# Executive Summary of the IHP Meeting College Station, Texas, 8 March 1995

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A Joint meeting with SMP focused on the following 4 topics:

- 1) ODP/TAMU depth Workshop: Peter Blum reported results of the depth conference of 21-22 January 1995. The group at the conference defined three different depth types: (1) drilling, (2) curation, and (3) logging, and recommended among other things that both the original depth datum and all algorithms for modifications be archived. IHP supports this recommendation. SMP supports the ihp recommendation that the shipboard party is overloaded as is and cannot be expected to do more without serious deleterious affect on the collection of prime data. There fore the SMP agreed to suppor the IP recommendation that the shipboard preparation of barrel sheets and production of full author prepared material for the IR not be pursued.
- 2) Proposal for a Database Commonality Meeting: Lynn Watney described the commonality meeting and asked for input regarding possible participants
- 3) DB Steering Committee: Terri Hagelberg described the report of the DB Steering Committee. Hagelberg presented lists of user groups it was suggested a structural person come from TECP.
- 4) JANUS: John Coyne presented the Current status of Janus. Group 1 data included in operational table (70 entries) like dictionary. What remains to be included: known data types (paleomag, phys props, etc); Paleo in process based on Paleo meeting 3/7; logging research user input; VCD being defined; Group 6 further discussions (seismic, u/w, etc); Current draft data model covers essentials for group 1; Database report in progress and will include a model rationale and a versioning approach (sequential, concurrent). Things left to do: include known data types; complete database report; internal Tracor review of current draft model; Tracor/ODP model review; create database to support April 15 start of group 1 prototyping. The Data Base steering committee to

review data model in April. The application development approach that Janus will use is designed to minimize time by using dual databases

A description was presented: identify, isolate S1032 based applications; redirect data from application to Oracle; return for GUI improvements etc.; develop list of data dependent, independent applications; prioritization/development order based on (1) data dependencies (2) community input

The advantages of this approach was explained to be as follows: minimize time when S1032 and Oracle are operating simultaneously; less interim transition support methods to be developed; allow applications to be developed in parallel; eliminate S1032/Oracle data sharing; earlier in the program: (1) lessen backend distribution of data efforts (2) allow use of better tools, data methods

The activities planned for Janus are as follows: for the preliminary data model: (1) complete, (2) review, (3) load into Oracle; for applications: (1) identify according to approach used, (2) prepare application portion of transition plan; with regard to hardware environments: (1) prepare installation plan, (2) assemble development environments, (3) build sampling table prototype. The following miscellaneous aspects of the program were discussed: configuration of the management/version control processes; user review group processes; system and tool training; steering committee review.

Janus will begin prototyping April 15.

Rack proposal: Discussion of a Proposal from Frank Rack: the IHP notes that technology issues are the purview of the SMP, however it agrees that the coring of dedicated holes should be decided by the co-chiefs of Leg 162. As to the request for funds to support shore-based handling, storage and shipping PCOM is asking investigators to find extra funds for special projects themselves. The consensus of the panel is to say no to extra costs.

## Minutes of the IHP Meeting College Station, Texas, 8 March 1995

Members present:

Warner Brueckmann Patricia Fryer, Chair Patrick Diver Ian Gibson

Brian Huber

Michael Loughridge

Gilbert Maudire William Riedel Geoff Wadge Carla Moore Henry Spall Lynn Watney

Roy Wilkens

Tsuni Saito (alternate)

**Guests** 

Michael Diepenbroek Russ Merrill John Saunders DaRusty Lotti Debra Barnes Will Sager

The minutes of the last IHP meeting were approved as distributed.

