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ICSU (www.icsu.org), founded in 1931, is a non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion of science for the benefit of society. To accomplish its mission, ICSU facilitates, mobilizes and engages the knowledge and resources of the international science community represented by 30 Scientific Unions and 121 National Scientific Members (representing 141 countries) and 17 Interdisciplinary Bodies set up by ICSU to address specific scientific research areas.

ICSU has a central Secretariat of 15 staff located in Paris, plus overseas Regional Offices in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

ICSU is governed by its General Assembly, which meets every three years. Responsibility for ongoing leadership and management is vested with ICSU's Officers and the Executive Board, elected by the General Assembly. The Executive Director reports to the elected Officers and the Executive Board and has overall responsibility for implementing the strategic goals and plans of the organization, managing the Secretariat and overseeing the day-to-day operations of ICSU.

In this capacity, the successful candidate will be expected to:

- Act to achieve ICSU's mission, strategy and plans, and contribute to their formulation and development;
- Work with and seek synergy and harmony among all components of the ICSU membership: Scientific Unions, National Members and Interdisciplinary Bodies;
- Ensure effective links between ICSU and partners in the UN, governmental and non-governmental sectors and help raising funds in support of ICSU's programmes;
- Manage the ICSU Secretariat and its staff in Paris and oversee the Regional Offices around the world.

ICSU is seeking candidates who:

- Have an advanced university degree in science and a record in the conduct of scientific research;
- Have at least fifteen years of experience in international collaboration and management of scientific programmes;
- Have leadership as well as strategic, financial and human resources management skills;
- Possess full command of written and spoken English. Working knowledge of French and knowledge of other languages is considered an advantage.

The incumbent should be prepared to conduct frequent world-wide travel. The appointment will start on 1 January 2012 with an initial probationary period of six months. The incumbent is expected to reside in the Paris area, certainly after confirmation at the end of the probationary period.

Further information may be obtained by writing in confidence to the Secretary General at ED_queries@icsu.org

Applications with full CV and names of three references should be addressed to the Secretary-General of ICSU at ED_applications@icsu.org by 10 September 2011. Interviews for short-listed candidates will be arranged in early November 2011.