

**Post title** Programme Specialist  
**Organisational unit** Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Ocean Sciences section

**Duty station** Paris, France

**Grade** P-4

**Post number** SC- 443

**Closing date** 17 May 2006

**Main responsibilities** Under the authority of the ADG/IOC and the general supervision of the chief of Ocean Observations and Services, in co-operation with the IOC programmes and units concerned, the incumbent will organize, planify and secure resources to implement the IOC Main Line of Action in Ocean Observations and Services. To this extent she/he will:

- Develop and maintain an operational web-based portal mirroring systematically conducted oceanographic measurements being carried out by member states within the context of IOC programs including Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), JCOMM and IODE.
- Contribute to the development of GOOS, JCOMM and IODE by implementing decisions taken by the governing bodies of the co-sponsors on the basis of the combined reports of the Intergovernmental Panel for GOOS (I-GOOS), the WMO-IOC Joint Commission on Marine Meteorology and the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE). Play an instrumental role in the preparation of the meetings of these bodies, and providing and disseminating reports on their meetings.
- Liaise with the co-sponsors of GOOS and JCOMM, currently including WMO, UNEP, to ensure that programs and activities undertaken by the secretariat at the request of IOC governing bodies are also in accordance with the other sponsors' wishes.
- Prepare annual and other reports on GOOS, JCOMM and IODE developments and provide communications about these programs.
- Assist the head of ocean observations and services as requested in support of the GOOS, JCOMM and IODE programs of IOC. Areas of concentration may include outreach and/or coordinating activities related to GOOS regional alliances.
- Perform any other duty assigned by the ADG/IOC, including coordination of the IOC Secretariat and liaison with other Main Lines of Action of UNESCO

- Profile**
- Advanced university degree (PhD or equivalent an asset) in Physical Oceanography, Ocean Engineering or Meteorology. Detailed technical knowledge of oceanic processes and observational techniques. Thorough knowledge of website and database programming on multiple platforms in multiple programming environments. Demonstrated intercultural and interpersonal skills.
  - 7 to 10 years' of progressively responsible relevant experience. Substantial oceanographic research and/or operational experience. Oceanographic research and/or operations experience.
  - Demonstrable experience in website and database programming and maintenance (html/php/mysql etc).
  - Excellent knowledge of English or French and good knowledge of the other language.

**Conditions of employment** UNESCO's salaries are calculated in US dollars but mainly paid in local currency. They consist of a basic salary and a post adjustment which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station and exchange rates. For this post, the annual remuneration in local currency will start from around € 79,190 (€ 73, 744 if without dependants), exempt from income tax. In addition, UNESCO offers an attractive benefits package including 30 days annual vacation, home travel, education grant for dependant children, pension plan and medical insurance. The initial appointment, which is for 2 years, includes a probationary period of 12 months, and is renewable, subject to satisfactory service. Worldwide mobility is required as staff members have to serve in other duty stations according to UNESCO's job rotation policy. UNESCO is a non-smoking Organization.

**How to apply** Candidates should use UNESCO's online application system at [www.unesco.org/employment](http://www.unesco.org/employment). Candidates without access to internet may send a paper application by completing the official UNESCO CV form (available at Headquarters, UNESCO Offices, National Commissions in Member States, or any office of a United Nations Resident Representative) in English or French to *Chief, HRM/RCR, UNESCO, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France, before the closing date, quoting the post number.*

***Women as well as nationals from non- or under-represented Member States are encouraged to apply***

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