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Dear Colleague,

GEOTRACES will host an **ATLANTIC OCEAN** planning workshop to develop a strategy to achieve programme objectives in the Atlantic Basin.

This workshop will be held at:

The University of Oxford
10-13 September, 2007

The goal of the workshop is to refine the scientific objectives developed in the GEOTRACES science plan (available from www.geotraces.org), and place those objectives into a framework of specific ocean sections and process studies. An important aspect of the workshop is to identify nations that are prepared to take the lead in carrying out specific cruises as elements of the broader basin-scale plan. Individuals who are prepared to organize research cruises and to secure funding to support those cruises are particularly encouraged to participate.

As mentioned in a previous message (16 February 2007), additional workshops focusing on the Pacific and Indian basins will be held in June and October this year. Each workshop will produce a set of recommendations that will be used by the GEOTRACES Scientific Steering Committee to develop a coherent global plan for the GEOTRACES program.

The Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research can offer funds to assist with travel expenses of participants coming from developing nations. In addition, we anticipate that GEOTRACES will be able to offer a travel subsidy to plenary speakers and working group chairs. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have funds to reimburse travel expenses for other participants.

If you wish to partake in the Atlantic workshop please send an e-mail to Caroline Hutchings at Caroline.Hutchings@earth.ox.ac.uk. If you have more general questions about the workshop or about the GEOTRACES programme please contact the co-chairs listed below or other members of the Scientific Steering Committee listed at <http://www.geotraces.org/>

Best wishes,

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