Jurassic sequences and well into the Lower Cretaceous sequences and well within and beyond the Bohai Bay Basin (Shropshire, England) from October to December 2020 with well-balanced logistics. This milestone was achieved during 2021. SK-3 was jointly funded and supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, Jilin Oilfield Company and the British Geological Survey. Core logging and scanning were conducted in Keyworth, Nottingham, and will continue with the British Geological Survey and the British National Museum.

Congratulations to the SK-3 team led by PI Mike Harrison, accessible at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/833 5329 0275

Jet drilling (in Pre-proposals)

Upcoming

ICDP activities: vEGU2s

VEGU2s 2021 will be held from June 21 to 25, 2021 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. This was the second virtual workshop organized by the Slovenian Geodynamics Society (SGS) and the European Geodynamics Union (EGU). The main objective of the VEGU2s workshop was to bring together scientists reporting on the activities of the regional structures, the deep Earth, the long-term evolution of the Earth, and the dynamics of the plate boundaries. The workshop also aimed to promote collaboration between the European research community and scientists from other parts of the world. The workshop was attended by more than 400 participants from 30 countries, representing a wide range of disciplines, including geology, geophysics, and geodesy.

The VEGU2s workshop was held in virtual format, allowing participants from all over the world to attend. The conference included plenary sessions, poster presentations, and discussion sessions, providing a platform for scientists to share their research findings and exchange ideas. The workshop also featured keynote lectures by leading experts in the field, as well as discussant sessions where participants could present their work and receive feedback from their peers.

Stay safe, stay healthy, keep calm & drill!