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Objectives

Primary Objective

Solicit a collection of strong proposals, submitted to the Core Program for the February 15 deadline that cover the core parameters and other parameters identified as priorities at the workshop and by the SSC.

Role of Workshop

Each proposal will be evaluated independently in a highly competitive core panel and must be exciting in its own right. The workshop will provide participants with information about the aspects of the cruise track that made it compelling, and ancillary information that will strengthen the proposal. Most importantly, each proposal must show that it contributes to the project as a whole, and could not achieve its objectives without the measurement of other core parameters. Proposals that deal exclusively with the parameter being measured will not be competitive. We will provide as many opportunities as possible for participants to identify synergies with other groups that can be used to strengthen their proposals. We will also provide information about data management, logistics, costs and infrastructural resources provided by the management grant so that participants will be develop realistic budgets and project management schemes. Logistics will enable us to identify at the workshop what sampling plans are logistically feasible, to avoid proposals being funded that we cannot accommodate.

Advocacy Talks

Advocacy talks are solicited from participants who wish to present. While not mandatory, they will be useful to inform the workshop participants about how specific groups plan to participate in the section. Each presentation is limited to 3 PowerPoint slides and 5 minutes. These presentations will be on the first day, and if necessary, on Tuesday morning as well, because they provide information that will be important in the subsequent planning activities in the rest of the meeting. It is also hoped that they will stimulate informal discussions about synergies amongst participants that will result in stronger proposals.

Project Summary

Intellectual Merit: The mission of the GEOTRACES Program (www.geotraces.org) is "to identify processes and quantify fluxes that control the distributions of key trace elements and isotopes in the ocean, and to establish the sensitivity of these distributions to changing environmental conditions" (GEOTRACES Science Plan, 2006). This proposal seeks the necessary core funding to implement a zonal transect in the eastern tropical South Pacific (ETSP) from Peru to Tahiti as the second cruise of the US GEOTRACES Program. The section includes a large area characterized by high rates of primary production and particle export in the eastern boundary associated with the Peru Upwelling, a large oxygen minimum zone that is a major global sink for fixed nitrogen, and a large hydrothermal plume arising from the East Pacific Rise. This section was selected as a result of open planning workshops in 2007 and 2008, with a final recommendation made by the US GEOTRACES Steering Committee in 2009. The section is the first part of a two stage plan that will include a meridional section of the Pacific from Tahiti to Alaska as a subsequent expedition. This proposal is to provide the essential support and management structure for acquiring the trace elements and isotopes samples listed as core parameters in the GEOTRACES Science Plan, plus hydrographic and nutrient data needed by participating investigators. The objectives are (1) plan and coordinate a 52 day research cruise; (2) obtain representative samples for a wide variety of TEIs using conventional CTD/rosette and GEOTRACES Sampling Systems (GO Flo bottles on contamination-free carousel, Kevlar conducting cable, etc); (3) acquire "conventional" hydrographic data (CTD, transmissometer, fluorometer, oxygen sensor, etc) along with discrete samples for salinity, dissolved oxygen (to 1 µM detection limits), plant pigments, redox tracers such as ammonium and nitrite, and dissolved nutrients at micro- and nanomolar levels; (4) ensure that proper QA/QC protocols are followed and reported, as well as fulfilling all GEOTRACES Intercalibration protocols; (5) prepare and deliver all hydrographic-type data to the GEOTRACES Data Center (and US data centers); and (6) coordinate all cruise communications between other investigators, including preparation of a hydrographic report/publication.

