White Paper on Proposing, Planning and Executing Logistics Involved in Oceanographic Field Operations in Foreign Water and Ports

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The History

- Very difficult operations out of Mexico in late 2016-2017
- Large variety of issues from
  - Last minute changes in visa requirements
  - Cargo difficulties – in and out
  - Questions around agent
  - Difficulties obtaining sample shipment requirements
- Special meeting at the spring scheduling meeting (03/17)
The Committee

- Andreas Teske/UNC
- Amanda Joye/UGA
- Dan Fornari/WHOI
- Liz Brenner/SIO
- Al Suchy/WHOI
- Miguel McKinney/RSMAS
- Alice Doyle/UNOLS (facilitator)
Final Drafts

• **White Paper** - Proposing, Planning and Executing Logistics involved in Oceanographic Field Operations in Foreign Waters and Port
  ▫ **Executive Summary**
  ▫ **General Recommendations**

• **Appendix 1** – Detailed Recommendations and Considerations for Working in Foreign Ports and Obtaining Marine Science Research Clearances.
Final Drafts

- White Paper Executive Recommendations:
  1. More consistent cruise planning approaches across ARF, especially regarding timing and communication protocols
  2. PIs must become/remain aware of the nuances
  3. Operators strive for single POC
  4. More stream-lined approach for disseminating in-port costs
  5. PIs must stay on top of visa requirements
  6. Foreign Shipments must be well coordinated between PI, Operator, Freight Forwarder and Agent.
  7. UNOLS take lead on Best Practices/Cruise Planning documents.
Appendix 1 – Best Practices

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  ▫ Considerations for Proposal Budgeting & Logistics Planning
  ▫ General Pre-Cruise Planning
  ▫ Shipping Logistics & Foreign Port Operations
  ▫ Visas
  ▫ Marine Research Clearances

• Further Appendices
  ▫ Suggested – MX, Brasil,
Any Questions?