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(of UNESCO)**

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**Ensuring an Oceanic Data Legacy of the
International Polar Year 2007-2009.**

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Summary of the document

The IOC Executive Council, at its 37th Session (Paris, 23–29 June 2004), by Resolution EC-XXXVII.3, endorsed the IPY. At its 39th Session (Paris, 21–28 June 2006), the Executive Council agreed that GOOS, JCOMM and IODE should play active roles in the IPY and urged IOC Member States to provide sufficient resources to implement all the oceanographic proposals in the IPY Plan. The Assembly, at its 24th Session (Paris, 19–28 June 2007) called on IODE to “collaborate with the International Polar Year to ensure that all data collected by IPY projects will be professionally managed, disseminated and archived.” [IOC-XXIV, para. 258].

Numerous IOC Member States have contributed substantially to the immensely successful program of observations and research carried out during IPY. One of the most important legacies of the International Polar Year will be the enormous wealth of data from polar regions that was generated.

Appendices:

A. “The State of Polar Research” (WMO/ICSU special report, available in pdf in several languages here:

http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/detail/state_of_polar_research/)

B. The Scope of Science for the International Polar Year (WMO/TD – no. 1364)

DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SUMMARY REPORT

The members appreciated the report on the International Polar Year (IPY) provided by the secretariat. They noted the wealth of interdisciplinary data generated during IPY and agreed that it was important, in order to ensure a long term legacy of success for IPY, that national oceanographic data centers to make efforts to explicitly identify IPY data in a consistent and standard manner.

DRAFT ITEMS FOR THE 2009-2011 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

[provide, in tabular form, the action items that should be included in the work plan and budget:]

<i>Workshop to help IODE members ensure IPY oceanographic data legacy.</i>	<i>IODE secretariat and relevant national members.</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>20,000</i>
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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Noting the success of the IPY field campaigns 2007-2009 in both Arctic and Southern Oceans...

Noting further the planned future development of Arctic and Southern ocean observing systems as regional contributions to the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)

The Committee agreed to clearly indicate IPY field data in their data holdings in a standard manner and to serve the data exchange and stewardship needs of the Arctic and Southern Ocean observing systems.

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