

Magellan³ Workshop Series

Terms of Reference

The Magellan³ Workshop Series Programme (MG³) supports the development of new and innovative IODP³ MSP drilling and SPARC proposals to meet future challenges in Earth, life and environmental sciences, and is funded jointly with the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program. (ICDP).



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Change Log

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List of changes:

- **Section 3:** Change from J-DESC to J-SSO (Japan Scientific Drilling Support Office) as the entity responsible for nominating new MG³-SSC members

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1. General purpose

The Magellan³ Workshop Series Programme (MG³) will be the IODP³ support programme for the development of new and innovative MSP and SPARC proposals, jointly with the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP).

2. Mandate

MG³ is designed to support scientists from IODP³ and ICDP members in developing new and innovative MSP and SPARC proposals that meet the ambitions of the *"2050 Science Framework"* and/or the ICDP Science Plan 2020-2030 by funding or co-funding workshop proposals and travel grants. The MG³ Workshop Series Programme is coordinated by a Science Steering Committee (SSC).

The following content refers only to the IODP³ component of the MG³ Workshop Series Programme.

The main tasks of the MG³-SSC shall be the following:

- Develop specific workshop calls in line with the IODP³ goals.
- Design the workshop proposal review process.
- Review, evaluate and select workshop proposals and travel grants for funding.
- Provide workshop guidelines and convener's obligations.
- Give feedback on the content of individual workshop programmes and the list of registered participants.
- Evaluate funded workshops and final reports.
- Report annually on the use of funds to the IODP³ Executive Board (ExB).

Calls for workshop proposals will be published bi-annually by the IODP³ Science Office (IODP³-SO), with deadlines on January 15th and July 15th.

The IODP³ ExB shall provide annual budget guidance to MG³.

3. Composition

The IODP³ membership of the MG³-SSC will typically include a group of 10 to 15 scientists, with up to five ECORD scientists and up to five Japanese scientists including two Co-Chairs from ECORD and Japan. Each IODP³ Associate Member will be represented by one scientist. The term of MG³-SSC members is three years, renewable for another three years.

ECORD and Japanese MG³-SSC members shall be nominated by the ECORD Science Support and Advisory Committee (ESSAC) and the Japan Scientific Ocean Drilling Support Office (J-SSO), respectively, following an open call for applications issued by the IODP³-SO and approval by the ExB.

The MG³-SSC Co-Chairs shall be liaisons to ESSAC and J-SSO.

4. Meetings

The MG³-SSC shall meet virtually bi-annually within one month of the deadline for each call for proposals. The MG³-SSC Co-Chairs will present the use of the funds during the MSP Facility Board (MSP-FB) and ExB meetings.

Decisions within the MG³-SSC shall be made either by consensus or voting, as decided on a case-by-case basis. Votes shall be decided by a majority of all members present and eligible to vote. A quorum shall consist of at least two-thirds of the members.