Information Handling Panel Meeting,
3-6 August 1987
Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory

Executive Summary

The main focus of this meeting of the IHP was to evaluate the impact of budget reductions on the Science Services Department operations at TAMU, and to determine how these reductions might be best effected. In doing this we have been guided by two sets of principles. First, the EXCOM and PCOM have indicated that these reductions should be made in such a way as to reduce production costs of the ODP volumes by shifting some of the associated expenses more toward the science. Second we wished to adhere to a set of established priorities for maintaining the quality and prestige of the ODP publications (IHP Minutes of their 6-8 June 1984) as well as for developing and preserving ODP data bases.

Several models for revision of the publication process were presented to the IHP by ODP/TAMU and by one publication office of a scientific society. In the end we rejected all of these models, but retained some of their specific ideas. In addition we took into account the stated desires expressed by members of the international scientific community to members of the IHP.

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Brief introductions were made and the Action items from the February meeting were reviewed.

The Panel noted with great sorrow the death of Lillian Musich. During her tenure with DSDP, she was the driving force behind the development of the micropaleontological data base. This was a daunting task at a time of rapidly changing taxonomies and stratigraphies. The ultimate utility of this data base is a tribute to her efforts.

PCOM Report

Pisias presented the schedule for the balance of the Indian Ocean program. For the Leg 118, SWIR program, a hard rock guide base will be deployed. Leg 119 is composed of sites on the North Kerguelen Plateau and Prydz Bay, and requires an ice breaker (cost ~ $800,000). Leg 120 will drill central and southern Kerguelen Plateau sites and contains both sediment and basement objectives. Leg 121 focuses on the Broken Ridge, and Legs 122-123 will drill the Exmouth Plateau and Argo Abyssal Plain.

The outline of the WPAC Program was also presented. There are four parts to the "core" WPAC Program: Banda-Sulu-South China Sea Basin, Nanki convergent margin, Japan Sea, and Bonin Arc. They add up to about a years worth of drilling. Other programs being considered for WPAC include Sunda backthrusting, Great Barrier Reef, Vanuatu collision, Lau Basin and Bonin-Marianas.

The "dis-invitation" of the USSR to join ODP has caused significant budgeting problems. The Budget Committee (BCOM) recommendations for budget reductions were based on two factors: retain enough engineering development dollars to satisfy the requirements of COSODI and II, and retain enough dollars to deal with the "extra" expenses associated with FY 88 drilling. BCOM, EXCOM and PCOM all participated in the budget cutting process. The issue of publications needs to be addressed once again at this meeting.

Pyle commented that IHP should recognize that there is not much flexibility at this point; the budget is set and the time for action is short.
Curitorial Report

rrill presented Chris Mato's written report (Appendix 1). He noted that the demand for samples and the visits to the repositories continue to increase. Budget constraints have forced a reduction in student help at the repository. There is now a permanent staff of two at both the ECR and WCR. Because of reduced staff and increasing demand, Merrill warned that the waiting time for samples will probably increase.

There is a major upgrade in the works at the WCR. The former woodshop at SIO is now being converted to a workroom, which should be an asset for visitors. Heat pumps are also being installed so the rooms can be closed off, effectively cutting off further pollen contamination of the cores.

A list of people who have not produced manuscripts based on the samples they have received has been compiled. This list may serve as a reminder for further inquiry if more samples are requested or if these scientists are considered for shipboard or shore-based participation in ODP.

Borehole Research Group Report

Broglia presented the Borehole Research Group Report (Appendix 2). She made it clear that SOHP's recommendation that the logging data be presented at the same scale as the barrel sheets is not feasible. The IHP approved the revised presentation format of the log data (Appendix 2). Logs at a scale smaller than proposed would be difficult to read. At larger scales (e.g. at the scale of the barrel sheets) they are approaching the sampling interval for some of the tools. Detailed comparison of well logs and cores should be encouraged; however, some corrections to these logs and the exact correlation of cores and logs are not part of the standard processing of the logs carried out by this group. Such detailed correlation and comparison constitutes a research effort and should be treated in the research papers of part B volumes.

An inventory of well log data is included in Appendix 2.

Publications Group Report

Rose presented the report for this group (Appendix 3a). It contains the suggested reductions in staff and budget which have the effect of eliminating typesetting and drafting assistance for part B and reducing severely the editorial assistance. In addition the printing runs of the ODP volumes were proposed to be reduced to 1000 for each leg. This number would more than satisfy the contractual agreements with ODP partners. The reduction of the number of staff scientists from 10 to 7 will also preclude their acting as editorial coordinators for part B volumes.

Three models for a revised editorial review and publication process were presented to us as examples designed to promote creative discussions. In addition Pyle presented an offer from AGU to publish part B papers as a leg-coherent series (Appendix 3b).
Merrill presented some approximate budgetary figures for the two volumes which were of aid to the Panel in making decisions on how best to achieve high quality, leg coherent, timely, well edited, peer-reviewed part B volumes. The Panel discussed the necessity to downgrade the quality of publication because of the financial constraints, while maintaining high scientific and editorial quality. The Panel favors a reduced quality of part A, keeping parts A and B separate and maintaining their present schedule for publication (or if possible a quicker publication of part B).

In the area of content reduction, the Panel felt that savings could be realized by reducing seismic data plates and moving all numerical tables to the jacket as fische.

It was decided to ask ODP/TAMU to present a model for part A at a 10% reduction and also at a 20% reduction in cost. This would have to be accomplished with no change in schedule, no reduction in data extraction, and no shifts in personnel within the Science Services Division.

In discussing the various models of the publication process we kept in mind two sets of guidelines. First, that it appeared to be the intent of EXCOM and PCOM in reducing publication monies to shift some of the cost of producing the ODP volumes more toward the science and to require the authors to do more of the work in the production effort. Second we wished to adhere to the set of priorities already established for maintaining the quality and prestige of ODP volumes (IHP minutes of 8 June 1984).

After much discussion we rejected all of the models presented to us, but we kept in mind many of the innovative ideas contained in these models. We also took note of the opinions expressed to the Panel by members of the scientific community. We made the following recommendations.

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Merrill presented the written report for this group (Appendix 4) and the announcements of new data bases that have been made available to the public. These releases are to be announced in the JOIDES Journals. The Panel noted that good progress has been made toward getting data into the data bases; however, there are still a large number of data sources on the ship (Table 1 in Appendix 4) which were still recorded on paper and later entered into the computer. If we are ever to catch up with the data gathering process we must quickly move toward direct computer entry of data.

Moussat reported that he had successfully accessed the ODP data bank from his lab in France. The next trial will be done in consort with other scientists and will involve more complicated searches of the data bases.

Loughridge noted that his group had determined that some of the paleontologic codes listed in the DSDP data base could not be identified. He will contact some DSDP personnel to see if this problem can be tracked down.
The written report from this group was presented by Jack Foster (Appendix 5). It appeared from this report and from the discussions which followed that the workload of this group and the multiple tasks which it is addressing exceed the manpower capabilities of the group. The Panel noted that this group of the Science Services Division is diluting its efforts toward providing services to ODP science by also providing services to administration, logistics, engineering, and by the maintenance of hardware and the training of novice users. Although all these extra efforts are praiseworthy and useful, we feel that they diminish their ability to achieve what we feel should be their top priority goals. This is particularly true with the recent reductions in staffing levels. Because of these concerns we make the following recommendations.

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NGCD Report

Mike Loughridge reported on the status of the DSDP data at NGCD (Appendix 6). He presented the panel members with a CD-ROM containing the NGCD copy of the solar and terrestrial magnetism data bases and made a presentation describing its contents, means of accessing, hardware necessary for reading, and overall character of the data base. He noted that all of the DSDP data base will easily fit on one CD-ROM. The panel was impressed by the capacity of one such disc and felt that it was likely that the ODP data base, or parts thereof, might eventually be
made available to the scientific community using this means of storage.

--- Paleontologic Reference Centers ---

John Saunders discussed continued development of these centers. John has completed distributing samples through the first 40 legs and is training new personnel before undertaking the final group of samples. Additional funds will be needed before completion of the project.

