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Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Deep Sea Drilling Project

SIO Deep Sea Drilling Project Records, 1964-1985

Physical Description: 1 mss

Description: The collection consists of the records of the SIO Deep Sea Drilling Project, and includes correspondence, master microfilm and minutes of the JOIDES Planning Committee.

As early as 1957, earth scientists discussed the possibility of drilling a hole through oceanic crust to the Mohorovicic discontinuity. This project became known as the Mohole Project and was supported by the National Science Foundation. The first hole was drilled in 1961. Cost overruns led to the termination of the Mohole Project in 1966.

In 1964, a consortium of oceanographic institutions, the Joint Oceanographic Institutions Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES) was formed, and in 1965 the group submitted a proposal to NSF to drill sediments and shallow basement rocks in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and adjacent seas. In 1966 with NSF funding, the Deep Sea Drilling Project was operated at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. In January 1967, SIO signed a contract with the National Science Foundation to manage the drilling program. By March 1987 the project had expended over \$226 million dollars.

The Deep Sea Drilling Project contract ended in 1987 and drilling operations were moved to Texas A&M University.

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Master Microfilm, JOIDES Executive Committee Roll, 1, Start :  
Correspondence – 1964, End: correspondence – June-Sept 1974

Master Microfilm, JOIDES Executive Committee Roll, 2, ST:  
Correspondence Oct 1974, ED: Minutes 2-3 Dec. 1981

Master Microfilm, JOIDES Executive Committee Roll, 3, ST:  
Correspondence 1982, ED: Minutes 5-6 June 1985

Master Microfilm, JOIDES Planning Committee, 4, ST:  
Correspondence – 1964, ED: Correspondence July-Sept 1973

Master Microfilm, JOIDES Planning Committee, 5, ST:  
Correspondence Oct.-Dec.1973, ED: Correspondence Sept.-Dec.1978

Master Microfilm, JOIDES Planning Committee, 6, ST: Minutes 16-  
19 Jan. 1978, ED: Minutes 10-12 April 1985