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## **INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR 2007-2008**

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To: ICSU International Unions and National Members  
Permanent Representatives of WMO Members  
ICSU Interdisciplinary Bodies and Joint Initiatives  
National IPY Committees and Contact Points

### **Announcement Director IPY International Programme Office**

The International Council for Science (ICSU) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) invite applications for the post of Director of the International Polar Year 2007-2008 (IPY) International Programme Office (IPO), which is being established at the British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, UK, with core funding from the UK Natural Environment Research Council. The location of the IPO was selected based upon an international call for applications

The concept of the IPY 2007-2008 is of an intensive burst of internationally coordinated, interdisciplinary, scientific research and observations focused on the Earth's polar regions. An IPY Joint Committee (JC), established by ICSU and the WMO, will be responsible for overall scientific planning, coordination, guidance and oversight of the International Polar Year 2007-2008. The IPY IPO will promote the IPY and will support the activities of the Joint Committee. For more information on the IPY, the Joint Committee and the responsibilities of the IPO please see the IPY Framework Document, which is posted on <http://www.ipy.org>.

The successful candidate will oversee a staff of at least two people and will direct the work of the IPO, especially in respect of the preparation for, and conduct of sessions of the Joint Committee and of the implementation of actions supporting the central planning, oversight and coordination of the IPY under the direction of the Joint Committee. The Director will work to promote the IPY internationally and to facilitate the acquisition of funds for the IPY.

The successful candidate will have a MSc/PhD degree in a relevant discipline and an excellent knowledge of English. Knowledge of other UN languages would be an advantage.

The candidate should have experience with international research collaborations. Familiarity with polar research would be of particular value.

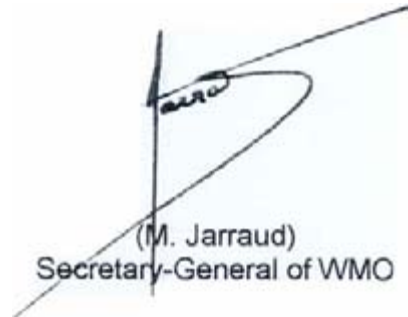
Applications should include (i) a CV, (ii) a letter outlining the skills and experience the candidate can bring to the IPY IPO, and (iii) three references. The address to which applications should be sent is: Professor Thomas Rosswall, Executive Director, International Council for Science (ICSU), 51 boulevard de Montmorency, FR-75016 Paris, France, e-mail [thomas.rosswall@icsu.org](mailto:thomas.rosswall@icsu.org), tel. +33 (01) 45 25 03 29, fax: +33 (01) 42 88 94 31. The deadline for applications is 31st December 2004.

It is expected that the Director will start his/her appointment, located in Cambridge UK, as soon as possible and no later than 15 February 2005. The salary will be negotiable in the range £32,980 to £43,240 (equivalent to a UK Research Council Band 4 post) although the possibility of a higher remuneration may be considered, depending on the candidate. An appointment under the terms of a secondment would also be possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary-General of WMO