

P6. The role of Italian scientists and educators in the International Ocean and Continental Drilling Programs: major achievements and new perspective

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In the recent years, the Italian scientific community has strengthened its participation in the scientific drilling through the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) and the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP). Thanks to substantial national funding dedicated to the Italian participation in European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling (ECORD) and a capillary work carried out by the IODP – Italia committee, an increasing number of Italian researchers has been recently involved in the whole spectrum of the activities of the drilling programs. This session invites contributions that present the impact of IODP expeditions and activities on the formation of scientists and educators and also illustrate/review recent scientific achievements highlighting the multidisciplinary topics, the quality of materials and the opportunity for high-profile collaborations. Moreover, we encourage contributions that outline perspectives and visions for future drilling projects and promote the dissemination of scientific information and discoveries.