



IODP³ Executive Board (ExB) Meeting

5 June 2026, Parque de las Ciencias, Granada, Spain (and Zoom)

Consensus and Action Items

Consensus Items:

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-01: Thanks to the meeting host

The ExB thanked the Parque de las Ciencias in Granada for hosting the meeting. We also extended our sincere thanks to Carlota Escutia and Jesús Reolid from the Instituto Andaluz de Ciencias de la Tierra, Universidad de Granada, for their help and support in organising the logistics of the meeting.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-02: Approval of agenda

The ExB approved the agenda for its 2026 hybrid meeting.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-03: Provisional approval of the IODP³ Science Office budget for FY27

The ExB provisionally approved the IODP³ Science Office FY27 budget request of €892,739 (subject to final revision later in 2026).

IODP³ Science Office provisional budget request for 2027 (in euro) All GB£ expenditures converted to euro @ 1.17€/GB£	
Compensations and Salaries	361,244
Compensations for Directors	119,513
Salaries for Staff	241,731
University of Plymouth Overheads	331,795
Employer's National Insurance & Pension Contributions	119,131
Estates Costs & Indirect Costs (after 50% rebate)	212,664
Operational Costs	199,700
Meetings Support	20,000
Travel	40,000
Maas Software Engineering Costs	15,000
Publications	110,000
Matrix (website)	3,000
Software/Google Workspace Account/Zoom Account	1,700
Computing Hardware	10,000
GRAND TOTAL	892,739

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-04: Approval of the Magellan³ Workshop Series budget for FY27

The ExB approved the Magellan³ Workshop Series FY27 budget request of €70,000.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-05: Provisional approval of the IODP³ budget for FY27

The ExB provisionally approved the IODP³ FY27 budget of €15,546,408 and the associated FY27 planned expenses.

INCOME (€)		
Expected FY26 balance	2 611 825	
ECORD FY27 contribution	10 946 863	
ANZIC's FY27 contribution	987 720	
Brazil's FY27 contribution TBC	1 000 000	
TOTAL	15 546 408	
EXPENSES		
P1004 Operational Costs		17 816 314
IODP ³ -SO		892 739
2 SPARCs: P1117-S, P1118-S		600 000
Magellan ³		70 000
TOTAL		19 379 053
Expected FY27 balance	-3 832 645	

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-06: Approval of the FY27/FY28 operational budget

The ExB approved the IODP³ operational budget of €17,816,314 for the implementation of an expedition based on proposal P1004 “Nadir K-Pg Impact Crater”. This budget represents a 15-month budget from January 2027 to March 2028.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-07: Approval of two SPARC proposals forwarded from MSP-FB

The ExB approved the funding of IODP³ SPARC proposals P1117-S and P1118-S, as recommended by the June 2026 MSP-FB meeting.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-08: Collaboration with the new US Scientific Drilling Program

The ExB supports the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding or Research Agreement for joint offshore expeditions with the nascent US Scientific Drilling Program, and encourages IMA to coordinate with the ExB Co-Chairs and the IODP³ Operators in conducting further discussions with the NSF and SODCO representatives to move this forward.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-09a: IODP³ and China's DODP

The ExB agreed that there can be no formal agreement to allow exchange of Expedition Science Team members between IODP³ and China's Deep Ocean Drilling Program (DODP) at the programmatic-level. This ratifies an agreement reached during an IODP³ ExB Co-Chair's meeting on 15 and 23 September 2025, attended by Michael Webb (ExB ECORD Co-Chair), Shuichi Kodaira (ExB Japan Co-Chair), Gilbert Camoin (IMA Director) and Nobu Eguchi (JAMSTEC) and circulated to ExB members on 26 September 2025.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-09b: Scientists based in China and IODP³ expeditions implemented by JAMSTEC

The ExB recognises that the current geopolitical situation precludes scientists based in Chinese institutions from participating in any role or capacity in IODP³ offshore expeditions implemented by JAMSTEC. JAMSTEC is asked to inform the ExB if this geopolitical situation changes in the future.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-09c: ECORD, IODP³ Associate Members and China's DODP

The ExB agrees that reciprocal scientist berth exchange agreements between ECORD or an Associate Member and China's DODP are permissible for ESO-operated IODP³ expeditions, outside of the IODP³ Memorandum of Cooperation. This may be achieved by ECORD or an Associate Member allocating part of its quota of Science Team places on IODP³ expeditions implemented by ESO to scientists based in Chinese institutions. For ECORD, a Consensus will be required on a case-by-case basis for each expedition. Any potential agreement along these lines between ECORD and the DODP should: (i) involve no exchange of funding; (ii) require applicants based in China to be evaluated by the relevant Programme Member Office alongside their own scientists as part of the competitive expedition staffing process; (iii) not influence the number of Science Team places allocated to IODP³ members, which must continue to be based solely on their relative cumulative financial contributions to IODP³; and (iv) ensure reciprocity in terms of numbers of ECORD or Associate Member scientists participating in DODP.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-10: IODP³ representation at the 2026 Scientific Drilling Forum

The ExB nominated Nobi Seama (as MSP-FB Co-chair) and Nadine Hallmann (as IMA Director) to be the IODP³ representatives on the Scientific Drilling Forum Planning Committee for its meeting in Brazil in 2026.

