

Career Opportunity

Science Officer

(Permanent position)

Salary: Euros 40,000–55,000 (net per year before income tax)

Location: Paris, France

Closing date: 16 August 2010

The International Council for Science (ICSU) is seeking a Science Officer to assist with the planning and implementation of ICSU's initiatives.

ICSU is a non-governmental scientific organization with a global membership. ICSU members include 121 national scientific bodies (mostly national academies of science) covering 141 countries, 30 International Scientific Unions, and 21 International Scientific Associates. Activities focus on three areas: International Research Collaboration; Science for Policy; and Universality of Science. This job offers a unique opportunity for the right candidate to help ICSU in its mission to strengthen international science for the benefit of society.

The Science Officer will assist with the planning and implementation of ICSU's initiatives, with a focus on sustainability research including global environmental change. Examples of work tasks include support to ICSU committees, interaction with ICSU partners and members, and coordination of international research programmes. The ICSU Secretariat, located in Paris, France, is a small international team of 16 people and the ability to work in close cooperation with others is important.

ICSU is seeking candidates with the following:

Qualifications and knowledge

- An advanced scientific degree (preferably Doctorate) in a relevant natural or social science discipline and a further 5 years research or science management experience; and a broad interest in science.
- Demonstrated experience in science project/programme development and coordination.
- Excellent knowledge of English and preferably some knowledge of French and/or other languages.
- Good working knowledge of MS Office systems, and of electronic databases and Web sites.

Skills

- Ability to draft reports and summarize scientific information.
- Good organisational skills and the capacity to deliver on allocated tasks and respond in a timely manner to deadlines.
- Positive and constructive attitude.
- Action-orientated and responsible.
- Creative and willing to take initiative.
- Good interpersonal skills and readiness to work within a team environment.

The salary (Euros 40,000–55,000 net per year before income tax) will be dependent on the experience and qualifications of the candidate. Applicants are requested to address the above description and qualifications in a cover letter and attach a curriculum vitae with the name and contact details of three referees. They are invited to indicate how serving in this position would support their own future science career objectives. Applications, with 'Science Officer' in the subject line, should be sent via email to recruitment@icsu.org and addressed to Professor Deliang Chen, Executive Director, International Council for Science (ICSU).

The closing date for applications is **16 August 2010**.

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