

IODP New Ventures in Exploring Scientific Targets (INVEST) 2009

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Place and date

INVEST will take place at the University of Bremen Campus, September 23 through 25, 2009. Please see the conference website for details (<http://www.marum.de/iodp-invest.html>)

Meeting format

The INVEST conference will comprise plenary and breakout-group sessions as well as keynote lectures. A detailed conference program will be made available on June 30, 2009.

Opening address:

Vincent Courtillot Ocean Drilling: A 21st Century Endeavor to Understand the Earth System

Keynote lectures:

Andrew Fisher Achievements and Challenges in Subseafloor Hydrogeology during Scientific Ocean Drilling

David Hodell Paleoclimate Opportunities to Constrain Abrupt and Rapid Climate Change

Tori Hoehler The View from Space: What Ocean Drilling can Tell us About Habitability, Life's Limits, and the Possibilities for Life Beyond Earth

Bo Barker Jørgensen Microbial Life in the Deep Seabed - the Starving Majority

Jeff Kiehl Paleoceanography: Providing Critical Knowledge to Improve Climate Model Predictions

Naohiko Ohkouchi Future Directions in Probing Global Biogeochemical Cycles

Terry Plank Down and Back Again: Cycles and Growth at Convergent Margins

Doug Toomey Outstanding Questions of Crust-Mantle Interaction Below the Ocean Basins: What can Deep Earth Sampling Tell us?

Jim Zachos The Potential and Promise of Studies of Past Warm Worlds

Registration

Registration dates are from April 4 to August 3, 2009.

Please find the registration form on the INVEST conference website and return the completed form either online (preferred method), by fax to +49 (0)421 6491 0780, or by mail to Witago / Agentur für Kongress- und Eventmanagement, Am Deich 61-62, 28199 Bremen, Germany.

Registration fee is 50 € for regular participants and 20 € for students.

Payment

Payment of the full registration fee is due upon submitting the registration form. Payment must be in Euro and can be made by credit card, VISA and MasterCard only.

Cancellation

For written cancellations received before August 31, 2009, the registration fee less 20% will be refunded. After that date no refund will be possible.

Poster presentations

We encourage student participants to present a poster. Maximum poster size is 120 cm (height) by 94 cm (width). Posters will be up for the duration of the conference.

Accommodation

Bremen offers hotels of all price categories. Please arrange your accommodation individually (assistance by Bremen Tourist Office - Bremer Touristik Zentrale, <http://www.bremen-tourism.de>).

Our recommendations

- for downtown hotels with a good tram connection to the University Campus:

budget-priced lodging:

Bremen Youth Hostel (Jugendherberge Bremen, <http://www.djh.de>)

** hotel:

Hotel IBIS Bremen Centrum or Bremen Altstadt (<http://www.ibis.com>)

*** hotel:

Best Western Hotel Schaper-Siedenburg (<http://www.siedenburg.bestwestern.de>)

**** hotel:

Best Western Wellness Hotel zur Post (<http://www.zurpost.bestwestern.de>)

- for hotels within walking distance of the University Campus:

Hotel Atlantic Universum **** (<http://www.atlantic-hotels.de>)

100 rooms available at reduced rates (Sept. 22-26): 99€ sgl., 130€ dbl., use reservation code IODP, reservations must be made before 28 July

Hotel Munte **** (<http://www.hotel-munte.de>)

30 rooms available at reduced rates (Sept. 22-26): 90€ sgl., 109€ dbl., use reservation code IODP, reservations must be made before 03 August

Travel support

Interested ECORD scientists should contact the relevant national office

(<http://www.essac.ecord.org/index.php?mod=about&page=partners>) or ESSAC delegate

(<http://www.essac.ecord.org/index.php?mod=about&page=ESSAC>) for potential travel funds to attend the INVEST meeting.

Japanese scientists are referred to the following travel support information page:

<http://www.j-desc.org/modules/tinyd0/rewrite/eng/INVEST.html>

USSSP will post information about travel support on this page:

<http://www.oceanleadership.org/usspp/workshops/invest>

Others nationals please inquire at your national program office, for instance:

ANZIC: <http://www.iodp.org.au/>

IODP-China: <http://www.iodp-china.org/eng/>

K-IODP: <http://www.kodp.re.kr/>