

# MERAS Committee Update

2022 RVTEC



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# 2022 Activities



Adopted first  
Code of Conduct  
—  
Modules I&II  
Companion Guide

UNOLS Council  
Recommendations  
—  
Safety in Field  
Sciences Report  
Reviews

Researching DEI  
Resources  
—  
Opportunities for  
assessment



# Committee Initiatives

## Resource Availability:

### Scientists

- Support upcoming NSF field safety requirements
  - Meet with Rose Dufour to understand new requirements after public comment period
  - Create Pre-expedition checklist tool including harassment prevention and response planning/ training

### Crew

- Coordinate with RVTEC for specific resource needs and DEI-specific meetings

#### Scientists and Crew

- Compile lists of trainings and other resources currently gathered by operators and institutions
- Post relevant materials in separate sections for crew/ scientists on relevant sections of UNOLS webpage.
- Expand each to include additional resources identified by MERAS resources.

## Assessment

### Scientists and Crew

- Include DEI questions to Post cruise assessment report relative to crew and science party performance tailored to address NSF requirements.
  - Make sure all onboard the ship knows that it's available, include that in any checklist with the cruise planning.

## Promoting an Inclusive UNOLS

- Recommend that current onboarding sessions for new Council members become accepted practice.
- Include DEI lessons and learning strategies as a part of the onboarding presentation
- Make sessions inclusive of anyone who wants to attend
  - Get it advertised
  - UNOLS Resources include Newsletter, website, twitter, Facebook, Instagram
- Work with council on increasing awareness of opportunities within UNOLS through “Rev the Reps”.



# Field Safety Tool Kit Session

Tomorrow at 3:00pm Pacific

Content is available on Whova

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