



The Norwegian Polar Institute Research Department

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Director for Climate and Cryosphere International Project Office

The Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI) and the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) invite applications for a temporary position as Director of the Climate and Cryosphere (CliC) International Project Office (CIPO). The position is temporary for a period until the 31st of January 2018.

Background

As a core project of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), the "Climate and Cryosphere" project encourages and promotes research into the cryosphere and its interactions as part of the global climate system. It seeks to focus attention on the most important issues, encourage communication between researchers with common interests in cryospheric and climate science, promote international co-operation, and highlight the importance of this field of science to policy makers, funding agencies, and the general public. CliC also publishes significant findings regarding the role of the cryosphere in climate, and recommends directions for future study. The Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI) hosts the CliC International Project Office. The office is organized with a director and an administrative position.

More information on CliC is available at www.climate-cryosphere.org and www.wcrp-climate.org.

More information about the Norwegian Polar Institute is available at www.npolar.no.

Work content

The Director will work closely with the CliC governing bodies (Scientific Steering Group (SSG), its Chairs and the Executive Committee), panels and working groups. The scope of work will include contributions to fulfillment of CliC scientific priorities as a part of the WCRP's objectives and goals. Further, the Director will be responsible for:

- updating the CliC project documents and plans
- preparing meetings and project-related events and reports
- ensuring the liaison
- coordination and the timely flow of pertinent information for WCRP-affiliated scientists, projects and relevant international scientific bodies
- participation in sessions of the CliC SSG and relevant meetings of other national and international bodies, represent the projects at meetings, conduct consultations at the working level with agencies and institutions on implementation of CliC
- promoting CliC objectives in the cryospheric, climate, polar and broader science communities
- seeking sources of maintaining adequate funding for the CIPO
- fulfilling other duties as required or requested by CliC governing bodies and WCRP

The CIPO serves as an extension of the WCRP Joint Planning Staff (JPS). The Director reports to the Director of the WCRP on WCRP and CliC programmatic activities and to the NPI on issues related to management and funding of the office, as well as day-to-day operations of the office and its staff. The Director is an ex-officio member for the CliC Executive Committee and will be responsible for the follow-up and coordination of all CliC-related actions/activities resulting from meetings of CliC governing body and the Joint Scientific Committee for WCRP.

The Director is expected to integrate with and actively interact with the cryosphere research community at NPI for mutual scientific benefit.

Qualifications

Candidates must hold a PhD in cryospheric, polar research or other relevant field. Extensive and relevant experience may in special cases make up for lack of formal education.

In addition, we are looking for the following qualifications:

- a broad knowledge of Earth system science, including the subfields of climate and the cryosphere;
- the ability to communicate effectively with a broad range of project stake-holders, including scientists, students, science policy experts, data and information managers, funding agencies, and managers of scientific programmes and institutes;
- previous involvement and experience in the organization of multi-disciplinary scientific projects;
- leadership skills through experience in managing small teams (e.g. Deputy Director, project scientist or office manager);
- ability to lead a team responsible for supporting an international scientific project (e.g. the provision of secretariat support for meetings, producing reports of meetings and project plans, ensuring a timely flow of information to stakeholders through publications and web-based systems, organizing and supporting international conferences, work with budget/resources, etc.);
- readiness to work with national/international sources and associated processes for funding scientific programmes and technical projects;
- ability to communicate publicly and promote CliC and WCRP internationally

Excellent written and spoken communication skills in English are required. The ability to work in Norwegian or other Scandinavian language is considered an asset.

General

The work place is the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromsø, Norway. The salary will be commensurate with the qualifications of the successful candidate, under the Norwegian state salary code 1364 senior advisor, scale 65-72 (currently NOK 560,700-640,700 per year). Travelling, both nationally and internationally, will be required. The position is open immediately.

Tromsø is a city of 70.000 residents situated in northern Norway at nearly 70°N. Tromsø is known as a good place to experience the midnight sun, polar night, varied outdoor activities and a lively cultural and entertainment environment. It is also a major, and expanding, center for research, with numerous government and private research institutions and a major university.

The Norwegian State Administration strives to mirror the diversity of its population and thereby achieve a balanced mix of age, gender and ethnic backgrounds among its employees. All qualified candidates with different backgrounds are encouraged to apply. The Norwegian Polar Institute is an IW-enterprise and adjustments will be made to the workplace regarding health issues, if necessary.

Further inquiries about the position may be directed to Director of WCRP Dr. David Carlson, tel. +41 79 229 1042, e-mail: wcrp.djc@gmail.com, WCRP Senior Scientific Officer Dr. Michael Sparrow, tel. +41 22 730 8486, e-mail: msparrow@wmo.int, or Research Director of NPI Nalân Koç, tel. +47 77 75 05 30, e-mail: koc@npolar.no.

The application deadline is 15th of October 2015. The application must include details of your relevant qualifications and experience, a description of what you would bring to this job and which personal skills and experience that will meet the selection criteria, CV and the names and contact information of at least three references. Please, submit a complete application, including necessary documents/attachments, electronically via this page. Please, do not include copies of articles or other work in the application, but note that it may be requested later in the process.

All applications are handled in confidentiality until the application deadline. Thereafter, a public list of applicants will be prepared. Applicants who wish to reserve their applications from the public list must give reasons for this when submitting their applications. Information about an applicant can be made public even if the applicant has requested not be included from the public list of applicants, cf. Freedom of Information Act, Section 25, 2nd paragraph.

Tilleggsinformasjon

Arbeidssted: