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Dear Professor Chen,

On behalf of the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Science Support Office at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), we officially invite you to attend the Science Evaluation Panel meeting for the *JOIDES Resolution* (JR) Facility January 10-12, 2017.

The meeting will be hosted by the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and held at the Scripps Seaside Forum in La Jolla, California. Detailed logistics are available using a secure login (provided via email) at iodp.org. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM on January 10 and conclude at 5 pm on January 12, so please arrange your travel so you will be present during these times.

We understand that your university / national program will provide financial support for your travel. You should make your own travel and lodging arrangements to attend the panel meeting, including obtaining any required documents to enter the United States.

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We look forward to your participation in January. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this time.

Sincerely,

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