



Science Coordinator

GlobalSoilMap.net is a new global program to map the world soil resources at high resolution, coordinated by ISRIC – World Soil Information and bringing together centres of soil science excellence in every continent. The program started in 2009 and ISRIC – World Soil Information is appointing a Science Coordinator, to be based in Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Specific responsibilities

- Scientific coordination, management and planning
- Project management, monitoring the completion of the various program components on time, on budget, and up to specification
- Liaison with all scientists in the nodes of *GlobalSoilMap.net* and with the sister project developing an *African Soil Information Service*, to ensure compatibility of methods and approaches
- Scientific leadership in technical developments necessary to achieve the mapping goals
- Coordinate the writing of technical manuals.

Terms of employment

The Science Coordinator will be based at ISRIC, Wageningen and need to undertake project-driven worldwide travel. The period of contract will be 3 years with a 6-month period of notice; there is a likelihood that the position will be made permanent. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with responsibility and experience (scale 12).

Requirements

- An advanced degree or professional equivalent in soil science or a related field
- Ten years of professional experience in soil survey, including digital soil mapping and/or pedometrics
- Experience with international collaborative projects and proven team-building ability
- Excellent oral and written communications; proven capacity to communicate within a team, between partner teams in different institutions in different countries, heads of partner institutions, donors, government representatives, and project consultants
- Demonstrated ability to supervise staff, providing direction, delegation, and empowerment within a team to achieve coordination and efficiency in meeting project objectives
- Innovative thinking; strong analytical and problem-solving skills applicable to digital mapping process and systems improvements, attention for detail
- Demonstrated international or cross-cultural experience
- Understanding of international development issues
- Fluency in English is essential; command of other international languages (French, Portuguese) is an advantage

Applications, including Curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of three referees (including telephone, and e-mail address), should be sent to The Director, ISRIC – World Soil Information (isric@wur.nl), copied to Dr Alfred Hartemink (alfred.hartemink@wur.nl) who may also be contacted for questions or further information.

Closing date for applications: 5th March 2009 or until a suitable candidate is identified. All applications will be acknowledged, short-listed candidates will be contacted.