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Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System Fellowship programme in sea level science and applications 2008 (third call)

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO is pleased to announce the availability of a number of fellowships for participants from the countries bordering the Indian Ocean¹. The fellowships are funded through a contribution from the Government of Norway to the IOC's Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System program (IOTWS). The present announcement constitutes the third application round under this programme.

Goals of the programme

Following the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26 December 2004, an extended network of tide gauges has been installed in the region. This network forms one of the main components of the observing network of the IOTWS.

The objective of this fellowship programme is to encourage further use of the sea level observing network for research and applications within the framework of a regional multi-purpose observing system. In the longer term, the strengthening of links between the sea level observing institutions (i.e. hydrographic, port agencies) and the scientific institutions (universities, oceanographic, fisheries and environment), as well as regional and international cooperation between participating institutions are expected outcomes.

The programme is part of the IOC's other efforts in the region to develop capacity for hazard mitigation through the COAST-MAP-IO programme, the Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa (OdiAfrica), and capacity development in decision-support tools for management of coastal development.

¹ Countries include: Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, Djibouti, East Timor, France, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Who can apply?

The fellowship programme is open to scientists, engineers and experienced tidal officers/technicians involved in sea level monitoring and/or associated research.

The fellowships are intended to allow qualified candidates to visit an institution in, for instance, the GLOSS² or ESEAS² network, for further “on the job training” focused on the operation and maintenance of sea level networks, sea level data analysis and quality control in the context of coastal management, validation of circulation models, storm surge modeling, study of long-term sea level change for climate studies, product application development for port operations and safe navigation or similar.

Coverage of the fellowship

The fellowships are offered for a 1-3 month period and a stipend will be provided to cover air ticket and added living expenses during the visit period. The fellowships do not cover any tuition fees.

How to apply

Fellowship applicants must send:

1. A filled-in application form (see below)
2. Complete CV providing information on ALL the following issues
 - educational background
 - languages spoken/written and at what level
 - professional background, present work and/or research interests
 - present and future responsibilities in the sea level field
 - expectations with respect to the fellowship programme
 - work plan for the visit period
3. Letter of recommendation from the head of your department/institution
 - It is essential that the candidate has the support from the head of his/her department or institution. Please, enclose a letter of recommendation from the head of your department/institution, stating how the proposed visit will benefit the work/research at your institution and what financial commitments the department/institution is providing.

² More information about the institutional network of the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS) and the European Sea Level Service (ESEAS) is available at <http://www.gloss-sealevel.org/>, <http://www.eseas.org/> and http://www.pol.ac.uk/psmsl/sea_level_contacts.html

4. Letter of acceptance from the host institution

- Candidates are strongly encouraged to identify and make contact with a potential host institution/host scientist before submitting the application. Please, ask your host supervisor to send us a letter of acceptance indicating the duration and preferred dates of the visit.
- Candidates who are not able to identify a host institution can still submit their application for consideration.
- UNESCO/IOC reserves the right to propose alternative host institutions.

Where to send applications

The application form and enclosed documents should be submitted by e-mail, fax or hard copy to:

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F-75732 Paris cedex 15 - FRANCE
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Final Report

Following the conclusion of the fellowship visit, the trainee will be required to report on the activities carried out during the training. The report must be submitted to IOC no later than 1 month after the completion of the fellowship visit.

Host institutions

Prospective host supervisors are invited to contact IOC (please see above for contact details).

Deadlines

- The deadline for applications is 1st June 2008.
- Applicants will be informed of the decision on their submissions by 15th July 2008.

IMPORTANT: The fellowship visits must be finished by 31st December 2008.

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL DATA

TITLE (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr...):	
FIRST NAME:	
LAST NAME:	
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY):	
GENDER:	
NATIONALITY:	
POSITION:	
INSTITUTION:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	
FACSIMILE:	

SUPERVISOR AT PARENT INSTITUTION'S DATA

TITLE (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr...):	
FIRST NAME:	
LAST NAME:	
POSITION:	
INSTITUTION:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	
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SUPERVISOR AT HOST INSTITUTION'S DATA

TITLE (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr...):	
FIRST NAME:	
LAST NAME:	
POSITION:	
INSTITUTION:	
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