John has completed the text for a brochure on the reference centers (Appendix 7a). Illustrations or this brochure will be added prior to printing and distribution. The text will also be submitted to the JOIDES Journal.

Bill Riedel has submitted a research proposal to NSF (in the U.S.), a small part of which contains monies for the completion of radiolarian samples for the reference centers.

The panel received a request (via PCOM) from Matt Salisbury, University of Dalhousie, that they be named as an eighth paleontologic reference center. The panel discussed the main considerations in selecting the eighth reference center (see Appendix 7b). Because there is only one set of samples left for distribution we did not want to move with great haste to name this "final" reference center.

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--- Wire line re-entry ---

Eric Moussat gave a brief report on the wireline re-entry system being developed by the French. It consists of a logging winch and tool which is delivered to a re-entry cone on the sea floor by a deep-diving submarine. The submarine places the system in the cone, actuates the winch and monitors the tool's performance.

--- ODP Site Survey Data Bank ---

Carl Brenner presented a review of the history and function of this LDGO office. The panel considered that, inspite of its official name, this was not a data bank in the sense of providing long-term archival of data. Rather, it is a collection center which provides the service of collating up-to-date data sets for the purpose of the detailed planning and execution of a drilling program. The cooperation of the international scientific community, critical to accomplishment of this task, and the effectiveness with which the service is provided by the
site survey data bank are both worthy of praise.

JP Logging Capabilities

The panel would like to thank Dr. Roger Anderson and his associates for their presentations on the ODP logging program. We will have a much better grasp of the types of logs available and their utility, as well as the complexity of their interpretation. Our impression is that use of logs and of the logging data base will continue to grow.
**Action Items**

* Christina Broglia - Let Mike Loughridge know if there are any bad tapes in collection of log tapes.

* Mike Loughridge - Inform panel members once quality control checks have been made on DSDP data tapes.
  
  - Check on errors in paleontologic codes; if unable to resolve, contact Ted Moore or Al Loeblich.

* Russ Merrill - Write P. Cepek concerning his plans regarding the Mesozoic micropaleontologic data base.

  - In making color photos of cores check to see if 35 mm rolls cheaper than individual slides.
Appendix 7b

Desirable attributes of the 8th Micropaleontological Reference Center

1. The existing centers have been chosen to provide reasonable geographic coverage for biostratigraphers around the world. The last center should be so placed as to enhance this network.

2. It should have the necessary secure storage space and curational ability to maintain such a collection on a permanent basis.

3. It needs adequate resources to house and display the samples in a way most suited for their use.

4. It should have adequate equipment and working space for visiting scientists.

5. It should have adequate resources and manpower to assist in the next phase of sample selection beginning at Leg 101 and be able to undertake the preparation of at least one of the fossil groups.
30 July 1987

TO: Members of the Information Handling Panel

FROM: Christine Y. Mato, Supervisor Curation and Repositories, ODP

Accomplishments FY87

A. Sample Investigations Database

The Sample Investigations database was put online in April 1987. The system is a catalogue of DSDP/ODP sample usage. The database is used to track the names and addresses of investigators who received samples, the holes, the purpose, dates which thin sections should be returned, and the status of investigator obligations to ODP. Requestors who have not completed their obligations will be dunned about every two months.

Unlike the DSDP databank which was maintained as a historical reference file, this database was designed to input sample requests during the review phase. Reports can be generated from the Sample Investigations Database to determine:

- the current processing status of each sample request
- the kinds of studies which were conducted on each hole
- relative popularity of each hole

About 1000 sample requests were processed during the first 30 months of operation before the database was put on-line. These requests still must be entered into the database. The loss of a student worker from Curation in FY88 will delay updating of the Sample Investigations Database by about 2 years. Attachment A shows the present status of the computerized sample related data.

B. Sample Distribution

During the years 1969-1983 of DSDP operation, the core repositories were staffed with three full-time museum scientists. During these twelve years the ECR averaged 761 samples per month and the WCR averaged 731 samples per month. One member from the permanent staff sailed each leg as the curatorial rep.
Under the management of ODP, the Repository staff consists of two full-time museum scientists at the ECR and WCR. The GCR supports two sea-going and one shorebased museum scientist. In FY88 each Repository will lose their student worker who assisted with sample preparation and on-going core maintenance work.

During the first 2.5 years of ODP operations the East Coast Repository distributed an average of 1,968 samples per month and the West Coast Repository distributed an average of 1,016 samples per month. This is an increase in sample distribution from DSDP of 258% at the ECR and 138% at the WCR. These significant increases in the number of samples distributed, coupled with the reduction in force of one full-time position at each Repository during FY86 and the loss of the student worker in FY88 will result in a general deterioration of the services which we can provide to the scientific community. Attachment B shows the DSDP and ODP yearly sample distribution.

C. Effects of FY88 budget re-alignment

The proposed realignment of FY88 funds results in Curation and Repositories losing four student workers at a cost savings of $20,000 to ODP. The loss of the Curation student worker will result in a 2 year delay of the updating of the Sample Investigations Database. The loss of the Repository students will mean that the permanent staff in each Repository must now assume the responsibility for maintenance work critical to core preservation. Based on early estimates of core maintenance needs, the ECR and GCR will need to maintain their cores on a three year cycle, while the WCR will assume a two year cycle. The different cycles are due to the varying local humidities encountered in each Repository region.

Time for the routine maintenance work has been allocated as follows:

- 34 hr/mo core maintenance; ECR and GCR
- 49 hr/mo core maintenance; WCR
- 248 hrs/leg for cruise related inventory and racking

Overall changes in the Repositories due to realignment of FY88 funding are:

- increasing the sample request response time to an 8-10 week turn-around.
- show and tells will be cut to 6 hours per month (a net reduction of 50%).
- non routine core maintenance will not be completed see Attachment C

If the number of requests and samples continue to steadily increase as in the past, we may need to re-evaluated our priorities during FY88. This may require expanding the sample request response time to 10-12 weeks turn-around. Attachment C shows the new tasks which the full-time Repository personnel must assume as a direct result of losing the students workers.

D. The report you requested during the February 1987 meeting is included as Attachment D. Investigators who received cruise related samples but who have not submitted a manuscript for publication in the ODP Proceedings are included in the lists. In light of their failure to honor their publication obligation, please advise me whether these investigators should continue to receive samples from ODP.
ATTACHMENT A

Status of sample related databases

ODP Shipboard Sample Records
(data entered)
(data must be keyed)

Repository Sample Records

ODP Sample Investigations
(data entered)
(data must be keyed)

Administrative

ODP Sample Investigations
(data integrated w/ODP rates)

ODP Shipboard Sample Records
(data entered, run on database)

Legs 1-15
Legs 26-71
Leg 7A-25

161-163 cleaned available 1 October 1987
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Database in design, no data available

ODP Legs 161, 165-171
about 850 including subsequent or next
about 1000 requests

database now in use

ODP Leg 164 subsequent not yet

1988-1989 subsequent not yet

Legs 1-15
Legs 26-71
Leg 7A-25

161-163 cleared, new data
clear, check for cleared

data

1988-1989 records
AVERAGE NUMBER OF SAMPLES DISTRIBUTED BY REPOSITORIES

- TOTAL
- ECR
- WCR
- GCR

CALENDAR YEAR

AVERAGE NUMBER OF SAMPLES
Routine Scheduled Core Maintenance Projects

Core Maintenance

- rewet sponges
- reconstruct heavily sampled cores

Inventories

- Residuals: 24/hr
- Cores: 160/leg
- Thin sections: 3/leg
- Smear slides: 80/leg

Other Maintenance Work, non-routine

- Recompress cores
- Change out illegible labels
- Remove archive halves
- Inventory existing smear slides
- Yearly water inventory
- Organic Geochemistry inventory

Completed by 1 October 1987
Legs 1-7
Lega 66-70 00-50, 50+.
- Inventory with plan
- Leg 1-7, 8 month core remains
- Leg 1-70, 2 month core remains
Date: July 31, 1987

To: Members of the Information Handling Panel
    Xenia Golovchenko, BRG Operation Manager

From: Cristina Broglia

Subject: Well Log Database, Data distribution, Publication of Well Log data in ODP Proceedings.

