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Greetings Continental Scientific Drilling IIG initial members,

Welcome to the Continental Scientific Drilling IIG. We thank you for your interest in establishing this IIG and look forward to your involvement as we move forward.

The purpose of the IIG is to promote (1) research using continental scientific drilling, (2) the collaboration of scientists from all divisions of The Geological Society of America, Inc. in continental scientific drilling projects, (3) the presentation and publication of continental scientific drilling project results, and (4) students and early career scientists involvement in continental scientific drilling projects.

We envision a series of activities over the coming year to accomplish these goals. These include: (1) To serve as an intellectual hub for GSA members who use continental scientific drilling to understand fundamental geological processes; (2) To facilitate presentations, discussions, and education within the GSA and its meetings about continental drilling; (3) To promote research and interdisciplinary collaboration on continental scientific drilling projects; (4) To cooperate with other Divisions, IIGs, Sections, and officers and committees of the Society in promoting research pertaining to continental scientific drilling.

As Designated Chair, I can be reached at James_Russell@Brown.edu. I will serve an initial term of 1 year (until 2018) and/or until elections can be held at a meeting of the membership at a GSA annual meeting, at which time the full slate of officers can be elected. I can then serve a full term if elected. Our Community Administrator, Dr. Amy Myrbo, will also serve an initial term of 1 year and will be working with Lisa Park Boush to establish the IIG. Additionally, we will be seeking an IIG member to be appointed to the GSA Joint Technical Program Committee (JTTC) to help shape the GSA meeting technical program and ensure the science is represented.

Thank you for your initial support and getting this IIG established.

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