

Friday, 13 April 2012

## Request for nominations to WDS Scientific Committee

Dear WDS Members,

On behalf of the ICSU World Data System Scientific Committee (WDS-SC) Chair, Professor Bernard Minster, I would like to inform you that the terms of the current members of the Scientific Committee expire in June 2012. ICSU proposes to renew at least half of the members for a second term, and has issued a call for nominations for new members. We invite you to nominate candidates to be considered by ICSU.

With the launch of the WDS International Programme Office to support its development, we hope that the WDS will become the community of excellence for long-term stewardship and provision of quality-assessed scientific data and data services. The WDS is building on the strengths and expertise of its members and aiming to bridge gaps already identified, such as geographical and disciplinary balance.

Involving WDS Members into the governance is achieved by statute, by selecting at least one third of the Scientific Committee members from WDS Members. This call for nominations is an opportunity for you to take an active part in the governance of the World Data System and therefore help shape its future.

Please find attached the **Request for nominations to WDS Scientific Committee and CV Form** distributed by ICSU. We are looking forward to receive your nominations by 16 May 2012.

Yours sincerely,



Mustapha Mokrane  
Executive Director

## Responsibilities of WDS-SC Members:

- To ensure that the WDS supports ICSU's mission and objectives
- To define, develop and prioritize plans of the WDS
- To establish and oversee the review of existing and new facilities
- To establish and maintain a mechanism for oversight of WDS activities
- To facilitate cooperation and integration with relevant national, regional and international programmes, organizations and institutions
- To mobilize funds for the implementation of WDS and related activities of the SC and Working Groups
- To publicize and promote the WDS

## SC Members are expected to:

- Attend the face to face SC meetings twice a year, usually in Paris and Tokyo (Travel support is covered by ICSU and WDS IPO) as well as monthly web/teleconferences
- Represent WDS at relevant meetings around the world
- Guide and convene WDS Working Groups and appropriate work plans
- Assist in mobilizing financial and human resources for WDS

## Nomination Procedure

WDS Members are invited to nominate candidates through the following process:

1. All nominating bodies are requested to submit a completed CV template form (attached) to the WDS International Programme Office Executive Director, Dr Mustapha Mokrane, Executive Director of WDS, at [mustapha.mokrane@icsu-wds.org](mailto:mustapha.mokrane@icsu-wds.org) by 16 May 2012 at the latest. Exceptionally, proposals may be accepted from interested individuals who feel they have the qualities and experience to serve on WDS SC. In this case a cover letter should be addressed to the Chair WDS-SC, Professor Bernard Minster, stating your interest and how you could contribute to the work of the WDS-SC.
2. The Chair of the WDS-SC will review all materials and make a short list of potential nominees which will be submitted to ICSU.
3. ICSU will examine the nominations and decide upon the individuals to serve on the Committee. Successful nominees will be invited to join the Committee. The 3-year term of the new Committee Members will start from June 2012.