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(of UNESCO)**  
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**[GODAR project report]**  
**[Sydney Levitus, NODC/NOAA and WDC for Oceanography]**

**1. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD**

IOC Member States continue to support the GODAR project. For example Germany has digitized and made available approximately 7,550 historical (pre-1991) Ocean Station Data casts. These data will be processed and made available as part of the *World Ocean Database* which is updated online every three months ([www.nodc.noaa.gov](http://www.nodc.noaa.gov)). The United Kingdom, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Japan, Russia, United States, other countries and the ICES have also submitted historical data.

**2. PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND TIME TABLE FOR THE NEXT INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD**

Work will consist of processing data submitted as part of the GODAR project for inclusion into the *World Ocean Database*. A backlog of historical data sets has built up because of the attention we gave to building data sets for the Gulf of Mexico and the analysis of data for this region because of the oil spill from the Deepwater Horizon accident. The GODAR project hopes to have four data managers visit during the next two years. This has proven very helpful in the past for acquiring, processing, and incorporating historical data into the *World Ocean Database*. Each visit will last one month. In the past the U.S. NODC and the WDC for Oceanography has paid for such visits but now funding has become very limited.

**3. REQUESTED FUNDING FOR THE NEXT INTER-SESSIONAL PERIOD**

2011 Funding request for \$15K for two visits to NODC/WDC, each of one month duration.

2012 Funding request for \$15K for two visits to NODC/WDC, each of one month duration.

2013 Funding request for \$15K for two visits to NODC/WDC, each of one month duration.

**4. TEXT FOR THE ACTION PAPER**

Mr. Levitus will introduce this Agenda Item by referring to Document IOC/IODE-XXI/18. IOC Member States continue to support the GODAR project. For example Germany has digitized and made available approximately 7,550 historical (pre-1991) Ocean Station Data casts. These data will be processed and made available as part of the *World Ocean Database* which is updated online every three months ([www.nodc.noaa.gov](http://www.nodc.noaa.gov)). The United Kingdom, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Japan, Russia, United States, other countries and the ICES have also submitted historical data. A backlog of historical data sets has built up because because of the attention we gave to building data sets for the Gulf of Mexico and the analysis of data for this region because of the oil spill from the Deepwater Horizon accident.

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