



The European Geosciences Union (EGU) is seeking to appoint a MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The EGU (www.egu.eu) is Europe's premier geosciences union, dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the geosciences and the planetary and space sciences for the benefit of humanity, worldwide. The EGU has a General Assembly which attracts over 10,000 scientists each year, a diverse portfolio of 15 scientific journals which use an innovative "open access" format, a number of thematic meetings, and education and outreach activities.

The Media and Communications officer will coordinate media-related and science information communications between the EGU and its membership, the working media, and the public at large. Responsibilities include the set up and operation of a press office, development of a progressive communications plan for relevant scientific information display and dissemination, editorship of the EGU newsletter, and onward development and management of the EGU website and social media tools. Activities can involve the use of classic as well as new methods of disseminating media and interacting with the various stakeholders.

The successful applicant will have the following: an academic degree (e.g., MA, MSc, PhD), preferably in communication science, journalism, or the geosciences; professional experience in science journalism; evidence of ability to build a dynamic network of contacts within the EGU scientific community as well as in the working media; expert command of English.

The Media and Communications Officer will work under direction of the EGU Executive Secretary and the EGU Council. Work will take place in the EGU Office in Munich, Germany, with support of a computer programmer and a web developer. The position will be for three years initially, with a probation period of one year, and will be renewable for consecutive periods of three years. Remuneration is according to the German public service pay scale and can be up to E13 TV-L, depending on expertise and experience.

Applications should include

- CV including a summary of relevant experience and expertise.
- Letter of motivation and statement of vision for EGU Media and Communications (maximum two pages).
- Contact details of three referees.

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Philippe Courtial (email: executive-secretary@egu.eu). Applications should be submitted by email in a single file to Dr Philippe Courtial. Review of applications will begin 1 June 2011 and will continue until the position is filled. A start date will be negotiated with the successful candidate and the position will preferably start within 3 months after interview.