Broader Impacts: The project is part of an international collaborative program that has forged strong partnerships in the intercalibration and implementation phases that is unprecedented in chemical oceanography. The science product of these collective missions will enhance our ability to understand how to interpret the chemical composition of the ocean, and interpret how climate change will affect ocean chemistry. Partnerships include contributions to the infrastructure of developing nations with overlapping interests in the study area, in this case Peru. There is a strong educational component to the program, with many Ph.D. students carrying out thesis research within the program.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12				
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	ROOM(S)	DURATION
0730	Continental Breakfast		Village Ballroom	(30 min.)
0830	Local Logistics, Travel Reimbursements, Objectives of the Workshop Kathy Barbeau Bob Anderson		Village Ballroom	(10 min.)
0840	Biogeochemical Features of the ETSP – Peru Upwelling System Jim Moffett		Village Ballroom	(45 min.)
0930	Hydrothermal Plume Chris German		Village Ballroom	(45 min.)
1015	Coffee Break	Village Ballroom	(30 min.)	
1045	Physical Oceanography of the Eastern Tropical Pacific	Lynne Talley	Village Ballroom	(30 min.)
1115	Boundary Exchange and deep Ocean Processes Bob Anderson		Village Ballroom	(40 min.)
1200	Lunch (boxed lunches will be provided)	The Grove	(60 min.)	
1300	Relationship to other Programs: International GEOTRACES	Bob Anderson	Village Ballroom	(10 min.)
1310	Relationship to other Programs German and French Programs in 2013 Mark Altabet		Village Ballroom	(20 min.)
1330	Advocacy Talks Participants		Village Ballroom	(120 min)
1530	Coffee Break		Village Ballroom	(30 min)
1600	Advocacy Talks (continued) Participants		Village Ballroom	(90 min)

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13				
TIME	ТОРІС	SPEAKER(S)	ROOM(S)	DURATION
0700	Continental Breakfast		Village Ballroom	(60 min.)
0800	Advocacy Talks (continued)	Participants	Village Ballroom	(120 min.)
1000	Coffee Break		Village Ballroom	(15 min.)
1015	Plenary Discussion Key and non-key parameters. Charge to breakout groups: identification of priorities within each "sub-program" of the cruise and integration.	Jim Moffett Chris German (Discussion Leaders)	Village Ballroom	(30 min.)
1045	Breakout Session 1 Operational definition of three sub-programs within the cruise. a) Chemical processes related to the intense OMZ b) Sources and sinks of TEIs related to the hydrothermal plume c) TEI relationships to the high-amplitude gradient in primary production along the section (this involves both sources and sinks)		Wind & Sea (1 st Floor) Executive (2 nd Floor)	(75 min.)
1200	Working Lunch (boxed lunches will be provided)		Wind & Sea (1 st Floor) Executive (2 nd Floor)	(90 min.)
1330	Reports from Breakout Groups Plenary Discussion Integration of the three "sub-programs" discussed in the breakout groups [some of this will open the door for the logistics section] Prioritization of the "other" parameters		Village Ballroom	(30 min.)
1400	Breakout Session 2 Sampling needs and sampling systems. a) Trace metal b) McLane Pumps c) Ship's rosette d) Other samplers		Wind & Sea (1 st Floor) Executive (2 nd Floor)	(90 min.)
1530	Coffee Break		Village Ballroom	(30 min)
1600	Reports from Breakout Groups		Village Ballroom	(90 min)

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14					
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	ROOM(S)	DURATION	
0700	Continental Breakfast		Village Ballroom	(60 min.)	
0800	Logistics: What we learned from the NAZT Greg Cutter Cruise		Village Ballroom	(30 min.)	
0830	Logistics: What the management proposal will and won't do. Jim Moffett		Village Ballroom	(15 min.)	
0845	Role of ODF Jim Swift		Village Ballroom	(30 min.)	
0915	Plenary Discussion Greg Cutter (Discussion Leader)		Village Ballroom	(45 min.)	
	Logistics and Budget				
1000	Coffee Break		Village Ballroom	(30 min.)	
1030	Breakout Groups: Sampling Logistics - TM Rosette - Ships Rosette - McLane Pumps - Other Samplers	Greg Cutter (Discussion Leader)	Wind & Sea (1 st Floor) Executive (2 nd Floor)	(90 min.)	
1200	Lunch (boxed lunches will be provided)		The Grove	(60 min.)	
1300	Plenary Discussion Recommendations for Management Team: Cruise Track and sampling intervals Bob Anderse (Discussion)		Village Ballroom	(90 min.)	
1430	Data Management Chris German		Village Ballroom	(30 min.)	
1500	Coffee Break		Village Ballroom	(15 min)	
1515	Plenary Discussion (continued) Recommendations for Management Team: Logistics Bob Anderson (Discussion Leader)		Village Ballroom	(45 min)	

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