

Otago Scientific Drilling Monthly Meeting - 3 December 2018

In person in AVC3, or via ZOOM at this link: <https://otago.zoom.us/j/207435659>

In attendance: Virginia Toy, Sean Fitzsimmon, Chris Moy, Christina Riesselman

Appologies: none

1. OAR Update – V will be moving stuff on 18-20 Dec

Virginia has a ute booked and one helper already to shift computers, books, etc from the department and Sawyers Bay to OAR on these dates. Helpers for any of the days would be appreciated. They should meet at the N Door of Geology ready for action *at 9am any day*.

2. VT report on talk to Gary Evans = new MBIE chief science advisor, and other moves to establish a case with MBIE for national support of IODP/ICDP membership

Virginia met Gary Evans in Wellington on 22 Nov. She provided him with a brief summary of the DFDP project and of OAR as well as an introduction to the importance of Scientific Drilling for the NZ community in general. He provided some advice on what sorts of research funds he thought would be appropriate.

Stuart Henrys has also been talking to Prue Williams (MBIE Science Investment General Manager) and there is some sort of plan to talk to the International arm of MBIE. So, no firm progress to report but at least the discussions are being had...

Its good to take any and all opportunities to have conversations like this as they all raise the profile of scientific drilling with government. If you find yourself in a position to talk to someone and want guidance on what approach to take to maintain consistency with others' efforts Virginia is very happy to hear from you.

3. VT report on ICDP workshop at Geosciences Society Annual meeting last week

Run by VT and Richard Levy.

Attended by ~15-20 people but ~30 were registered

As well as VT and Richard (who are on ICDP Science Evaluation Committee, SAG and Executive Committee, EC, respectively) we also had ex EC-member Rupert Sutherland contribute, and Alex Pyne (VUW Sci Drilling Office / Antarctic Research Office) and two Websters Drilling people.

We were impressed that 5 different people stood up and suggested ICDP projects in various states of preparation. All presentations at the workshop and these project ideas will be compiled into a workshop report and circulated in mid Jan. We recognised that a mailing list is needed for people interested in future ICDP workshops. Virginia has one 'on the go' and if you'd like to be added to it please email her.

4. New items on the blog <https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/drill-otago/> include:

a. AGU Fall Meeting workshops

b. ANZIC Bulletin

c. ANZIC Annual report

d. Calls to sail on three new expeditions

Expedition 389: Hawaiian Drowned Reefs (Closing soon)

Flag to Claudine

Expedition 387: Amazon Margin

Expedition 388: Equatorial Atlantic Gateway

Flag this one to Christian and Katrine

5. **Other business:** Dates for iTrax training... no major change to previous plan but Chris to confirm by early next week.

6. **Next Meeting: Monday 7 Jan**