

IRDR Scientific Committee (SC) Membership Call for Nominations

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Dear Colleagues, Partners and Collaborators,

On behalf of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Programme (IRDR) Scientific Committee (SC) Chair, David Johnston, I am pleased to inform you that IRDR is accepting nominations for new members of the IRDR SC. Their research areas should be closely related to the challenges of natural and human-induced hazards, capacity building, development of case studies, data management and monitoring hazards, risks and disasters.

Members of the IRDR SC play an important part in planning, developing and promoting IRDR, and membership can bring benefits to your organisation by enhancing partnerships and exploring potential co-operation.

Attached please find the **Call for Nominations for IRDR SC Membership**. We are looking forward to your feedback by **26 July 2013**.

Regards,



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Introduction

IRDR is a decade-long integrated research programme co-sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). It is a global, multi-disciplinary initiative dealing with the challenges brought by natural disasters, mitigating their impacts, and improving related policy-making mechanisms. The main objectives of IRDR are (1) characterisation of natural and human-induced hazards, vulnerability and risk; (2) understanding decision-making in complex and changing risk contexts; and (3) reducing risk and curbing losses through knowledge-based actions. For more information, visit www.irdrinternational.org.

The IRDR programme is governed by a 15-Member Scientific Committee (SC). The SC is composed of disaster and risk reduction experts from around the world. Members are chosen on the basis of their scientific specialty in a way that ensures a geographical and demographical balance within the SC. The IRDR SC represents a broad spectrum of disciplines in the natural, social and engineering sciences, professional backgrounds and nationalities.

Based on the composition of the current Committee, we expect the applicants to be economists, seismologists, volcanologists, meteorologists, and disaster risk managers. Other hazard and disaster specialties are welcome. Women experts are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities of IRDR SC Members:

- To define, develop and prioritise the plans of IRDR.
- To establish and maintain a mechanism for oversight of the Programme's activities.
- To publicise and promote the IRDR findings.
- To assure and facilitate co-operation and integration with relevant national, regional and international programmes, organisations and institutions actively involved in disaster management.

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- To adopt and apply guidance for the establishment of IRDR initiatives at national or regional levels, such as IRDR National Committees and IRDR International Centres of Excellence.
 - To mobilise funds for the implementation of IRDR and the related activities of its SC and projects.

More specifically, IRDR SC Members are expected to:

- Attend the SC meetings twice a year.
- Represent IRDR at relevant meetings around the world.
- Guide and convene IRDR projects and appropriate work plans.
- Maintain, encourage, and enlarge existing multidisciplinary networks related to IRDR.
- Assist in mobilising financial and human resources for IRDR.

Nomination Procedure

International organisations, institutions and academies with experience in disaster risk reduction, members of the scientific community, IRDR sponsors and partners are invited to nominate candidates. The process will follow these steps:

1. All nominating bodies are requested to submit a completed IRDR SC Nomination form, with the candidate's CV attached, to the IRDR International Programme Office (IPO) via tracy.zhao@irdrinternational.org by **26 July 2013**.

Exceptionally, proposals may be accepted from interested individuals who feel they have the qualities and experience to serve on the IRDR SC. In this case a cover letter should be addressed to the Chair of the IRDR SC, David Johnston, stating your vision for IRDR, your potential contribution and how your membership will impact the goals and objectives of the programme.

2. The IRDR SC will review all materials and make a short list of potential nominees, which will be submitted to the IRDR Co-Sponsors.
3. The IRDR Co-Sponsors will examine the nominations and decide upon the individuals to serve on the SC.
4. The Chair of the IRDR SC will invite the successful nominees to join the SC. The three-year term as a new IRDR SC Member will commence immediately.

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