## **Discussion of Action items**

- Action item 8/94-1: A letter will be sent by the Chair to the Smithsonian to accession the MRC collection, with the proviso that collection be de-accessioned if ever the Smithsonian loses its ability to care for it and make it accessible to researchers. This will be done.
- Action item 8/94-2: Brian Huber will forward a letter to Cal. Acad. Sci., as Lead MRC Curator to permit California Academy of Science to become a semipermanent loan institution for the Scripps diatom collection. IHP authorizes Brian Huber to draft and send an agreement letter to the California Academy of Sciences for transfer of diatom collection from Scripps MRC; this letter would set out the same requirements as in the letter sent to the University of Nebraska. This was done.
- Action item 8/94-3: The Chair will write a letter thanking the Swiss Nationalfonds for their support of the Basel Museum Micropaleontological Reference Center. A letter was written and will be mailed when the address of the Nationalfonds is obtained.
- Action item 8/94-4: The IHP unanimously endorses the concept of publishing an announcement of opportunity for receipt of portions of MRC Collections that are currently underutilized as part of its continuing effort to get the collections where they will be better used. IHP authorizes Brian Huber and Bill Riedel to write a draft of such an advertisement and will circulate it to the panel for approval before looking into getting it published. This was done.
- Action item 8/94-5: Lynn Watney will pursue the possibility of organizing a data base commonality meeting. A proposal for such a commonality meeting was designed and a copy of the proposal has been distributed to the IHP for comment.
- Action item 8/94-6: The Chair will contact Brian Lewis to see whether Ian King of ATS (Calgory) would be welcome at a steering committee meeting to make such a presentation before things proceed too far with the database management upgrade. This was done however it was decided by the SC that Ian King would not attend the SC meeting.
- Action item 8/94-7: Ellen Thomas will send a letter to Lisa Patton thanking her for her efforts toward finalizing FossiList and prioritizing suggested changes. This was done.
- Action item 8/94-8: Volkhart Spiess will draft such a letter of endorsement for PCOM's consideration to be forwarded to the German, French and ESF PCOM representatives to take to the next PCOM meeting. This was done, however it is felt by IHP that a stronger endorsement is needed

by PCOM in order to facilitate possible funding by the FRG funding agencies. A recommendation will be made to PCOM to this effect. Warner Brueckmann will draft such a recommendation and present it to the IHP before the end of the meeting.

- Action item 8/94-9: Ellen will ask the chair of the Core-log integration subcommittee, Joris Gieskes, for a copy of the subcommittee report to send to IHP. This was done.
- Action item 8/94-10: IHP should notify (via listserver) the deep sea community about the planned delay of the IR volumes to defer expenditure of \$240,000; unless more money is found, this could lead to permanent demise of the IR volumes. Roy Wilkens and Lynn Watney will look into this. This was preempted by the decision of the PCOM NOT to delay the IR volumes.
- Action Item 8/94-11: A subcommittee chaired by Roy Wilkens will create a survey to assess the response of the community to the possibility of going to the outside literature rather than continuing to publish the SR volumes. This was pursued until the PCOM Publications Subcommittee was established and the actions of the subcommittee made this action item irrelevant.
- Action Item 8/94-12: Ellen Thomas suggested that someone from TECP present the points of information presented by Joann Stock at the next SMP meeting. If it is not possible for a liaison to attend the SMP meeting a written summary of the recommendations of TECP should be sent both to Ellen Thomas and to the SMP panel chair prior to the SMP meeting in late Sept. Terri Hagelberg did this.
- Action Item 8/94-13: IHP suggests that TECP prepare, in collaboration with SMP, a shipboard handbook for the collection of structural data, describing the set of procedures for collecting the data. TECP should also prepare a data dictionary for the structural data so that it can be incorporated into the new database structure. IHP notes that many of the TECP concerns regarding recording of structural data, and how this would be incorporated into the new computer database, including capturing images, annotation of data directly on images or overlays (etc) are similar to the concerns for recording paleontologic and stratigraphic data. Thus, TECP is not requesting anything unusual compared to the needs of scientists from other fields with regard to the redesigned database structure. This handbook was created.
- Action Item 8/94-14: IHP suggests that with regard to the new database structure TECP might look into getting a member of the TECP/Structural Geology Working Group onto one of the user groups that will be advising TAMU and the vendor as the database structure is designed. This was recommended by the SC.
- Action item 8/94-15: IHP requests that the NERC funding agency of the UK finance the travel and per diem costs of John Saunders for upcoming IHP meetings, as he adds valuable insight to many issues that come before the panel. Through the efforts of Geoff Wadge this was accomplished.
- Action item 8/94-16: IHP will draft a letter to Brian Lewis regarding the computer upgrade with an explanation of suggested relationships between the user groups liaisons, Steering Committee, and ODP/TAMU, and TRACOR. This was done and the recommendations were incorporated into the SC recommendations.
- Action item 8/94-17: Copies of these decisions will be forwarded to Brian Lewis as chair of the Steering Committee, and to John Coyne, TAMU, Joris Gieskes, Chair, SMP, Carla Moore, IHP liaison to ODP steering committee, Terri Hagelberg, SMP liaison to ODP steering committee.

