

Job advertisement
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GEO BON (Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network) is a “community of practice”, within the Global Earth Observation System of Systems - GEOSS (<http://www.earthobservations.org/geobon.shtml>.) As of January 1st 2014, the secretariat of GEO BON will be based in iDiv, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (Leipzig, Germany).

The Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg offers in cooperation with GEOBON and iDiv the following position for the duration of 30 months (initially limited till September 30th, 2016 with possibility of extension)

Executive Director

(full-time employment)

The salary will be paid in relation to the transferred functions and fulfillment of personal requirements up to Entgeltgruppe 13 TV-L (this signifies a range from 40 kEUR p.a. to 58 kEUR p.a. approx., depending on level of relevant experience). The Executive Director will work in close collaboration with the incoming Chair of the GEO BON Steering Committee, Prof. Henrique M. Pereira (iDiv) and the incoming vice-chair, Dr. Mike Gill (Environment Canada), thematic workgroup coordinators, regional BON coordinators, the GEO BON Steering Committee and the GEO secretariat.

Requirements:

- Ph.D. in ecology or related field
- excellent diploma or master degree in a relevant field
- demonstrable experience in project management with executive leadership in organizations a plus
- excellent communication skills, fluency in English, knowledge of other languages being a plus
- willingness to travel abroad frequently, outgoing and at ease in multicultural backgrounds

Topic/job description:

- Providing visible leadership for GEO BON and representing GEO BON at scientific and policy meetings
- Creating funding opportunities through engagement with potential donors
- Coordinating activities of GEO BON Working Groups and Regional Observation Networks
- Liaising with national and regional organizations involved in biodiversity monitoring and reporting
- Organize the Steering Committee, All-hands and other meetings of GEO BON and manage the communication activities of GEO BON, including a regular newsletter and a website
- Manage, as and when required, activities and inputs requested by the GEO secretariat

Severely disabled persons are encouraged to apply and will be given preference in the case of equal suitability. Women are strongly urged to submit an application.

Applications should be directed to emily.keller@idiv.de and addressed to Henrique M. Pereira, Professor of Biodiversity Conservation, iDiv. Applications should be in a single PDF file with **reference file number (D 189/2013)**. Applications are accepted until **January 6th, 2014** and should include a curriculum vitae, a motivation letter, as well as certificates and two letters of reference. Interviews of the shortlisted candidates will take place in January 20th, 2014 in Leipzig. Expected started date for the position is March 1st, 2014.

For queries on the position please contact Prof. Henrique M. Pereira, Tel.: +49 341 9733102, E-Mail: henrique.pereira@idiv.de.