

Vacancy

ISRIC – World Soil Information: Director

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The Foundation seeks a new Director to succeed Dr David Dent. The Director requires leadership qualities, institutional management experience, an international network, and expertise in multidisciplinary applications of soil and land resources information. Tasks include strengthening our position as international point of transfer of information about soils of the world; developing new products and research that will strengthen and diversify funding, especially forging links with other land resources, such as water, geological and ecological resources; and addressing global issues of sustainable development, food and water security, and adaptation to climate change. The working language is English; proficiency in other international languages is an advantage.

A competitive salary will be offered, appropriate to the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

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