

**2017 IODP Program Member Offices (PMO) Meeting
Tongji University
Shanghai, China
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Consensus Statements

Consensus 1701: The IODP science operators expressed continued concern that the number of expedition staffing nominations from some of the smaller PMOs is still not adequate. Larger PMOs should aim for a ratio of roughly 3:1 between nominations and berth allocation, while smaller PMOs should try to nominate 3 to 5 scientists, preferably across several disciplines, for each berth entitlement. This will provide the operators with appropriate staffing flexibility.

Consensus 1702: All IODP members should remain cognizant of the needs of each nation or consortium as they work through their respective renewal processes. PMOs should assist each other with letters of support and other documents as needed.

Consensus 1703: PMOs should continue to work together whenever possible on outreach activities, such as scientific conferences and expedition promotion, and should aspire to define program-wide outreach goals. While educational activities and ambitions will vary across nations and consortia, cooperation should occur when feasible and cost-effective.

Consensus 1704: The next PMO meeting will take place in 2018 in Goa, India, the day after the next IODP Forum meeting, and will be chaired by Nobu Eguchi.