



Call for applications

Europlanet RI Project Scientist

The Europlanet Research Infrastructure project (funded under the FP7 programme of the European Community) invites applications from all its participant laboratories and institutes for the position of Europlanet RI Project Scientist.

The Europlanet RI Project Scientist will have prime responsibility for ensuring the scientific coherence of the project and the quality of its outputs. He/she will overview all activities and work packages of the project to ensure that the project encourages, favours and promotes the quality, scientific relevance, and visibility of planetary research in Europe and beyond. To this end, the Project Scientist will ensure that the services developed by the Research Infrastructure (RI) and offered to the community of its users by the Europlanet RI project address the priority needs of that community. This is particularly important in terms of providing support to the scientific exploitation of current and past space missions and ground-based facilities, and to the optimal preparation of future space missions and ground-based observation facilities. The Project Scientist will have a special connection with the Strategic Advisory Board of the RI, and will ensure that all the organisational structures within the project are designed and operate to the benefit of scientific excellence.

The Project Scientist will also have a special responsibility for the development of collaborations with other EU networks and projects, and will actively work for the broadest possible participation of the planetary science community and other connected communities with the Europlanet RI project.

The Project Scientist will be a leading scientist appointed by the Europlanet Board on the recommendation of the Coordinator from amongst the RIs participating institutions. He/she will have to be able to commit a substantial fraction of his/her time per week to Europlanet RI business. Project support to the Project Scientist will be exclusively in terms of travel and operations funds, as it is expected that the Human Resource costs of the Project Scientist will be covered by his/her institution.

Applications must be sent to the Europlanet RI Coordinator, Prof. Michel Blanc, with a copy to the Project Office, before April 30, 2009. E-mail addresses:

Prof. Michel Blanc: Michel.Blanc@polytechnique.edu

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Candidates should send a CV and a letter presenting his/her views of how he/she intends to fulfil the duties of Project Scientist.

They are expected to be interviewed by the Project Management Committee, before final appointment by the Europlanet Board.