



24 July 2007

Dear Colleague,

GEOTRACES will host an INDIAN OCEAN planning workshop to develop a strategy to achieve programme objectives in the Indian Basin. This workshop will be held at:

**National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
International Centre, Goa**

24-26 October, 2007

The goal of the workshop is to refine the scientific objectives developed in the GEOTRACES science plan (available from www.geotraces.org), and place those objectives into a framework of specific ocean sections and process studies. An important aspect of the workshop is to identify nations that are prepared to take the lead in carrying out specific cruises as elements of the broader basin-scale plan. Individuals who are prepared to organize research cruises and to secure funding to support those cruises are particularly encouraged to participate.

The workshop focusing on the Pacific basin was successfully held in June where as the workshop dealing with the Atlantic basin will be held in September this year. These workshops will produce a set of recommendations that will be used by the GEOTRACES Scientific Steering Committee to develop a coherent global plan for the GEOTRACES program.

The Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research can offer funds to assist with travel expenses of participants coming from developing nations. We anticipate that GEOTRACES will be able to offer a travel subsidy to plenary speakers and working group chairs. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have funds to reimburse travel expenses for other participants. In addition, we expect a generous financial support from the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India which will take care of the expenses related to the meeting organisation and the local hospitality of the participants.

If you wish to partake in the Indian workshop, please complete a registration form (available from www.geotraces.org under "workshops") and send it via e-mail to Mr. Vineet Goswami at geotraces-india@prl.res.in. For more details on the workshop please visit www.prl.res.in/~geotraces-india. If you have more general questions about the workshop or about the GEOTRACES programme please contact the co-chairs (geotraces@ldeo.columbia.edu) or other members of the Scientific Steering Committee listed at <http://www.geotraces.org/>.

Best wishes,

Gideon Henderson and Bob Anderson, co-chairs, GEOTRACES SSC