

The International Space Science Institute (ISSI) in Bern, Switzerland, stands for excellence in advanced studies contributing to a deeper understanding of the data from space missions, ground based observations, and laboratory experiments. ISSI aims at adding values to those results through multidisciplinary research. The Institute attracts more than 900 scientists each year in the framework of international teams, workshops, working groups, forums or through individual visiting scientists.

The ISSI Board of Trustees advertises the position of

Executive Director

to succeed the former Executive Director Rafael Rodrigo who has been called to some high governmental responsibilities in his country.

The ISSI Executive Director is responsible for the administrative, operational, and scientific management of the Institute. With the help of the three ISSI Directors for sciences (Earth Observations, Sun and Heliosphere Observations, Astrophysics and Cosmology), the Executive Director provides the inspirational scientific environment of the Institute in all these areas of research.

Applicants for this post should be high-level scientists of strong international repute. Through leadership and excellent management skills, the applicant is the driving force behind the various activities taking place at ISSI and prepares the development of ISSI future. The recognized scientific stature of the Executive Director ensures the international visibility and guarantees the high scientific standards of the Institute.

The Executive Director is expected to spend some 50% of her/his time working for ISSI at its premises in Bern, Switzerland. Her/his remuneration will be at the level of a full professorship at the University of Bern. The appointment shall be starting in January 2019 or by mutual agreement, for a period of four years renewable once.

Personalities corresponding to the above profile working in any area of space sciences covered by ISSI activities are encouraged to apply. Applications should contain (i) a letter of motivation including her/his vision of ISSI for the next years, (ii) a CV, and (iii) a list of publications. Interested scientists can find more information about the organization of the International Space Science Institute and its activities at www.issibern.ch and may contact the chair of the Search Committee:

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Applications, in the form of a single PDF file (<10 MB), should be sent by email, at their earliest convenience but no later than September 30, 2018, to:

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