Well Log Database. At the present time the database consists of over 600 tapes, organized in three groups as follows:

a. ODP tapes (333 tapes), including original field tapes, field edit tapes and backup tapes. All of the data are recorded in LIS (Log Information Standard) format. According to the distribution policy these data are available to scientists other than the shipboard party starting one year after the end of the leg. Therefore data from leg 109 can now be released.

b. DSDP tapes (225), including original Schlumberger tapes sent to us from Tom Birtley when the DSDP database at Scripps was dismantled. Most of these tapes are in LIS format. Only few of them are in Gearhart-Owen format and at present we do not have the capability of reading them.

c. Miscellaneous tapes (118). They include tapes of offshore exploratory wells, land wells and of the Cajon Pass well recently drilled as part of the DOSECC program.

Enclosed is the inventory of the ODP wells logged so far (Leg 101 thru Leg 115).

Data distribution. So far the distribution of the logging data has followed the rules defined in the distribution policy. Whenever data is requested by members of the scientific community before the one year clearance it is up to the co-chief scientists to decide if the data can be released. In any case approval is given only if the request does not conflict with the study carried on by the logging scientist/s. Such requests are addressed immediately to the co-chiefs. No decision is made by members of BRG.

Here is a summary of the requests received in the first semester of 1987:

ODP data (tapes + hardcopies): 14 requests
DSDP data (tapes): 9 requests
1 request is still waiting for approval by the co-chiefs.

A second shipment of ODP tapes (leg 109) to NGDC was done in June. Next shipment (legs 107,108, 110) will be at the end of September.

Data Publication in ODP Proceedings. The original logging data, as recorded on the JOIDES Resolution, are now routinely included in the Site Chapter
according to the standard presentation here enclosed which was approved at the IHP meeting in La Jolla last year. This certainly represents an improvement compared to the past, when in most of cases logs were shown at a very small scale and were hardly readable. This solution has been adopted so far for legs 104, 105, 107, 110, 112. In certain cases, however, when the logged interval is very long, upon request of the co-chiefs (legs 109 and 111) backpocket figures have been used instead. In fact they are more convenient for future use, since they permit an easy handling for correlations, without omitting any of the original logging data.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Information Handling Panel

FROM: William D. Rose
Supervisor of Publications

SUBJECT: Report of Publications Group

DATE: 15 July 1987

Introduction

Following meetings of the JOIDES Planning Committee and Executive Committee in April, a decision was made to cut $171,000 from the Publications Group's proposed budget for the 1988 fiscal year by eliminating copy editing, typesetting, and assistance to authors in preparing artwork for Part B volumes of the ODP Proceedings. Also as a result of these meetings, an additional cut of $27,000 was made by deciding to print only 1,000 copies of each volume of the Proceedings (Parts A and B) in the traditional manner, with the remaining 1000 copies in microform. The cuts thus identified amount to a total of $198,000 for our FY88 budget.

The impacts of these budget cutbacks are described in an attached document entitled "Impact of FY88 Budget Reductions on ODP Publications." Also described are 3 proposed models for publication of Part B volumes of the ODP Proceedings.

Current Status of Part A Volumes

Vols. 101A, 102A, and 103A of the ODP Proceedings are now in print. Vol. 104A is at the printer, and we expect distribution by the end of this month. Vol. 105A is also at the printer and will be distributed in August. Vols. 106A through 111A are now in press. We have decided to bind Vols. 106A, 109A, and 111A together in the same book for two principal reasons: they are all hard-rock legs (the first two describe rocks at the same site), and the timing of completion of editing and artwork is just right to produce them all at once without delaying production.

After noticing that the chrome-finish cover material we used for Vols. 101A/102A was becoming scuffed and
discolored, we worked with our printer to identify a more
durable and scuff-resistant cloth-based cover material,
which we used on Vol. 103A and will use on subsequent
volumes.

**Status of Part B Manuscripts Accepted for Publication**

Meanwhile, manuscripts accepted so far for publication
in Part B volumes, with percentages of total submissions
indicated, are as follows: 101B, 16 (30%); 102B, 3 (20%);
and 103B, 7 (11%). In order to honor our commitment to
authors as nearly as possible, we are still planning to
edit, typeset, and publish those Part B volumes in the
traditional manner for which we receive all the manuscripts
by 15 August of this year. This will cover, in addition to
the first three mentioned, possibly Vols. 104B and 105B. In
order to do this, we plan to use freelance editors and
illustrators because of our personnel cutbacks.

**Status of Informal Publications**

As of this date, we have issued the following informal
ODP serial reports, which we have printed and produced
in-house:

- Scientific Prospectus: 18
- Hole Summary: 15
- Preliminary Report: 15
- Technical Note: 7

**Other Activities**

Richardson Associates is winding up work on the
cumulative index of the 96 volumes giving the results of the
Deep Sea Drilling Project. We are in the process of editing
and reorganizing Peter Supko's introduction to the index.
When we receive the completed index from Richardson
Associates, we will review the index, make any necessary
corrections, complete the front matter, and coordinate
publication with the U.S. Government Printing Office.

Meanwhile, we are evaluating the 3 proposals we have
received for preparing indexes of the ODP Proceedings
volumes on a volume-by-volume basis. Because the final
format of Part B volumes has not been decided, the proposers
have been asked to consider only Part A volumes for indexing
at this time.

Attachment
IMPACT OF FY88 BUDGET REDUCTIONS ON ODP PUBLICATIONS

Prepared by ODP Publications Group and Science Operations Department

15 July 1987

During meetings of the JOIDES Planning Committee and Executive Committee in April of this year, a decision was made to reduce the ODP FY88 operating budget in part by revising the ODP publication format. Revisions include (1) going to an author-prepared, camera-ready format, thereby eliminating copy editing, typesetting, and assistance to authors in preparing artwork for Part B volumes of the ODP Proceedings; (2) printing only 1000 copies of each Part A and Part B volume of the Proceedings in the traditional hardbound manner, with the remaining 1000 copies to be published in microform; and (3) eliminating 3 Staff Scientist positions in the Science Operations Department, thereby curtailing staff scientist responsibilities for Part B of the Proceedings.

The impacts of such redirection in ODP publications are as follows.

ODP Proceedings

Half of each edition, or 1000 copies, of both Parts A and B of the ODP Proceedings will be issued in microform, thus reducing the overall number of hardbound copies available for use and possibly reducing the interest in publishing in the volumes. Manuscripts published in Part B of the Proceedings will be author prepared, using typescript or author-furnished typeset copy, including tables and finished illustrations. Papers submitted in typescript can be expected to run 12% to 25% longer than typeset copy, even with our planned reduction to 80% of original size. In addition, quality and consistency of expression will vary between manuscripts.

Subcontractors

Typesetting requirements will be reduced by about 90% from the amount originally expected for Part B volumes, and printing runs will be reduced from 2000 to 1000. This will require that new cost agreements be established. In addition, a subcontract with a microform manufacturer will have to be executed to produce the volume editions in this form; based on recent information from North America and Europe, microfiche appears to be the most widely used microformat.
Personnel

A total of 7 positions have been eliminated in the Publications Group (3 Editors, 1 Illustrator, 1 Draftsperson, 1 Production Editor, and 1 Research Assistant), and 3 positions have been eliminated in the Science Operations Department (3 Staff Scientists). In order to handle paste-up and production of author-prepared copy, 2 new positions are planned for the Publications Group, a Paste-up Artist and a Keyboarder.

These budget reductions make it necessary to evaluate the general concept of publication of the ODP Proceedings, based on author-prepared manuscripts, to determine the specific format that will best maintain a high degree of quality and consistency within the limited available resources. To assist in this endeavor, the ODP Publications Group and the Science Operations Department have collaborated in analyzing various options and have prepared 3 models which seem best suited for providing a high-quality final product. Model 1 adheres to single-leg volumes, Model 2 comprises a journal format, and Model 3 is characterized by having production and distribution handled by an external publisher.

