Institute field workshop is planned for Focus Site, and synthesis workshops, including potential co-sponsorship with other national and international research programs. These workshops will be announced as plans progress.

9. Education and Public Outreach:
   - The MARGINS Education and Outreach Advisory Committee (MEAC) held a planning meeting in October, 2005, which would provide a platform for future outreach efforts.
   - The MARGINS Office plans to work with NSF on a Mexico pilot run of an international student exchange program.
   - MEAC would prepare an NSF Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement proposal for a multi-year pilot project in collaboration with the Science Education Resource Center, and involving development of undergraduate “mini-lessons” using resources from MARGINS science, data, and workshops.

10. Other matters:
   - The MSC considered timing and mechanisms for a community Science Plan for a “next generation” of MARGINS beyond the decade-plus time frame of the existing program.
   - The MSC thanked Julie Morris for her efforts as MARGINS Chair, and wished her well with her rotation as NSF-OCE Division Director.

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The MARGINS database group (http://www.marine-geo.org/margins/) would like to thank the following investigators for contributing information and data for a number of MARGINS-funded field programs.

In the Papua New Guinea Focus Site, the suite of VANCOUVER cruises led by Andrea Ogston, Chuck Nittouer, Andre Droxler, Larry Peterson and Neal Driscoll have been entered into the database. These include ship track navigation, locations of sediment cores, BLISP and CTD lowerings, current meters stations and CHIRP lines.

HMR-1 sidescan sonar data along with dredge and rock core information for Patty Fryer and Sherm Bloomer’s COOK06MV/COOK07MV IBM Focus Site cruises are now ingested. A basic entry for related cruise TN154 (Fryer) has also been created. Links to processed multi-channel seismics data were created for EW0202/EW0203 (Taylor/ Klempner). Doug Wiens is providing data for Wecoma cruises W0404A and W0405A.

For Central America, Andy Fisher’s VANCO2MV cruise entry contains navigation and information on heatflow probe operations, CTDs, gravity and piston cores. The Alvin dives, fluid flow sensor and CTD operations for both AT11-28 and EW0212 (Kevin Brown) are also in. LeRoy Dorman released the multibeam data for his NEMO04MV cruise.

Steven Kuehl and Clark Alexander provided metadata for their New Zealand Waipaoa Focus Site cruises KM0502/ KM0503, including CTD and gravity/box core operations.

Peter Lonsdale and Barry Eakins supplied navigation and information for their dredging operations on their four DANA legs to the Gulf of California and Central America. The OBS deployments for Jim Gaherty’s SCOoba project have also been added.

Rock sample locations from Mark Reagan’s 2002 fieldwork on Guam have been included - the first land-based field sampling program to be entered into the database.

The database group reported on the status of the database at the February 2006 meeting of the MARGINS Steering Committee. We also participated in the MARGINS Education Advisory Committee meeting held by the MARGINS Office in October 2005. The information booth that we ran at the Fall 2005 AGU meeting attracted many visitors, most of them new to the database system.

The packet of standardised metadata forms that is sent out to investigators before their field programs was updated to reflect the feedback that we received from PIs. A set of forms for land-based MARGINS-funded field programs is now also available at: http://www.marine-geo.org/metadata_forms.html

Improvements have been made to the database search interface (Data Link) and to the results listings. Users can now search on data or device type as well as by geographical area, field program ID, investigator, dates, and so on. Ship track lines can be viewed on a global digital elevation model and field locations of stations and lines have been tabulated.

GeoMapApp, the application that allows versatile exploration of many data sets in the database, has, over the past year, received new functionality including the ability to view Alvin dive bottom photos, an expanded catalogue of global data sets, and the option to save grids and images in the Google Earth KMZ format. Grids can also be imported into GeoMapApp and an interface to DSDP data has been added.