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Request for Nominations: Scientific Committee of the World Data System

To: ICSU World Data System Members, ICSU National Members, Unions Members and Interdisciplinary Bodies, Partners and other interested organizations

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of Professor Sandy Harrison—the Chair of the World Data System (WDS, www.ICSU-WDS.org) Scientific Committee—I would like to bring to your attention that the term of the current Scientific Committee will expire in June 2018 and several members will not be able to continue serving on the committee.

Therefore, the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the World Data System would like to call their respective members, partners organizations concerned with scientific data stewardship to nominate new members of the Scientific Committee. Following the recommendation from the ICSU General Assembly, nominations of early career and female scientists or experts are strongly encouraged.

The Scientific Committee is the governing body of WDS as defined in its [Constitution](#). It is composed of internationally recognized and leading researchers and experts in all aspects of scientific data. Members are appointed in their personal capacity normally for a three-year term renewable once by the ICSU Executive Board with attention to geographical, disciplinary and gender balance. In addition, at least four members are drawn from representatives of WDS Member Organizations. The list of the current committee members is attached and their bios [available online](#).

More information regarding the role and responsibilities of committee members can be found below.

If you would like to nominate an expert for this committee, please complete the attached Nomination Form to be sent to the WDS International Programme Office by email ipo@icsu-wds.org **no later than 5 March 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

Mustapha Mokrane,
Executive Director

International Programme Office

Executive Director: Mustapha Mokrane. *Programme Officer:* Rorie Edmunds.
Administrative Officer: Yuko Nikaido. *Senior Advisor:* Takashi Watanabe.

Scientific Committee

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Roles of Scientific Committee Members:

- To ensure that the WDS supports ICSU's mission and objectives
- To define, develop and prioritize plans for the WDS
- To establish and oversee the review of existing and new members
- To establish and maintain a mechanism for oversight of WDS activities
- To facilitate cooperation and integration with relevant national, regional and international programmes, organizations and institutions
- To mobilize funds for the implementation of WDS and related activities of the SC and Working Groups
- To publicize and promote the activities of WDS

Responsibilities of Scientific Committee Members:

- Attend face to face meetings twice a year, usually in Paris and Tokyo (Travel support is provided by ICSU and WDS International programme Office) as well as monthly web conferences
- Represent WDS at relevant meetings around the world
- Guide and convene WDS Working Groups and appropriate work plans
- Assist in mobilizing financial and human resources for WDS

Nomination Procedure

1. All nominating bodies are requested to submit a completed **Nomination Form** (attached) to the WDS International Programme Office by **email at ipo@icsu-wds.org no later than 5 March 2018**.
Exceptionally, nominations may be accepted from interested individuals who feel they have the qualities and experience to serve on WDS-SC. In this case, a short cover letter should be addressed to the Chair, Professor Sandy Harrison, stating your interest and how you could contribute to the work of the WDS-SC.
2. The Chair of the WDS-SC and the Executive Director will review all materials and make a short list of potential nominees, which will be submitted to ICSU.
3. ICSU will examine the nominations and decide upon the individuals to serve on the Committee. Successful nominees will be invited to join the Committee. The 3-year term of the new Committee Members will start from July 2018.

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ICSU World Data System Scientific Committee (WDC) ~~(ASOS)~~ 2015 2018

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(2nd term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
Centre for Past Climate Change and
School of Archaeology, Geography and
Environmental Science (SAGES)
The University of Reading
United Kingdom

Vice Chair: Dr Ingrid Dillo
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
Data Archiving and Networked Service (DANS)
The Netherlands

Vice Chair: Mr Wim Hugo
(2nd term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
South African Environmental Observatory
Network (SAEON)
South Africa

Dr Aude Chambodut
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
Ecole et Observatoire des Sciences de la Terre
France

Dr Arona Diedhiou
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
Institute of Research for Development (IRD)
University of Grenoble Alpes, Université Félix
Houphouët Boigny
France and Côte d'Ivoire

Dr Claudia Emerson
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
McMaster University
Canada

Professor Elaine Faustman
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
University of Washington
United States

Dr Isabelle Gärtner
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
World Glacier Monitoring Service
Department of
Geography
University of Zurich
Switzerland

Professor Toshihiko Iyemori
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
WDC for Geomagnetism, Kyoto
Graduate School of Science, Kyoto University
Japan

Professor Guoqing Li
(2nd term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth
Chinese Academy of Sciences
China

Dr Alexander de Sherbinin
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
CIESIN, Columbia University
United States

Dr Sanna Sorvari
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
University of Helsinki,
Finland

Dr Alfredo Tolmasquim
(1st term: 1 July 2015 June 2018)
The Observatory of Tomorrow
Brazil

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International Council for Science (ICSU)

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