

JGOFS DATA MANAGEMENT SEMINAR HELD IN JODC

A Seminar on Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (JGOFS) Data Management and its Task Team Meeting were organized by Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC) and held at the Hydrographic Department of Japan in Tokyo on 7 and 8 November 1994.

The JGOFS is an internationally coordinated ocean research program for the last decade of the 20th century, promoted under the auspices of Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) of International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU). Its main goal is to determine and understand on a global scale the processes controlling the time-varying fluxes of carbon and associated biogenic elements in the ocean, and to evaluate the related exchanges with the atmosphere, sea floor and continental boundaries, and a long-term goal is to establish strategies for observing changes in ocean biogeochemical cycles in relation to climatic change.

The seminar was opened by Mr. Masaru Shiozaki, Chief Hydrographer, JHD, welcoming especially for the overseas participants. It was attended by:

- Dr. Graham Glenn, Ocean Science and Surveys, Canada
- Dr. Uli Wolf, Institut für Meereskunde, Germany
- Mr. Kai Jancke, Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrografie, Germany
- Dr. Venkitasubramani Ramaswamy, National Institute of Oceanography, India
- Dr. Toshiro Saino, Ocean Research Institute University of Tokyo, Japan
- Dr. Hiroshi Kikuchi, National Space Development Agency, Japan
- Dr. Pil Seong Park, Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute, Korea
- Dr. Jean-Michel Andre, Department of Oceanography, ORSTOM BP, New Caledonia
- Dr. Michel Stoll, University of Bergen, Norway



Participants of JGOFS Data Management Seminar, 7 November 1994

- Dr. R. K. Lowry, British Oceanographic Data Centre, UK
- Dr. George Heimerdinger, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA
- Dr. Christine Hammond, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA; and

From JODC;

- Dr. Yoshio Kubo, Director, JODC
- Mr. Tomotaka Ito, Oceanographic Data and Information Division, JHD, and the other JODC staff concerned.

The seminar comprised three parts: Introduction of Task Team members, a series of reports on national JGOFS data management activities and keynote presentations on data management issues.

During the Task Team Meeting, reports and discussions were lively made on JGOFS cruise inventory, data management for the Pacific and for the satellite community, data dictionaries, and others.

The seminar was concluded with the closing address made by Dr. Y. Kubo, Director of JODC, which was followed by a friendship gathering.

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