

Letter from the Co-Chairs, *JOIDES Resolution* Assessment Workshop

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the release of the *JOIDES Resolution* Assessment Report, and the accompanying *JOIDES Resolution* Community Survey Data Report, in support of the National Science Foundation's request to the National Science Board for the renewal of funding for the JR facility for the next five years. The reports can be found on the U.S. Science Support Program (USSSP) website at <http://usoceandiscovery.org/workshop-jr-assessment/>. The community overwhelmingly supports the JR and its ability to address high priority objectives of the IODP Science Plan.

The Community Survey Data Report documents the responses of 876 of our colleagues, both national and international, and provides significant insights into the IODP community.

The Workshop Report reflects the outstanding effort of the 81 attendees of the September 2017 workshop, "Assessment of the *JOIDES Resolution* in Meeting the Challenges of the IODP Science Plan." Their tasks included developing expedition results reports in preparation for the workshop, reviewing comments from the Community Survey, and synthesizing the two datasets. The report includes the results of plenary sessions from the workshop that focused on future scientific opportunities that can be addressed in the next five years, as well as discussion surrounding the relationship of the JR to the National Science Foundation's *Sea Change* report from 2015, in addition to a list of recommendations and updates for the next five years of JR operations.

Our deepest thanks go to the workshop steering committee, the U.S. Advisory Committee for Scientific Ocean Drilling, the report writers and editors, and USSSP for their many months of planning, implementation, writing, and review of both the survey and the workshop.

Sincerely,

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