We ask that you review these options and determine which, if any, best suits the needs of the scientific community for presentation of cruise results.

Proposed Models for Part B Publication

Certain features are common to all 3 of these models.

The volumes could be either hardbound or softbound. Either form of binding could accommodate up to 1000 pages. Otherwise, the general format would be essentially the same as current Part A volumes—that is, 8 1/2- by 11-in. size, 2 columns, the same size type page, etc.

A stringent peer-review system would be maintained in all 3 models. The system we are suggesting differs slightly from model to model and is outlined in the discussions of the models. The ODP Manuscript Coordinator occupies an important position in the peer-review system and is responsible for seeing that manuscript flow is smooth and timely.

After papers are accepted for publication, authors would submit them in camera-ready form as (1) elite typescript or (2) typeset copy, both options in accordance with detailed instructions furnished to them in advance. Typescript text would be reduced to 80% of original size,
similar to the format of the *Journal of Geophysical Research*. No papers would be copy edited.

Artwork for papers accepted for publication would be submitted in finished, camera-ready form according to previously furnished detailed instructions. For example, line illustrations would be prepared for reduction to 80% of original size and could be submitted either as originals or as excellent glossy photographic prints. Continuous-tone photographs for reproduction as halftones would be submitted as glossy prints.

Publication would be approximately bimonthly. The earliest time any author could publish would be 1 year post-cruise. All shipboard and cruise-related authors would be required to submit their papers for publication. No duplicate publication in outside journals or other publications would be allowed.

The 3 proposed models are described as follows.

**Model 1: Part B volumes published in leg-coherent format**

This model comprises traditional leg coherence; that is, each volume would contain peer-reviewed specialty papers relating only to a specific leg.

An editorial board would comprise 6 members for each cruise: 2 co-chiefs, 1 staff scientist, and 3 other scientific specialists knowledgeable in the region of the cruise. The scientists making up such a board would have complementary backgrounds and specialties.

Each member of the editorial board, except the ODP staff scientists, could be reimbursed for routine expenses of the peer-review effort to a maximum of $150 a month. Thus the annual expense for this activity could amount to as much as $50,000.

**Possible advantages of Model 1:**

- Leg coherence would be maintained.

- In format, volumes would constitute an easily identifiable companion set to Part A volumes.
Possible disadvantages of Model 1:

- Problems of late manuscripts for a particular leg would hold up publication of the volume.
- Author-prepared copy possibly is not as well suited to a book format as to a journal format.

Model 2: Part B published in journal format

Papers ordinarily would be published on the basis of earliest acceptance unless a special issue is being prepared. The arrangement of papers in a given issue would be first by leg and then by subject. Each issue could contain a partial list of papers and/or topics for publication in the next issue.

An editorial board would handle peer reviews. This board would be composed of a chairman and 24 members—12 from the U.S.A., including several ODP staff scientists, and 12 from other ODP member nations. Membership on the board would represent the full spectrum of scientific disciplines in the appropriate proportions needed to deal with the expected flow of manuscripts most efficiently. It would be advantageous for co-chiefs to be members of the review board when the bulk of the manuscripts from their respective cruises are scheduled to be submitted.

Each member of the editorial board, except the ODP staff scientists, could be reimbursed for routine expenses of the peer-review effort to a maximum of $150 a month. Thus the annual expense for this activity could amount to as much as $40,000.

Any data papers accepted for publication could go in a special section in back and would not have to be peer reviewed. Special data editions could be issued when necessary.

The latest for any paper to be accepted for publication would be 24 months post-cruise. After 24 months, page charges could be imposed (USSAC might want to stipulate this in the post-cruise funding agreement).

The journal would have at least the same circulation as Part A, and a subscription fee might be considered for other interested parties.

An annual index is proposed for this option.
Possible advantages of Model 2:

- Publication would not be held up waiting for all the manuscripts to come in for a given leg.
- More time would be available for authors to make further manuscript revisions when required.
- A journal format possibly would be viewed by readers and authors as a more suitable mode of publication than a book format for a collection of author-prepared manuscripts that have not been copy edited.
- Thematic issues could be planned to utilize material covering several legs when considered desirable.
- Papers from authors "at large," not pegged to a particular leg, could be considered for publication. Papers based on research stemming from DSDP cruises likewise could be considered.

Possible disadvantages of Model 2:

- Leg coherence would be lost.
- Publication on a first-come, first-published basis might increase shipboard/shore-based competitiveness and decrease cooperation among authors.
- Without a deadline for manuscript submission, a given manuscript might never get written.
- Coordination of research results owing to different times of publication of related data might be difficult to achieve in departing from a leg-coherent format.

Model 3: Part B publication handled by an external publisher

This model is most similar to Model 2, except that production and distribution would be subcontracted to an external publisher. Editorial control would remain with ODP, however, including manuscript coordination and manuscript flow through the peer-review system. A particular editor for each volume could be designated by the editorial board, if that is considered desirable.

Strict leg coherence would not be contemplated, but thematic volumes would be planned as desired.

Following acceptance of their papers, authors would prepare their text copy, together with tables and artwork, and would send this copy directly to the publisher, not to ODP, for paste-up and pagination.
ODP would pay the publisher for all the books sent to recipients on our regular distribution list. We would encourage the publisher to develop a marketing program over and above our distribution needs to achieve the widest distribution possible; this would increase the printing run and thereby lower the unit cost of the volumes.

The possible advantages and disadvantages of Model 3 would be essentially the same as for Model 2.

**Other Publication Options**

We have examined several additional publication options.

Firstly, we are especially interested in identifying ways in which the savings instituted by printing 1000 copies of Part A and Part B volumes of the ODP Proceedings in print form and 1000 copies in microform can be offset so that the entire editions of both Part A and Part B volumes can be printed and bound in the traditional manner, if that is considered desirable.

One cost-saving option we are exploring is going to acid-free, uncoated paper for both Part A and Part B volumes. This paper stock would permit good reproduction of text and line art and would not affect halftone reproduction of photographs badly. Another option that would reduce costs would be to bind Part A volumes with soft covers. We are obtaining firm cost figures for these options, and we will share them with you at the IHP meeting next month.

Secondly, another possibility that has been suggested for Part B publication would be to allow authors to submit their manuscripts in French or German as well as in English, with translations of abstracts and figure and plate captions furnished in English. As no copy editing can be provided to authors of accepted papers whose native language is not English, this option might prove desirable for scientists from some of the ODP member countries.

Finally, we are considering offering authors the option of providing typesetting for them at cost by our typesetting subcontractor. Authors would prepare their accepted papers for Part B volumes, according to our instructions, and send them to us. Our production section would handle the technical aspects of this option, with the main focus being to capture "hard-copy" manuscripts electronically by means of our Kurzweil 4000 optical character reader for routine
transmission to the typesetter. Using this method, the cost for setting one 2-column page of type would be approximately $29.25. If type is set from hard copy, the cost would be $36.75 per printed page. Tables would average about $25.00 per printed page if typeset from hard copy, and $20.00 per printed page if typeset from electronic copy. The cost for setting range charts from hard copy would vary considerably, depending on size and complexity, and would range from approximately $42.50 to $73.75 per printed page.
July 13, 1987

TO: Members of the Information Handling Panel

FROM: Patricia Brown
Data Base Supervisor

SUBJECT: Data Base Group Status Report and Upcoming Activities

The following report reviews the status of the Data Base Group since the last IHP meeting and outlines the projected activities for the next 6 months and 12 months.
DATA BASE PROGRESS TO DATE

I. Personnel

In March, 1987, a geography graduate student began working half time with the Data Base Group (DBG). He is working on the clean up and processing of the Thermal Conductivity, Down Hole Tool, and G.R.A.P.E. files.

