

# Scientific Drilling in the Mediterranean Sea – IODP-Italy Workshop

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*Scientific Drilling in the Mediterranean Sea Workshop at CNR headquarters in Rome (Credit: Daniela Beatrice, IODP-Italy webmaster)*

After almost 15 years since the last general convention, a national IODP workshop titled Scientific Drilling in the Mediterranean Sea was held in Rome, under the patronage of IODP-Italy Committee and CNR Dept. of Earth System Science and Environmental Technologies (CNR Headquarters, 15th-16th Jan 2018).

The two-day workshop was dedicated to the past, present and future of scientific drilling in the Mediterranean area, with a specific focus on active and future drilling proposals that intend to take the opportunity of a possible entry of the Joides Resolution into the Mediterranean Sea towards 2022-2023.

Over 100 participants from various national academic and research institutions attended the event, with 34 speakers including researchers from the IODP-Italy community (CNR, OGS, INGV, CoNISMa-Universities, ENEA), delegates of the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), and of the Ministry of Economic Development (MISE), and representatives from the Industry (Eni S.p.a.).

The workshop provided an opportunity to share new ideas among Italian scientists, and aimed to promote the submission of drilling proposals, stimulate the scientific debate on Mediterranean geology, and foster the Italian participation in IODP and ICDP.

During the first day, participants have been introduced to existing opportunities of getting involved in IODP and ICDP activities. Thematic sessions were devoted to IODP and ICDP active drilling proposals in the Mediterranean and to major achievements and outcomes from Mediterranean expeditions of previous drilling programs.



*Workshop leaflet*

During the second day, a live broadcast connection was established with Exp. 374 Co-Chief Laura De Santis (OGS), who explained the main objectives of the expedition and announced the beginning of coring activities onboard the JOIDES Resolution in the Ross Sea. The first results from the recent MSP Exp. 381, the Magellan Plus Workshop Series Programme, and the plan for hosting the 2018 edition of the ECORD School of Rock in Pavia have been presented as well. Scientific sessions also included presentations of new ideas for drilling proposals in the Mediterranean area and a poster session dedicated to early-career researchers involved in IODP and ICDP activities.

A roundtable discussion for the development of an effective coordination between IODP-ICDP programs at national level closed the workshop agenda.

Abstracts and presentations available online at <http://www.iodp-italia.cnr.it/index.php/it/eventi/eventi-iodp-italia>

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