

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier this year, I wrote to each of you as a distinguished scientist experienced in active source marine reflection seismology. I also know that you have strong connections with colleagues, inside your institution, country and beyond.

I sent letters to 31 colleagues from 16 countries. Eighteen colleagues responded. Those who replied had a wide range of responses. The following are brief phrases from the letters, and how many were noted.

Interested in workshop in 2015	9
Really need a 3D vessel like Langseth	5
Looking for a cost breakdown	3
Struggling with ship allotments	3
Non-US 3D vessel is already available or being built	2
Might use Langseth as part of a collaborative program	2
Learning about the UNOLS Fleet	1
Langseth needs to be improved	1
Langseth has unique capabilities	1
Langseth cost is high	1
Funding is tight	1
Interested in commercial work	1
Talked to someone at a higher level in their country	1

Along with key staff who manage aspects of the *R/V Langseth*, it seems to us that there is enough international interest to invite you to a gathering at the upcoming AGU meeting in San Francisco. We invite you to meet with us at:

5:30-6:30 PM on Tuesday (16 December)

Union Square Marriott Hotel

(480 Sutter St, San Francisco).

Mezzanine level

Room name/number TBD and will be posted.

We will gather David Goldberg (LDEO, Columbia University, Associate Director – Marine Division), Donna Blackman (NSF, Marine Geology and Geophysics), and Sean Higgins (LDEO, Columbia University, Director of Marine Operations).

Afterwards, you are welcome to join us for the Lamont Party at 6:30-8:30 PM, also on the a Mezzanine Level Room.

If you are at the AGU meeting but cannot attend the Langseth meeting above, please contact Dale Sawyer, 713-301-6759 (c), dale@rice.edu, and/or Sean Higgins, 914-260-6759 (c), sean@ldeo.columbia.edu. We will try to set up a discussion with you at another time at AGU.

Best regards,
Dale Sawyer

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