II. Present Status of ODP Data Bases

Table 1 is a listing of the data bases archived by the DBG and their current status. The DBG has continued to process and microfilm all data received from the ship on paper forms, and make both paper and microfilmed data available to the public. As of this writing, data has been received, and is being processed and microfilmed up to Leg 114. (No data were collected by ODP on Leg 102, except Underway Geophysical data and Down Hole Heatflow data.)

The DBG, with the help of the Computer Services Group (CSG), has focused on completing the following activities outlined in our last report to IHP (Memo to IHP, Feb. 17, 1987).

Data Base Design--The data bases and computerized shore data entry screens for the Sediment/Sediment Rock Visual Core Descriptions were completed and implemented. The design of the data bases for the Down Hole Heatflow and G.R.A.P.E. data were outlined.

Shipboard Computerization of Data Collection--The Physical Properties Shear Strength computerized data entry screens and data bases have been completed by the CSG and are expected to be installed on the ship for Leg 117. The Leg, Site and Hole Summary data entry screens, data bases, and reports have been completed by the CSG and are expected to be installed on the ship for Leg 117. The DBG, with help from the CSG, has completed the Chemistry CaCO3 and Carbon (Total, Organic, and Inorganic) data entry screens, data base, and reports. They are also expected to be installed on Leg 117.

Data Base Cleanup--The transfer of the Paleomagnetic data files into the S1032 data base system has been completed for Legs 101-113 except for Legs 101, 103, and 107. The G.R.A.P.E., Down Hole Tool, and Thermal Conductivity data files collected on the computer for Legs 101-113 have been renamed to a standardized format and processed. Several user friendly programs to facilitate searching and retrieving data in the Corelog data base and the Sediment/Sedimentary Rock Smearslide/Thin Section data base were completed. A program to easily report CaCO3 and Carbon data was completed.

The editing and keyboarding onshore of data recorded on
paper forms continues to progress well. Please refer to Table 1 for the current status of data in S1032 data bases.

III. DSDP Data

The DBG has received all the finalized digital data bases from DSDP. The XRD data base has been converted into its permanent S1032 data base. The following DSDP data bases have been temporarily converted into S1032 data bases for inhouse use:

- Site Summary Report
- Core Depth
- Sediment Visual Core Description
- Index Properties
- Carbon Carbonate
- Age Code.

IV. Data Requests

To date the Data Librarian has responded to 139 requests outside of those from ODP staff members.

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V. Miscellaneous

The DBG has begun writing the documents intended to accompany requested data from each data base. The document provides information such as the instruments used to collect the data, data formats, and explanations of each of the data items to aid requestors. Attachment A is an example of the documents being designed for the Paleomagnetics Measurements data.

The DBG, with help from the CSG, has completed the physical organization of the tape storage library which will archive data stored on computer tapes. We have begun creating the computerized tape retrieval system needed to quickly identify...
PROJECTED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 6 AND 12 MONTHS

I. 6 Months

The following activities are scheduled to be completed by the end of January, 1988.

1. Data Base Design

   a. Completion and implementation of the data bases and computerized shore data entry screens for the Igneous/Metamorphic Visual Core Descriptions and Thin Sections.

   b. Completion and implementation of the data bases for G.R.A.P.E., Down Hole Heatflow, and Thermal Conductivity data.

2. Shipboard Computerization of Data Collection

   a. The completion and implementation on the ship by the CSG of the computerized data entry screens and data bases for the Physical Properties data bases (Index Properties, Compressional/Shear Wave Velocity, and G.R.A.P.E Special 2 Minute Count).

   b. Completion of a preliminary design for the computer entry screens for the Sediment/Sedimentary Rock Smearslide/Thin Section Descriptions.

3. Data Base Cleanup

   a. Reach "steady state" for the transfer of the Paleomagnetic data files into the S1032 data base.

   b. Complete the transfer of the XRF data into the S1032 data base.

   c. Complete the merging of the CaCO3 data and Carbon data into one dataset.

   d. Complete the design of a scheme for the cleanup of the Downhole Tools data files.

4. Editing and keyboarding onshore the data for the following data bases and Legs:

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5. Processing of Underway Geophysical data by Stu Smith for Leg 112-118.

II. 12 Months

The following activities should be completed by the end of next July, 1988.

1. Data Base Design

a. Completion of a design for the programs and data bases needed to generate ODP's input to the Core Curators' file for the National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC).

b. A preliminary design of the data base for Paleontology data.

2. Shipboard Computerization of Data Collection

a. Completion and implementation of the computerized data entry screens and data bases for the Chemistry data base including Rock Evaluation, Gas Chromatography, and Interstitial Water.

b. Continue work on the computerized data entry screens and data bases for the Sediment/Sedimentary Rock Smearslide/Thin Section Descriptions.

3. Data Base Cleanup

a. Implementation of the scheme for the cleanup of the Downhole Tools data files.

4. Editing and keyboarding onshore the data for the following data bases and Legs:

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Physical Properties

Compressional/Shear Wave Velocity 103-108
Index Properties 103-108
Shear Strength 112-116

5. Processing of Underway Geophysical data by Stu Smith for Leg 119-121.

6. Incorporation of all the DSDP data bases into the ODP S1032 data base system.

III. General Activities

Over the next year, as time permits, we will continue to proceed with the following activities:

a. Completion of documentation explaining the contents and format of each data base as it is readied for public access. This will aid requestors in the use of the ODP data bases.

b. Turning over to NGDC our completed data bases. Our first priorities for NGDC will be the Site Summary Report and the Core Curators' file.

c. Although at present several data bases can be searched and reports generated, the final edit checks have not been made. We are awaiting the completion of the batch edit checks designed by CSG.

d. Work on the brochure describing the Paleo Reference Centers. Attachment B is a copy of the information sent by John Saunders about the Paleo Reference Centers to be used in the brochure.
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* P = Paper
* M = Manually entered onto a computerized screen form
* D = Direct capture of computer generated data by the VAX
RESULTS OF FY88 BUDGET CUTS

The DBG has been steadily moving towards its goals of computerizing data collected by ODP, merging the DSDP data into the ODP data collection and creating a computerized data collection scheme for the ship. We have concerned ourselves with quality control and providing service to the scientific community in a timely and thorough manner. However, the planned FY88 budget cuts will certainly reduce our ability to continue our services in the same manner as in the past.

For the DBG, the FY88 budget cuts mean the loss of over half of our non-payroll budget and 1 1/2 to-be-named positions. Some of the results of these losses will be the following:

The computerization of the Sediment/Sedimentary Rock Visual Core Description data and the Paleontology data will be greatly delayed because we will not have the personnel to edit and process the data. This in turn means a delay in the ODP contribution to the NGDC Core Curator's file.

The complete integration of the DSDP electronic data bases into the ODP system will be delayed.

We will eventually not be able to microfilm and process the Underway Geophysical data.

Correspondences to clarify requests will have to be predominately by mail, which will significantly delay the completion of the request.

All services will not be free to the requestor any more. The requestor will have to pay for shipping, magnetic tapes, etc. if over a given amount.

The building of a user friendly, online data base that could be accessed from the user's own terminal will be significantly delayed, if not abandoned.

The budget cuts to the CSG will also affect the DBG. We will have to do more programming on our own without the help of the CSG. This will result in delays in computerizing collection, storage and retrieval of the data.

Ultimately, the results of the FY88 budget cuts mean reduced services to the scientific community, through delays in the completion of the ODP data base and the lack of funds to provide prompt and thorough service.
ATTACHMENT A


The Paleomagnetics Intensity and Direction data file contains measurements taken onboard the JOIDES/Resolution. Two magnetometers are available on the ship for measuring the magnetization of samples:

1. A three-axis, pass through cryogenic (superconducting) magnetometer used primarily for whole core section continuous NRM or demagnetized measurements on the archive half of the core. This instrument can also be used for measurements on discrete samples.

2. A Molspin minispin spinner magnetometer used to measure both rock and sediment discrete samples up to 1 inch in diameter.

Two other pieces of equipment are used to demagnetize discrete samples:

1. The Schonstedt GSD-1 Alternating Field Demagnetizer used for AF demagnetization of rock or sediment samples.

2. The Schonstedt TSD-1 Thermal Demagnetizer, available as of Leg 114, used for the thermal demagnetization of dry rock samples with a temperature range of 0 to 800 degrees C.

