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Post title **Chief, Ocean Sciences Section**  
Organisational unit **Ocean Sciences Section, International Oceanographic Commission (IOS)  
Natural Sciences Sector**

Duty station Paris, France  
Grade P-5  
Post number SC-314

Closing date **19 November 2007**

**Purpose of post** Organize, plan and secure resources to implement the IOC Programme in Ocean Sciences, through the development of cooperative working partnerships with the research community to obtain intergovernmental support for global research programmes, communicate Governmental priorities to build capacities in the developing world, strengthen Ocean Sciences Programmes in the areas of Climate Impact in Marine Environment, Integrated Coastal Research and Resource Management as well as in Marine Environmental Modelling.

**Main responsibilities** Under the authority and general supervision of the Assistant Director-General of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) the incumbent will:

- Act as the Head of the Ocean Sciences Section by leading the IOC Programme in Ocean Sciences through the development of cooperative working partnerships with the research community and its representative national, regional and international organizations, with the aim of leveraging intergovernmental support for global research programmes, communicate Governmental priorities, and to build capacities in the developing world.
- Supervise and organize the work of the Ocean Sciences Section. Prepare and manage the annual work programme and budget of the Ocean Sciences Section. Prepare annual and other reports on the Ocean Sciences programme developments, develop and implement an effective communication strategy. Write proposals to solicit funds from donor agencies.
- Organize the development of the Ocean Sciences Section by implementing decisions taken by the governing bodies and the co-sponsors of programmes, and taking into account the advice provided by the Advisory Group for Ocean Sciences Section.
- Supervise, organize, and strengthen Ocean Sciences programmes in the area of climate impacts in the Marine environment, Integrated Coastal Research and Resource Management, and in Marine Environmental Modelling. Serve as the Technical Secretary for IOC, in partnership with UNEP, for the Regular Process for the Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment. Serve as the Technical Secretary for IOC in the Joint Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP).
- Serve as IOC focal point for other existing IOC programmes and their follow-up programmes dealing with Large Marine Ecosystems, nutrient enrichments in watersheds, coral reef bleaching, the Training-Through-Research programme, and other existing activities in the areas of ecosystems, living marine resources and fisheries.
- Liaise with other scientific and technical bodies, UN partner agencies and conventions as appropriate (e.g. WCRP, IGBP, ICES, PICES, SCOR, CoML, UNFCCC, IPCC, CSD, CBD, ISA)

- Profile**
- Advanced university degree, preferably a PhD, in Oceanography or Marine Sciences. Research experience in marine ecosystems dynamics or climate change would be especially welcome.
  - 10-15 years' experience in managing and coordinating large research work / projects in the field of oceanography or marine sciences.
  - Proven management experience heading a major national programme, center or agency of marine science / oceanography. Proven record in managing a global (or at least regional) international scientific programme.
  - Good IT skills.
  - Excellent knowledge of English and good knowledge of French.

**Conditions of employment** UNESCO's salaries are calculated in US dollars but mainly paid in local currency. They consist of a basic salary and a post adjustment which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station and exchange rates. For this post, the annual remuneration in local currency will start from around €95,600 (€88,800 if without dependants), exempt from income tax. In addition, UNESCO offers an attractive benefits package including 30 days annual vacation, home travel, education grant for dependent children, pension plan and medical insurance. The initial appointment, which is for two years, includes a probationary period of 12 months, and is renewable, subject to satisfactory service. Worldwide mobility is required as staff members have to serve in other duty stations according to UNESCO's job rotation policy. UNESCO is a non-smoking Organization.

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### **Women as well as nationals from non- or under-represented Member States are encouraged to apply**

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