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Required fields are highlighted in yellow. Click in the gray text box to enter comments.

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Planning Services	
No	SIP Process Met Expectations?
Comments: Polar Ice. No mechanism to resubmit information for a repeat cruise (LMG08-04 and LMG08-08). Scientists must start from scratch for each cruise. If multiple cruises are funded, it should be possible to update SIP without complete re-entry of all redundant information.	
Yes	RSP helpful and timely?
Comments: OK. Good for reviewing planning and communication.	
Yes	POC Responsive?
Comments: 4 POCs over course of planning process made for some confusing communication/turnover issues.	

Medical Services	
Yes	Kits received on time?
Comments: OK- fine.	
Yes	Questions answered?
Comments: Medical helpful and responsive to issues and got everyone through the process.	

Travel Services	
Yes	TRW available and understandable?

Comments:	
TRW choices not respected. Travel changed double room and roommate requests to single room requests, and therefore doubled hotel expenses for science party on LMG08-04.	
Travel changed airports of departure (AODs) for several participants. No sensible reason for changing selected AODs. Some participants had to travel long distances to new AODs. No reasons given for alternate AODs. Some of the science party were given AODs at "the closest major airport" ignoring their selected regional airports that offer several connections per day to major airports. No reason given for new AODs over selected AODs.	
Dr Ishman suggests providing a list of AODs to select from rather than just changing chosen AODs without notice.	
East coast participants were routed through west coast airports. One student: Boston-Dallas-Los Angeles-Lima-Santiago. This and other itineraries unnecessarily complex and long.	
Dr Ishman suggests flexibility in flight planning to allow one day earlier to be considered for better itineraries.	
Return travel for Dr Ishman and others to midwest AODs routed through Los Angeles instead of Dallas, where there is only one onward flight per day to St Louis. Onward flights from Dallas to St Louis on the hour provides more flexibility if delayed.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Ticketing completed easily?
Comments:	
See above comments. Poor response to travel change requests was unacceptable. Only 1 of 6 change requests from the cruise was made.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Meet and assist service met requirements?
Comments:	
Santiago meet and greet excellent. Jimmy makes the customs and flight connections easy.	
PA airport transfer ok. Carola nice but has very limited english language skills. One student on LMG08-04 was not met at the airport.	

Environmental Services	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sample permits received okay?
Comments:	
N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACA permits received okay?
Comments:	
N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Waste handling needs met?
Comments:	
Lindsey Loughry (MST) provided excellent lab support and waste management for the lab chemicals.	

Equipment Availability	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Requested equipment available?
Comments: [REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Damaged?
Comments: [REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Late?
Comments: [REDACTED]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	ECW gear in good condition?
Comments: A couple of more pairs of heavy winter socks should be standard issue. The steel toed boot requirement on the vessels should be met with steel toed deck boots available in all sizes. No steel toed winter boots at all. More of, and more available sizes of double-front work pants would be nice.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Lab space adequate?
Comments: [REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remote sensing support needs met? (TeraScan, RadarSat)
Comments: N/A No ice imagery necessary this cruise.	

Hotel Services	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Cabins clean and neat?
Comments: Fine.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Linens clean and in good condition?
Comments: Fine.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Food quality and variety was good?
Comments: Food was just OK. The menu was lacking in variety , but adequate. Palmer Station's food service remarkably better than the ship's.	

Research Objectives

Yes

All accomplished? If not, please explain (weather, ice, equipment, personnel, etc.)

Comments:

All objectives achieved.

Future Cruises

No

If returning for another cruise, are there any additional equipment or support needs your group anticipates?

Comments:

Needs identified after LMG08-04 were met.

More spares were available for mega-core. Properly machined tubes for mega-core.

Herman Nelson heater for de-icing the mega-core worked very well.

Yes

Anything you would like to see changed?

Comments:

Internet connectivity on the ship in Punta Arenas would be extremely useful pre and post cruise.

Personnel Issues/Concerns

No

ECO

Comments:

Excellent support from ship's crew

No

RPSC

Comments:

Excellent support from RPSC crew.

Other Issues

No

Diving, Zodiac, E-mail support, interaction with stations, etc.?

Comments:

Warm welcome from Palmer Station was nice. 4th of July barbecue was a welcome opportunity for interacting with station.