The data are collected directly from the magnetometers onto the shipboard VAX computer and brought back to shore on magnetic tape. (Legs 101-107 discrete sample results were collected on paper forms and encoded on shore.)

The data file contains measurements made on discrete samples and continuous whole core sections of the archive half, on hard rocks and sediments. Magnetic properties recorded in the data file include natural remanent magnetization (NRM) intensity, declination and inclination along with all intensity, declination and inclination values after demagnetization.

II. LEGS IN THE DATA FILE

The data file contains data from Legs 101, 103-present Leg.

III. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Shipboard Scientific Party. 1987. Explanatory Notes. in
IV. DATA ITEM FORMATS

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V. EXPLANATION OF THE PALEOMAGNETIC DATA ITEMS

- **SAMPLE_CODE** - An alpha code identifying the investigator or test for which the sample was taken.

- **LEG** - Number identifying the cruise. The Ocean Drilling Program started numbering the cruises of the JOIDES Resolution at Leg 101.

- **SUBLEG** - Letter identifying a subleg or transit. A subleg is the continuation of a Leg in the same area with the same objectives after a port call and crew change.

- **SITE** - Number identifying the site. A site is the position of a beacon around which holes are drilled.

- **HOLE** - Letter identifying the hole.
CORE - Number identifying the core. Cores are numbered serially from the top of the hole downward.

CORETYPE - A letter code identifying the drill bit/coring method used to retrieve the core. The coretype codes are:
   B - Drill Bit
   C - Center Bit
   D - Positive Displacement
   H - Hydraulic Piston Core
   M - Miscellaneous
   N - Downhole Mud Motor (Navidrill)
   P - Pressure Core Barrel
   R - Rotary
   S - Side Wall Core
   W - Wash Core
   X - Extended Core Barrel

SECTION - A core is cut into 1.5 meter long sections that are numbered serially from the top of the core. A core with full recovery will have 7 sections and a core catcher and be approximately 9.8 meters long.

TOP_INTERVAL - The location of the top of a sample within a section in centimeters.

BOTTOM_INTERVAL - The location of the bottom of a sample within a section in centimeters.

PIECE - Number identifying a rock piece within a section. A piece is one or a group of rock fragments that can be fitted together.

SUB_PIECE - Letter identifying the individual rock fragments within a piece.

VOLUME - The volume of the sample in cubic centimeters. For whole core cryogenic measurements volume is left blank. When whole cores are fed through the cryogenic it takes readings at predetermined intervals along the core. Since these readings are at "points", there is no volume.

A_OR_W - Indicates whether the sample or reading was taken from the archive (A) or working (W) half of the core.

WC_OR_DS - Indicates whether the reading was done on a discrete sample (DS) or the whole core (WC).

METHOD - Method used to obtain the reading.
   S = Molspin Spinner Magnetometer
   C = Cryogenic Magnetometer
TREATMENT.TYPE - AF = Alternating-field Demagnetization
TH = Thermal Demagnetization
NR = Natural Remnant Magnetization

TREATMENT.LEVEL - The treatment level used for the measurement.
AF is in Oe
TH in degrees C
NRM is always 0.

DECLINATION - Recorded in degrees from 0.00 - 359.99.

INCLINATION - Recorded in degrees from -90.00 - 90.00.

INTENSITY - The method used determines the units for the intensity value.
Molspin Spinner Magnetometer is in mA/m
Cryogenic Magnetometer is in csg x10^-6

CSD - Circular Standard Deviation (Fisher, 1953) of three vectors measured during six spin measurements. Value indicates an internal consistency of the measurement. A value above 30 represents a random measurement. No CSD values for Cryogenic measurements.
I. INTRODUCTION

The Susceptibility data file contains the susceptibility measurements taken onboard the JOIDES/Resolution. A Bartington M.S.I Magnetic Susceptibility meter on the ship can measure discrete samples or whole core sections passed through the instrument's sensor loop.

The data are collected directly from the susceptibility meter onto the shipboard VAX computer and brought back to shore on magnetic tape. (Legs 101-107 discrete sample results were collected on paper forms and encoded on shore.)

The data file contains measurements made on discrete samples and continuous whole core sections.

II. LEGS IN THE DATA FILE

The data file contains data from Legs 101, 103-108, 110-present Leg.

III. BIBLIOGRAPHY


IV. DATA ITEM FORMATS

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SUB_PIECE - Letter identifying the individual rock fragments within a piece.

VOLUME - The volume of the sample in cubic centimeters.

SUSCEPTIBILITY - The value is in x10-6 cgs units and is volume corrected.

WC_OR_DS - Indicates whether the reading was done on a discrete sample (DS) or a whole core (WC).
ATTACHMENT B
The Reason for the Centres

The Deep Sea Drilling Project produced an enormous wealth of new biostratigraphic information from its 96 legs. The Initial Volumes ('Blue Books') contain many contributions on the faunas and floras recorded by the shipboard and shorelab parties and these include new species descriptions.

Core material is by no means inexhaustible and therefore access to it has to be restricted to requests for research material leading to publication. Even so, important intervals are gradually being sampled out of existence.

For the above reasons it has been decided to set up a number of references centres around the World in order to:

1. preserve material from important levels for all time;
2. make it possible for research workers to see the quality of preservation and the richness of a large number of microfaunas and floras and therefore, perhaps, to plan their own sample requests in the most advantageous way;
3. allow people to compare actual, prepared faunas and floras (equivalent to type material) with published figures and descriptions though they may not wish to do further research themselves;
4. provide centres spread around the World to cut down on travel costs for individual researchers.

The Location of the Centres is as follows with the name of the present curator if known:

U.S. Gulf Coast
Dr. Stef Gartner
Department of Oceanography
Texas A & M University
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U.S. East Coast
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Moscow 109180, U.S.S.R.

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Dr. Tony Edwards
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The long term intention of the Collections

1. To provide a collection of prepared micro-faunas and floras from as many important sites and intervals as possible from Leg 1 through Leg 96.

   Continuation of the project in the new O.D.P. structure has not been decided upon to date. The interest shown by visitors to the centre in Basel makes us recommend strongly that the project should continue, but on a properly funded basis.

2. The fossil groups to be included are as follows: Foraminifera, Calcareous nannofossils, Radiolaria and Diatoms.

3. From each sample selected, a lithologic smear slide is being prepared for reference.

4. Working space and a binocular microscope is being provided for visitors who are welcome to come by prior arrangement.

5. A reference set of the Initial Volumes is provided and a paper print-out listing the samples is available.

6. Fiches are available listing the samples selected and giving information as to whether they have been split for the 8 reference centres.

7. All Reference Centre material remains the property of the American National Science Foundation and is held by the centres on semi-permanent loan.
The position to date (June 1987)

1. Samples have been selected from legs 1 through 84.

2. Foraminifera: Samples have been processed in Basel for legs 1 through 39 and splits of 1472 of these are in the hands of the 8 repositories in the form of carefully washed complete residues of size fractions above 0.0625 mm.

A fiche has been provided by the Data Manager DSDP, listing samples available at this time. A copy of such a fiche should be requested from the curator to allow proper planning of a visit.

Additional samples are being prepared and will be added to the collections as this becomes possible.

3. Calcareous nannofossils: slides have been prepared by Scripps Institution and, to date, the following legs have been despatched to the other repositories: 1, 7, 8, 9, 12 through 23. These are available together with a reference lithological smear slide. Also, a fiche is available listing these samples.

4. Radiolaria: it has not been possible as yet to get radiolarian preparations made from the samples selected.

5. Diatoms: the preparation of these samples is now being undertaken in Japan. The work is still at an early stage.

Some other aspects of the Basel operations

1. The foraminiferal samples are stored loose in clear plastic containers. The use of such containers with removable lids means that the material can often be satisfactorily studied without further movement. If essential, a portion of the sample can be transferred to a picking tray. All users are required to treat the material with scrupulous care.

