

Program Update Ridge 2000 began Oct 2001 One year into planned 12 year program

Two themes Time Critical Studies Integrated Studies







Three initial ISS 8-11 N EPR Endeavour segment of the JdFR East Lau back-arc spreading center

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Two major workshops

Implementation Plans published July 15 on R2k website

R2k Data Policy approved

August 15 –1st target date for postdoc, data management and ISS proposals



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Budget

Currently \$9.5M –includes office and ship costs *Coming Soon* Revised R2k Science Plan The first R2k Newsletter

Upcoming Workshops

Fall 2003 – MAR site selection workshop (Providence, RI)

June 2003 – Exploratory studies workshop (with ChEss, InterRidge and NOAA's OE (SOC)

Aug/Sept 2003 – Iceland Summer School: Magmatic-Tectonic Interaction

2004 – RTI (with InterRidge) Back-arc spreading centers (Korea)



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R2k Field Programs

2004 will be first season for ISS cruises

Anticipate 3 legs in Lau Basin (use of ROV, AUV, more)

Continuous work at EPR and Endeavour (continued use of NDSF vehicles and instruments)

NDSF is essential for the success of R2k!



Debbie Kelley, John Delaney, University of Washington

See the R2k website for more info: r2k.bio.psu.edu

Please stop by the R2k booth

See the Deep Sea Issue of Geotimes (December)

Attend the Ridge 2000 Smoker! 5:30-8:00pm, Fri Dec 8, Marriott Hotel