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for the ship. He said it is hard to define minimum standard because of variation in recovery on different legs; high-recovery legs don't give time for in-depth description. He identified a problem in coding different description styles, e.g., lumpers vs. splitters. Tracor will work on this and make a prototype available to users. Pat Diver mentioned that program must have ability to add consistent detail onshore

Special request from Brian Huber on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution. Smithsonian wants to make plate tectonics exhibit including a few archive halves showing sediments and rocks through the crust. Sager suggested that IHP look at these requests on a case by case basis, but think carefully about good PR value. He also suggested that following conditions be met: (1) lendee return sample to ODP if needed for study and (2) that the lendee care for the cores with the same standards as ODP. Russ Merrill suggested that the problem is with the sample distribution policy which does not allow for lending except for scientific purposes. Other similar requests have been turned down. A policy decision or a case-by case treatment of such requests must be decided. Fryer suggested the principal concern is the maintenance of the core samples. She asked if there were comparable material not as important scientifically? Further discussion centered around non-vital cores that might fit request: (1) out-of-context samples, (2) wash cores, (3) triple hole APC (normal sampling rules don't apply). Sager suggested we have to consider each sample requested by Smithsonian separately. Wilkens moved that we approve all requested samples, except that we have to find an ooze sample that is not critical so that it may be dried out. The panel agreed by consensus to approve the request provided that suitable conditions of maintenance by the museum be met and that the lendee return the samples to ODP if needed for scientific purposes. Sager noted that the museum did not intend to provide for a refrigerated display. Riedel suggested that the samples do not have to be from the same site. Fryer suggested substituting some of the materials for those requested and that this should be worked out to the satisfaction of Russ Merrill.

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It is recognized that ODP is and will continue to be the repository of the primary (original) data. The SDBC will also include and integrate sample information from ODP, published literature sources as well as the MRCs. The SDBC will maintain close liaison with the taxonomic databases being prepared for several microfossil groups. It is understood that taxonomic revisions to the SDBC will involve the collective input of international groups of specialists. IHP believes that the group at GEOMAR has the necessary breadth of professional expertise and technical competence to carry out this program successfully. IHP recommends that close coordination between the SDBC and the ODP Database Upgrade Project (JANUS) be achieved by including a representative of GEOMAR in the Paleontology users group.

The University of Bremen has reaffirmed its interest in letter form and, should the SDBC be run from Kiel, it is expected that there would be close cooperation between the two institutions.

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The ship schedule for Legs 163-170 was presented to the IHP. The response to the IHP recommendations were to endorse all of the recommendations. Regarding the Boyce correction the PCOM endorses in principle IHP's wish to see the Boyce correction to GRAPE data on the future CD-ROMs, but not knowing the budgetary implications, decided the following: if it is not already being done, the Boyce correction should be made to future GRAPE data; if feasible, the correction should be applied to existing data before publication on future CD-ROMs; if not "READ ME" files or headers should be included to flag uncorrected data. The PCOM endorsed in principle the concept of specialized database centers. PCOM response to SMP recommendations were to upgrade the MST, and to develop "cook books" manuals for laboratories. PCOM notes SMP recommendation regarding utilization of existing commercial software for data capture and passes suggestion to Database Management Steering Committee. PCOM agrees with SMP consensus about acquisition of high quality XRF data and urges cooperation among technical staff and scientists. PCOM recognizes SMP concern about input to the Database Management Steering committee and recommends that JOI consider addition of non-US participants to committee and that committee increase email communication with Panel Chairs and PCOM. Database Recommendations were that PCOM reaffirms continued support for the replacement of the computer-based data management system and continued development of the DCS if judged feasible. PCOM recommends to JOI Inc. That they reaffirm and/or refine the mandate of the Data Base Management Steering Committee and that JOI Inc. take steps to insure that TAMU/TAMRF fully incorporate the Steering Committee into the DBMS project according to this mandate. PCOM will establish a Data Integration Working Group to oversee the development of a computer-based data integration capability. The membership should be constituted and the mandate drafted to assure that the working group works effectively with the JOI Steering Committee that is overseeing the development of the ODP Data Management System replacement project. PCOM Publications Subcommittee mandate was to investigate options for achieving 1/3 reduction in annual publications budget by FY 1998. The mandate also was to creatively restructure publications to expedite publication and enhance scientific impact. In response to the directives from the PCOM Publications Subcommittee ODP Publications found half the savings goal through moving composition in-house. this saves contractual costs (\$200K/yr). The retirement of Senior Manager Bill Rose without replacement (\$100K/yr). The remaining costs where to come from restructuring of the current publications formats for the IR and SR and from reduction in ODP editing of the volumes.

#### BRG liaison report - Debra Barnes (see appendix 2).

Have data up to Leg 157. Data requests have decreased to 1300 last year, probably owing to availability of CDs. The BRG are trying to backup original data on CD, but are having problem with FMS data in LIS format; still having to back that up on DAT. BRG have put out glossy booklet describing logging tools. Since December, they have had a World Wide Web home page and average 25-30 logins per week, eventually they want to have ASCII logging data online. This includes a USGS logging bibliography. The BRG page is slated to be more widely listed on Web to increase usage. Major upgrade of geoframe software (FMS processing).

