

ECORD Training Course 2016: "Virtual Ship Experience" 7 - 11 March 2016, Bremen, Germany

By hosting one of the three IODP core repositories in the world the MARUM - Center for Marine Environmental Sciences, University of Bremen, is also an important hub for the next generation of IODP scientists at an early stage of their career. From 7 to 11 March 2016, the second ECORD Training Course was held at the IODP Bremen Core Repository (BCR) with 30 participants from 14 different countries, including non-ECORD IODP members as well as non-IODP member countries. This five-day course focused on the IODP core-flow and procedures, and was customised to prepare the participants for sailing on an IODP expedition, and to impart them with an appreciation for high standards in all kinds of coring projects. The detailed programme can be seen on http://www.marum.de/en/ECORD_Training_Course_2016.html.



IODP-style lab exercises (*right*) formed the foundation of the course, following the pattern of the unique "Virtual Ship" approach developed for the popular Bremen ECORD Summer School - http://www.marum.de/en/ECORD_Summer_Schools.html. The participants were exceptionally active in taking part in practical exercises and contributing to discussions. They also gained first insights into the multidisciplinary team effort that is a crucial part of the success of the ocean drilling programmes.

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Scenes from the ECORD Training Course 2016: top right, visual core description in the MARUM laboratories; right, pore-water analysis (V. Diekamp/MARUM).



Group photograph of participants and lecturers of the ECORD Training Course 2016 at the MARUM, University of Bremen (V. Diekamp/MARUM).