

# Professor Dirk “Dick” Kroon

24 December 1957 - 24 May 2022



*RV JOIDES Resolution*

10:30 UTC, 6th July, 2022

IODP Site U1583

20°26.03' W, 30°42.62' S

South Atlantic Ocean

Order of Remembrance

A Celebration of an Ocean Driller  
**Professor Dirk Kroon**

Regius Professor of Geology  
University of Edinburgh

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Opening Words: Captain Thomas Hartt, Master o/b srv JOIDES Resolution

Dick Kroon's achievements and leadership of scientific ocean drilling  
Damon Teagle, Co-chief scientist, IODP Expedition 393,  
South Atlantic Transect 2

"The Ship of Life" by John T Baker  
read by Marcin Latas, Shipboard Scientist, IODP Expedition 393

Dick's final words to his many friends and colleagues in the ocean drilling  
community,  
spoken by Julia Reece, Co-chief scientist, IODP Expedition 393,  
South Atlantic Transect 2

*"The situation is disconcerting – we cannot do much about it.  
Thank you for thinking of me, Dick".*

Minute's silence

Ringing of the JOIDES Resolution Ship's Bell



“The Ship of Life”

John T Baker

based on Henry Van Dyke’s “The Parable of Immortality”

Along the shore I spy a ship  
As she sets out to sea;  
She spreads her sails and sniffs the breeze  
And slips away from me.

I watch her fading image shrink,  
As she moves on and on,  
Until at last she's but a speck,  
Then someone says, "She's gone."

Gone where? Gone only from our sight  
And from our farewell cries;  
That ship will somewhere reappear  
To other eager eyes.

Beyond the dim horizon's rim  
Resound the welcome drums,  
And while we're crying, "There she goes!"  
They're shouting, "Here she comes!"

We are built to explore, for but a while  
Upon this trackless sea,  
Until one day we sail away  
Into infinity.

**Professor Dirk Kroon, PhD (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)**  
**Regius Professor of Geology**  
**The University of Edinburgh**

ECORD Award – 2021

Chair of the IODP Forum, 2019-2021

Co-Chair of the IODP Science Evaluation Panel, 2012-2016

Chair of IODP-Netherlands, 2002-2006

Shipboard Scientist, IODP Expedition 359, Maldives Monsoon and Sea Level,  
30 September – 30 November 2015

Co-Chief Scientist, ODP Leg 208 Early Cenozoic Climate Extremes:  
The Walvis Ridge Transect, 6 March – 6 May 2003

Co-Chief Scientist, ODP Leg 171B Blake Nose – Paleoceanographic Transect,  
8 January 1997 – 14 February 1997

Shipboard Scientist, ODP Leg 166, Bahamas Transect,  
17 February – 10 April 1996

Shipboard Scientist, ODP Leg 133, North-east Australian Margin,  
4 August 1990 – 11 October 1990

Shipboard Scientist, ODP Leg 117, Oman Margin/Neogene Package,  
19 August 1987 to 17 October 1987