2. No specimens may be removed though we do allow single specimens to be isolated and left separated if there is particular advantage in doing so.

3. We keep small unwashed portions of all foraminiferal samples for later reference.

4. A Wild binocular microscope is available but, for nannofossil workers, our petrographic microscope is not very suitable. We encourage nannofossil workers to bring their own microscopes.

5. If particular levels of stratigraphic interest are not yet present in the collections, it is possible for a visitor to list these and the curator will attempt to obtain them by making a request to the Project.
The presence of a reference collection can act as a magnet for the deposition of additional material. In Basel we are encouraging leg participants and other researchers to deposit their material with us when they no longer need to use it actively. We hope this will preserve much material that might otherwise be lost. The idea is meeting with considerable success here, where a number of European workers have decided to deposit their material at the Basel Centre when their studies are complete.

John B. Saunders
Basel, 14 April 1987
revised 25 May 1987
MEMORANDUM:

To: Information Handling Panel Members

From: Jack Foster
Supervisor, Computer Services

Subject: Computer Services Group Status Report

Since the last IHP meeting, there have been changes that directly affect the Computer Services Group (CSG) for FY88. This status report is intended to inform you of the changes which have occurred since your last meeting in February, and how these changes will affect the CSG and ODP during the next fiscal year. The information provided is to be used as a supplement to the report which was provided to you by Mr. Noble Fortson at your last meeting.

The attachments to this memo are intended to provide a summary of the current and anticipated status for the next 6 to 12 months. Attachment A outlines the anticipated effects of the budgetary changes for FY88. Attachment B provides an updated status of the work completed, tasks currently underway, and planned tasks for CSG. Attachment C shows the current configuration for the shorebased computer system. Due to the work load on the ODP VAXCluster, a third CPU was added in order to provide more responsive support. This configuration conforms to the planned FY87 shorebased configuration as approved by JGI.

Even though there have been changes which will affect our level of support in some areas, it is recognized that one of the most important goals is to compile and maintain a data base containing the collected information. In order to accomplish this goal, Mr. Noble Fortson will be devoting a full-time effort in defining and establishing the integrated data base which can be publicly accessed by interested parties via telephone lines or network services. His job will also involve working very closely with the Data Base Group in preparing informational material which can be provided to outline what data is in the data base and how it can be accessed.

I would like to encourage you, both individually and as a group, to provide guidelines and directions which you feel will help us to attain the goal of the on-line, publicly accessible data base.

cc: Dr. Russ Merrill
Manager, Science Services
Attachment A

Anticipated Effects of FY88 Budgetary Changes
Attachment A

The realignment of the FY88 funds has resulted in approximately $250,000 being removed from the Computer Services Group (CSG) requested budget. This affects the areas of personnel, contract programming and consulting, off-the-shelf software acquisition, and maintenance on the computing equipment.

**Personnel and Contract Programming**

The reduction in the amount for personnel and contract programming essentially reduces the manpower available to CSG for catching up on the backlog of work and undertaking new projects. A programmer position which was approved, but unfilled at the time, was eliminated as well as all of the funds which could be used for contract programming.

Budgetary constraints have also resulted in the elimination of one additional programmer position when a programmer departs. The net result of all this means that tasks which we had planned to start or complete in 1987 or early 1988 will be delayed due to lack of manpower.

As the ODP computer system user community has grown in number, and as more applications have been brought on-line, there is more user support required from CSG personnel and less time available for program design, development, and implementation.

Ed Garrett, as mentioned in the previous status report, was hired to provide contract programming services. Ed's contract expired on June 30 and his contract was not extended. He had been working primarily with the Materials Management System (MATMAN) during his contract period. Except for the bar-code support, the MATMAN system was completed in June and is currently in daily use. Had we been able to extend Ed's contract into FY88, he would have been working on the bar-code support for MATMAN and the near real-time navigation plotting system.

Floyd Lightsey was hired last year to provide support to ODP administration's computing needs, and was to begin working with the scientific applications in August of this year. However, due to the TAMU Research Foundation acquiring its own computing system and software to support the administrative functions of various projects, Floyd will be spending full time with ODP administration for at least two (2) additional months. Floyd had been expected to begin work on the publications tracking system in August, however, this will have to be delayed.

With funds from the FY87 CSG budget, Steve Bearman will be retained as a consultant for approximately 6 more months in order to develop software for a multi-sensor track system which will permit multiple sensors to be attached. This will facilitate multiple measurements for each pass of the core in order to reduce time and manpower required to take the desired measurements. This will also involve converting the GRAPE, p-wave logger, and magnetic susceptibility software to utilize this system. This system will be designed, both from the hardware and software standpoint, to permit additional sensors to be mounted and used.
at minimal cost. This has been identified as a high priority item by Logistics and Science Operations due to a reduction in technical support manpower aboard the Resolution.

The shipboard system managers who alternate going to sea cannot be effectively used in the design and development of new applications due to their short time on shore before leaving on another leg. When they are on shore, they are helping to load data files related to the leg from which they have just returned and preparing for the next leg they are to go on.

Dan Bontempo, who was a shipboard system manager at the last IHP meeting, is now working in the Logistics area, and Larry Bernstein, who was previously working in the Logistics area, is now working as a shipboard system manager. Larry's first leg as a system manager was 115, and he did an outstanding job.

Two graduate assistants, Mark Benson and James Wade, are still being employed on a half-time basis to assist with software maintenance and development. James Wade will be leaving in September, and Mark Benson will be utilized as long as funds permit.

Two undergraduate students are still being employed on a half-time basis to assist with the routine daily computer operations. It is planned to keep these students employed during FY88 to the extent that funds are available.

During the summer, only one part-time student has been hired to assist with hardware repair, fabrication, and trouble-shooting on shore. It is expected that only one part-time student will be used for this task during FY88 rather than two students which have been used in the past.

In addition to the delays in the publication tracking system and near real-time navigation plotting system, there are several other projects which will be delayed due to insufficient manpower. Some of the projects which fall into this category are; a) programs necessary to provide the program controlled linkage via DECNET from the PRO350s to the data base on the VAX for validation and quality control of the data as it is being collected on the PRO systems. This is denoted as 'Linkage with VAX central data base' in the status presented in attachment B, b) programs to permit tracking of sample material on shore, and c) the remainder of the chemistry data collection programs consisting of interstitial water, gas chromatography, and rock evaluation.

Although the amount of manpower available to the CSG will be somewhat less than had been expected for the remainder of FY87 and throughout FY88, the members of the CSG will continue to provide the best possible support to all areas of the Program with the resources available.

Off-the-shelf Software Acquisition

Due to the reallocation of the FY88 funds, no money is available in the CSG budget for the acquisition of off-the-shelf software. If there
is a sufficient need identified for a specific software product to be purchased during FY88, then the funds will have to be provided from another source.

If such a need is identified and justified, and funds made available, then CSG will be glad to acquire, install, and provide the user assistance necessary in support of the software.

Maintenance

The CSG has always budgeted for maintenance funds to cover the maintenance costs for all of the ODP shorebased computing equipment. The reason for this is relieve the various departments from the burden of having to worry about maintenance coverage on the many pieces of computer related equipment which they have. The CSG keeps an inventory of all equipment located in the various departments and makes sure that maintenance coverage is renewed or acquired when necessary.

The reduction in funds for maintenance has resulted in the situation where we cannot place some of the equipment on monthly or yearly contracts, but instead we must opt for per-call service, try to purchase spares and do the repair work ourselves, and use depot maintenance services.

In the case of the shorebased VAXCuster system and associated peripherals, and the DEC PRO350 microcomputers, we are maintaining our yearly contracts for maintenance coverage. In order to reduce the costs associated with maintaining this equipment, we are changing coverage on many items to be carry-in service; on other items, we are reducing coverage from same day service to next day service. The high priority items such as the CPUs and disk drives are remaining at the level of 4-hour or less response time for on-site service.

The Kurzweil optical character reader will be kept on an annual maintenance contract because of its high usage in the publications area. The service we receive on this unit is normally next-day service.

