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RESOLUTION OF THE SCOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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On the occasion of the final meeting of the Executive Committee of the Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (JGOFS), the Executive Committee of the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) notes with great appreciation the successful conclusion of the JGOFS project. SCOR is pleased to have been the first international sponsor of JGOFS in 1987.

Many individuals and organizations have been responsible for JGOFS' great successes. The SCOR Executive Committee commends the chairs of the international JGOFS Scientific Steering Committee (SSC: Bernt Zeitzschel, Trevor Platt, John Field, Michael Fasham, and Hugh Ducklow) and all the committee members who selflessly volunteered their time and energy to implement the ambitious set of JGOFS activities internationally. The JGOFS Executive Officers—starting with Elizabeth Tidmarsh (Gross) and followed by Geoff Evans, Hugh Ducklow, and Roger Hanson—served in an exemplary manner in guiding the day-to-day operations of the project, seeking funding for the project, liaising with related organizations, and maintaining continuity of project activities between SSC meetings. Roger Hanson has managed the JGOFS International Project Office (IPO) for about half of the life of the project, and he and his staff deserve special credit for their role in seeing the project through from its middle years to its completion at the end of 2003.

The SCOR Executive Committee thanks its sister organization, the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) for adopting JGOFS as IGBP's first oceanic Core Project in 1989. IGBP's participation in JGOFS has helped integrate JGOFS' activities and results into broader Earth system understanding. This integration was greatly enhanced by the excellent Final Open Science Conference organized by the JGOFS community in Washington in May 2003.

Finally, but not least, the SCOR Executive Committee thanks the many financial sponsors of JGOFS, particularly the Research Council of Norway and University of Bergen for hosting the JGOFS IPO for the past 8 years. IPOs are vital to the health of the large-scale ocean research projects and their support is a major commitment for a nation to undertake. SCOR also thanks other financial sponsors of international JGOFS, including the Kiel University and German funding agencies (for supporting the JGOFS IPO in Kiel before it moved to Bergen), the Canadian and U.S. governments for seconding personnel to the JGOFS IPO at different times, the U.S. National Science Foundation for its significant financial support of the JGOFS SSC and its subcommittees, the International Council for Science for numerous contributions of support for JGOFS activities, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for support of several JGOFS meetings, and a myriad of other nations and organizations that contributed to the support of JGOFS. JGOFS has demonstrated once again that committed scientists and sponsors are vital ingredients to make a large field research project successful.