<u>TECP liaison</u> - not attending; will reconsider the progress toward inclusion of structural data as prime data with SMP during joint session.

## ODP Publications - Rose (see appendix 3):

Bill Rose announced that he will retire at the end of FY95. The IHP wants to thank him for his years of service and dedication to ODP and to wish him well in his retirement. Volumes are coming out on schedule and in part this is attributed to the establishment of the firm deadlines. The recent literature search indicates that about 75% of citations are to the SR volume the rest are to the IR. Citations are reported from 138 journals. Annual citation rates compare well with those of comparable society-sponsored journals. Citation rate for ODP volumes has surpassed that of 96 DSDP volumes.

The IHP raised the question of indexing of the volumes. It was explained that the in-house cost for making the index would be equivalent to 1 full-time position. We are currently using an outside contractor. Loughridge asked whether there are plans for a cumulative index. Merrill responded, no and that the cost to produce one would be about \$100K. Sager suggested that IHP consider recommending making an index if \$\$ could be found. The IHP agreed

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Ann Klaus gave ODP view (see appendix 7). Although Bill Rose is retiring early, pubs notes that this won't save all the money because Bill's duties must still be covered. With regard to the IR volume the ODP editorial support is limited to printed pages. With regard to the SR volume this

will require camera-ready figures from scientists, "camera-ready" electronic text, will provide for no clean up of tables; no conversion to WP no PERC. The report doesn't address poor English papersmore needed than help for papers that cannot be produced electronically and there is no provision for art review and clean up Pubs will bring indexing in-house, which will save \$200,000/yr. 4. Pubs comments: CD's not as inexpensive as represented; depends on level of work put into CD text preparations. the group had a brief discussion about pagination of text on CD: pubs says that ODP wants to retain normal page pagination; A suggestion from an IHP member was that traditional pagination is unnecessary, however others recognized that citation problems would ensue if pagination were different. this discussion was revisited later in the meeting. The "negotiation" of SR size was objected to by pubs because it is not viewed as good terminology; size cannot vary much, so there is little room for negotiation. The recommended level (20%) of editing required for the SR is probably low when English-language editing considered. The recommended desire to have "high resolution" images lacks a definition of what is "high" resolution. Pubs needs guidance on what goes in the "Summary" in IR volume IHP designated a subcommittee to define the contents of the Summary for the IR (Fryer, Sager, Wilkens, Wadge, Spall). Debbie Partain reviewed production of barrel sheets: ODP probably cannot produce barrel sheets with reduced staff. There is great potential for problems. Add to negative impacts "loss of quality control by ODP"

IHP Response to the recommendations of the PCOM Publications Subcommittee: The IHP recommends, in particular, that PCOM reconsider the magnitude of the required cutback. IHP stresses that the ODP Publications department has provided for a 300K cut as a consequence of the retirement of Bill Rose and the implementation of in-house composition of the IR and SR volumes. An additional approximate \$150-200K can be cut from the budget by length and format cuts in the IR and SR volumes. However the last required approximately \$100-150K impacts primarily the editing of materials produced onboard the ship and the production of related artwork. This reduction will severely impair the collection of prime data onboard the ship.

The IHP responded to each of the recommended changes as follows:

- 5.1.1. The IHP agrees that the ODP Publications department should continue with implementation of in-house composition of the IR and SR volumes
- 5.1.2. The IHP agrees that the ODP Publications department will need to be streamlined in a manner commensurate with progressive reduction in size and editing of the volumes. However, it feels that the publications department should be permitted to make changes in the staffing as it deems necessary and that it not be required to streamline management exclusively.
- 5.1.3. The IHP strongly disagrees with the recommendation that the editing at ODP/TAMU of the IR and drafting of the barrel sheets and other prime data be reduced and that the shipboard party be required to create author-prepared copy. The amount of work to accomplish this amounts to several man-months of effort for the ODP Publications staff. The Scientific Shipboard Party is widely recognized as already near its workload limit. Requiring the shipboard scientists to take on the job performed currently by the ODP Publications staff to create final author-prepared copy for the IR will result in a reduction of the collection of fundamental prime data by the program. IHP cannot in conscience condone this action.
- 5.1.4. The IHP agrees that the proposed reduction and reformatting of the barrel sheets and core photographs suggested will be acceptable.
- 5.1.5. The IHP agrees that the ODP Publications should eliminate the distribution of the Preliminary Results in hard copy substituting electronic distribution via Mosaic and the InterNet.
- 5.1.6. The IHP agrees that the total length of the SR should be shortened by about 1/3 achieving an average volume length of about 500 pages. A strongly worded directive from PCOM to this effect was requested by ODP Publications to facilitate negotiations with co-chiefs during design of the SRs. The IHP also agrees that a change in the moratorium for submission of manuscripts to the outside literature will likely result in a reduction of the size of the SR volumes. IHP recommends that the ODP Policy on Publications be modified to permit submission for outside publication before