Other items such as the Lexidata color graphics terminals used on the automated art stations, IBM PC/XTs and associated printers, Versatec plotter, Calcomp plotters, MicroTerm terminals, and the data communications equipment consisting of multiplexors and modems will be maintained from spare parts which are stocked by CSG and/or depot maintenance. The depot type maintenance requires that the defective part or unit be sent to an authorized repair facility where it is repaired and then returned to the customer. A maintenance fund will be set up to cover the costs associated with this mode of operation.

If a piece of equipment breaks and there are no spare parts which can be used for repairing it, and if the maintenance fund has been depleted, then the equipment will not be fixed until funds and/or parts are available.
Attachment B

Status of CSG Tasks
The following table shows the major tasks undertaken by the Computer Services Group as well as the date completed or the expected completion date.

A similar Status Report was submitted to IHP for the February 1987 meeting. Since that meeting the status of various tasks has been updated. The changes which have occurred are shown in **bold italics**.

A fourth column shows completion dates which would be desirable and feasible if additional CSG personnel were available.

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Attachment C

Current Configuration for Shorebased Computer System
All digital DSDP data have been duplicated, tape scanned, and accessioned into appropriate NGDC data systems. Analog data are inventoried fully.

Underway geophysical data have been incorporated into the GEODAS data management system with the exception of digital seismic data in the SEG-Y format which are maintained as magnetic tape copies only. Data merged into GEODAS were run through routine quality control routines.

Digital well log data have been scanned, and copies sent to Dr. Christina Broglio at LDGO. Reformatted (LIS) versions of non-standard (Gearhart-Owen) tapes are expected from Dr. Richard VonHerzen of WHOI late in 1987.

Digital geology data files are being individually quality controlled to check for out-of-range values, characters in numeric fields, or other deviations from the data formats as outlined in the documentation received from DSDP with the tapes. A summary of file sizes and processing status is given in Table 1. Some files have been made searchable by placing them into dbase III+ as indicated on the table. Station information is available through the geology inventory, GEOLIN. A full set of lithologic/age information in the Marine Core Curators' format is also searchable.

Analog DSDP data have all been inventoried in appropriate NGDC systems. Copies of microfilm data are being made in stages due to the large volume of reels. As copies are made, duplicates will automatically be sent to the ODP. 167 reels are ready for transmission out of 287 total reels. All microfilm data will be forwarded to the ODP by September 30.
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**TOTAL SIZE IN MEGABYTES:** 2.3 208.3 210.6

* documentation presently in paper form - size estimated as average of other documentation files.
D.S.D.P. MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL REFERENCE CENTRES

The Reason for the Centres

The Deep Sea Drilling Project produced an enormous wealth of new biostratigraphic information from its 96 legs. The Initial Volumes ("Blue Books") contain many contributions on the faunas and floras recorded by the shipboard and shorelab parties and these include new species descriptions.

Core material is by no means inexhaustible and therefore access to it has to be restricted to requests for research material leading to publication. Even so, important intervals are gradually being sampled out of existence.

For the above reasons it has been decided to set up a number of references centres around the World in order to:

1. preserve material from important levels for all time;
2. make it possible for research workers to see the quality of preservation and the richness of a large number of microfaunas and floras and therefore, perhaps, to plan their own sample requests in the most advantageous way;
3. allow people to compare actual, prepared faunas and floras (equivalent to type material) with published figures and descriptions though they may not wish to do further research themselves;
4. provide centres spread around the World to cut down on travel costs for individual researchers.

The Location of the Centres is as follows with the name of the present curator if known:

U.S. Gulf Coast
Dr. Stef Gartner
Department of Oceanography
Texas A & M University
College Station, Texas 77843 U.S.A

U.S. West Coast
Dr. W.R. Riedel
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
La Jolla
California 92093 U.S.A.

U.S. East Coast
Mr. Rusty Lotti
Deep-Sea Sample Repository
Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory
Palisades, N.Y.10964 U.S.A.
Western Europe
Mr. J.B. Saunders
Natural History Museum
CH-4001 Basel, Switzerland

U.S.S.R.
Dr. Ivan A. Basov
Institute of Lithosphere
Staromonet 22
Moscow 109180, U.S.S.R.

New Zealand
Dr. Tony Edwards
New Zealand Geological Survey
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
Post Office Box 30368
Lower Hutt, New Zealand

Japan
Dr. Y. Tanimura
Department of Earth Sciences
National Science Museum
3 - 23 - 1 Hyakunin-cho
Shinjuku-ku
Tokyo, 160 Japan

The long term intention of the Collections

1. To provide a collection of prepared micro-faunas and floras from as many important sites and intervals as possible from Leg 1 through Leg 96.

Continuation of the project in the new O.D.P. structure has not been decided upon to date. The interest shown by visitors to the centre in Basel makes us recommend strongly that the project should continue, but on a properly funded basis.

2. The fossil groups to be included are as follows: Foraminifera, Calcareous nannofossils, Radiolaria and Diatoms.

3. From each sample selected, a lithologic smear slide is being prepared for reference.

4. Working space and a binocular microscope is being provided for visitors who are welcome to come by prior arrangement.

5. A reference set of the Initial Volumes is provided and a paper print-out listing the samples is available.

6. Fiches are available listing the samples selected and giving information as to whether they have been split for the 8 reference centres.

7. All Reference Centre material remains the property of the American National Science Foundation and is held by the centres on semi-permanent loan.
The position to date (June 1987)

1. Samples have been selected from legs 1 through 84.

2. Foraminifera: Samples have been processed in Basel for legs 1 through 39 and splits of 1472 of these are in the hands of the 8 repositories in the form of carefully washed complete residues of size fractions above 0.0625 mm.

   A fiche has been provided by the Data Manager DSDP, listing samples available at this time. A copy of such a fiche should be requested from the curator to allow proper planning of a visit.

   Additional samples are being prepared and will be added to the collections as this becomes possible.

3. Calcareous nannofossils: slides have been prepared by Scripps Institution and, to date, the following legs have been despatched to the other repositories: 1, 7, 8, 9, 12 through 23. These are available together with a reference lithological smear slide. Also, a fiche is available listing these samples.

4. Radiolaria: it has not been possible as yet to get radiolarian preparations made from the samples selected.

5. Diatoms: the preparation of these samples is now being undertaken in Japan. The work is still at an early stage.

Some other aspects of the Basel operations

1. The foraminiferal samples are stored loose in clear plastic containers. The use of such containers with removable lids means that the material can often be satisfactorily studied without further movement. If essential, a portion of the sample can be transferred to a picking tray. All users are required to treat the material with scrupulous care.

2. No specimens may be removed though we do allow single specimens to be isolated and left separated if there is particular advantage in doing so.

3. We keep small unwashed portions of all foraminiferal samples for later reference.

4. A Wild binocular microscope is available but, for nannofossil workers, our petrographic microscope is not very suitable. We encourage nannofossil workers to bring their own microscopes.

5. If particular levels of stratigraphic interest are not yet present in the collections, it is possible for a visitor to list these and the curator will attempt to obtain them by making a request to the Project.
6. The presence of a reference collection can act as a magnet for the deposition of additional material. In Basel we are encouraging leg participants and other researchers to deposit their material with us when they no longer need to use it actively. We hope this will preserve much material that might otherwise be lost. The idea is meeting with considerable success here, where a number of European workers have decided to deposit their material at the Basel Centre when their studies are complete.

John B. Saunders
Basel, 14 April 1987
revised 25 May 1987
Desirable attributes of the 8th Micropaleontological Reference Center

1. The existing centers have been chosen to provide reasonable geographic coverage for biostratigraphers around the world. The last center should be so placed as to enhance this network.

2. It should have the necessary secure storage space and curational ability to maintain such a collection on a permanent basis.

3. It needs adequate resources to house and display the samples in a way most suited for their use.

4. It should have adequate equipment and working space for visiting scientists.

5. It should have adequate resources and manpower to assist in the next phase of sample selection beginning at Leg 101 and be able to undertake the preparation of at least one of the fossil groups.