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-11: Approval of changes to various IODP³ Terms of Reference

The ExB approved the changes to the Terms of Reference of the following IODP³ entities presented for discussion by the Directors of the IODP³ Science Office: (i) Executive Board; (ii) IODP³ Managing Agency; (iii); IODP³ Science Office; (iv) MSP Facility Board; (v) Vision Task Force; and (vi) Communications Task Force. These minor changes and amendments align these documents with current working practices within IODP³ and are compatible with the IODP³ Memorandum of Cooperation. All such changes should be listed and described in detail in a Change Log at the start of each revised Terms of Reference document. The revisions are listed in an Annexe to this consensus (see below).

IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-12: Next ExB hybrid meeting

The next ExB hybrid meeting will be held in conjunction with the next hybrid MSP-FB meeting in Kobe, Japan, in May 2027. The ExB thanks Nobi Seama (MSP-FB Co-Chair) for kindly hosting the 2027 meeting.

Annexe to IODP³ ExB Consensus 2026-06-11: Table of approved changes to Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference:	Changes:
Communications Task Force (CTF) Magellan ³ Workshop Series MSP Facility Board (MSP-FB) Vision Task Force (VTF)	1. Change “J-DESC” to “J-SSO” in all instances where J-DESC was used previously to refer to the Japanese IODP ³ Programme Member Office (PMO), following renaming of the PMO to J-SSO.
Communications Task Force (CTF)	1. Add the following bullet point to the CTF mandate to reflect current practice for the selection of Science Communicators for offshore expeditions: receive, evaluate and rank applications for expedition Science Communicators and provide nomination proposals to the relevant IODP³ Operator for final selection 2. Add the Director of the IODP ³ Managing Agency to the CTF membership list to correct an omission in the original document.
Executive Board (ExB)	Insert the following clause in the first paragraph of Section 4 “Meetings” to reflect working practice: “The main hybrid ExB meeting should be organised to follow the main hybrid MSP-FB meeting each year and at the same venue”.
IODP ³ Managing Agency (IMA)	1. Add the following bullet point to Section 2 “Mandate” to reflect working practice concerning IODP ³ representation at the Scientific Drilling Forum: manage the representation of IODP³ entities at the annual Scientific Drilling Forum and appoint IODP³ members to the Forum Planning Committee 2. Replace “be in charge of management of IODP ³ communication” in Section 2 “Mandate” with “be in charge of all IODP ³ communications (e.g. with CNRS and between IODP ³ entities and the Executive Board), devolving routine communication matters to the CTF (of which the IMA Director is a member)”. This change clarifies communications pathways and responsibilities.
IODP ³ Science Office (IODP ³ -SO)	1. Add the SEA Group to the list in Section 2 “Mandate” of meetings that the IODP ³ -SO supports, to correct an omission in its original document 2. Add the following bullet point to Section 2 “Mandate” to cover periodic logistical support for the Scientific Drilling Forum, to reflect working practice: to provide logistical support to the Scientific Drilling Forum in those years where the Forum is organised by IODP³
MSP Facility Board (MSP-FB)	1. Change the graphic in Section 3.1 “Co-Chairs” that illustrates the MSP-FB Co-Chair rotation scheme to reflect the revised working practice of outgoing Co-Chairs remaining as MSP-FB Science Board members for one year after standing down as Co-Chairs 2. Add the following sentence to Section 3.2 “Science Board” to clarify the requirements for Programme Member Office nominations of new MSP-FB Science Board members: “Each PMO should provide a list of candidates they support in rank order, together with any underlying justification for preferred candidates (if any). Following discussion of the PMO responses at the MSP-FB, nomination proposals for new Science Board members will then be recommended by the MSP-FB Co-Chairs for approval by the ExB”. 3. Change three instances of “ECORD Council and the President of JAMSTEC” in Section 5 “Decisions” to “Executive Board”, to reflect actual practice. 4. Remove the phrase “if requested by the MSP-FB Co-Chairs” from the third bullet point in Section 7 “Liaisons” to normalise attendance of the SEA Group Chair at MSP-FB meetings.
Vision Task Force (VTF)	1. Replace “EMA” with “IMA” in Section 3 “Membership” to correct a mistake in the original version.

Action Items:

IODP³ ExB Action Item 2026-06-1: Preparation for future ExB meetings

The ExB requests that IMA ensures that documents supporting its future meetings are circulated to its members at least two weeks before each meeting, in line with the ExB Terms of Reference. It also tasks the IODP³ Science Office with providing shared folders within its Google Workspace to allow ExB members to access meeting documents and presentations before and after each meeting.

IODP³ ExB Action Item 2026-06-2: Vision Task Force email account

The ExB requests that the IODP³ Science Office sets up a dedicated email account for the Vision Task Force (i.e. vtf@iodp3.org) to facilitate communications between VTF members.

IODP³ ExB Action Item 2026-06-3: Early payment of FY28 contributions by ECORD members

To assist with the cashflow required to implement proposal P1004 “Into the Nadir: a new Cretaceous-Paleogene impact structure?” as an IODP³ Expedition in early 2028, the ExB requests the ECORD Managing Agency to begin discussions with the ECORD funding agencies to explore the possibility of receiving early payment of their FY28 contributions.

IODP³ ExB Action Item 2026-06-4: Sharing of expedition-related budget information with the MSP-FB Co-Chairs

The ExB supports a request from the MSP-FB Co-Chairs for them to receive information on expedition-related budgets as soon as they are known in order to better inform scheduling decisions.