12-months post-cruise. This will also have consequences regarding what constitutes fulfillment of obligation to the ODP on the part of shipboard scientists. The IHP recommends that the ODP Publications policy be changed to state that, "Receipt by the deadline of a manuscript that is deemed by the ERB to be reviewable will fulfill the participant's obligation to the ODP,...." The IHP recognizes that this policy change will dilute the quality of SR volume contributions. Publications requires instructions as to what to do if an author submits poor manuscript to ODP and sends a better one outside. The IHP recommends that the ERB will decide upon 'reviewability' of manuscript; then author is free to publish in the outside literature. It should be clear that 'dual submission' is neither encouraged nor permitted. It should be noted that as a consequence of this policy change it is more likely that shipboard scientists will reject requests for samples by shorebased investigators because they won't want competition for SR space.

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# Thursday 9 March Joint meeting with SMP

**ODP/TAMU depth Workshop:** Peter Blum (see appendix 7) Peter Blum reported results of the depth conference of 21-22 January 1995. The group at the conference defined three different depth types: (1)

drilling, (2) curation, and (3) logging. The two main recommendations are related to the two depth types to be archived:

They suggested that all reference data based on drill string measurements, such as downhole or sea floor deployment of equipment, downhole measurements using the drill string, depth of core tops, and "bottom-felt" depth or mudline datum used to established seafloor depth must be logged and archived as (D) mbsf. Logging data should be logged and archived as (L)mbsf. New depth data are (C)cmbsf, corrected depth below sea floor (from new corelog program) and (C)mcd, meters composite depth below seafloor, determined from study of multiple APC holes

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The question was asked whether depth corrections were mandatory. The answered was 'no'. The suggestion was made that we should not overlook the need for cross correlation of independently measured data sets, e.g., porosity vs. density; Hagleberg said perhaps that should be an individual scientist's decision, not SMP requirement; Blum said different scientists have different favorite routines; must have widely accepted method for this to be accepted

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program; The program is written in 4th Dimension relational database. The program will be next tested on Leg 161. They are now working to import Excel range charts into program

**Proposal for a Database Commonality Meeting:** Lynn Watney described the commonality meeting and asked for input regarding possible participants

**DB Steering Committee:** Terri Hagelberg described the report of the DB Steering Committee. Hagelberg presented lists of user groups it was suggested a structural person come from TECP.

JANUS: John Coyne presented the Current status of Janus. Group 1 data included in operational table (70 entries) - like dictionary. What remains to be included: known data types (paleomag, phys props, etc); Paleo - in process based on Paleo meeting 3/7; logging - research user input; VCD - being defined; Group 6 - further discussions (seismic, u/w, etc); Current draft data model covers essentials for group 1; Database report in progress and will include a model rationale and a versioning approach (sequential, concurrent). Things left to do: include known data types; complete database report; internal Tracor review of current draft model; Tracor/ODP model review; create database to support April 15 start of group 1 prototyping. The Data Base steering committee to review data model in April. The application development approach that Janus will use is designed to minimize time by using dual databases

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The advantages of this approach was explained to be as follows: minimize time when S1032 and Oracle are operating simultaneously; less interim transition support methods to be developed; allow applications to be developed in parallel; eliminate S1032/Oracle data sharing; earlier in the program: (1) lessen backend distribution of data efforts (2) allow use of better tools, data methods

The activities planned for Janus are as follows: for the preliminary data model: (1) complete, (2) review, (3) load into Oracle; for applications: (1) identify according to approach used, (2) prepare application portion of transition plan; with regard to hardware environments: (1) prepare installation plan, (2) assemble development environments, (3) build sampling table prototype. The following miscellaneous aspects of the program were discussed: configuration of the management/version control processes; user review group processes; system and tool training; steering committee review.

Janus will begin prototyping April 15.

### II. Thursday P.M.

A discussion of the make up of user groups was held and generally approved by the IHP with a few suggestions for additional individuals to serve.

Continued a discussion of the PCOM Publications Subcommittee regarding the impact of the changes on the ODP publications .

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