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VACANCY NOTICE NO: 2168
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 10 January 2022

POST	GRADE	DUTY STATION	COMMENCEMENT OF DUTY	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT
Associate Scientific Officer (OceanOPS Network Focal Point - Argo)	P2	Brest, France	To be determined	Fixed-term - 2 years
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT Earth System Monitoring (ESM) Division, Earth System (ES) Branch Infrastructure Department			WMO is committed to achieving diversity and a balanced workforce. Applications are welcome from qualified women and men, including those with disabilities. The statutory retirement age after 1 January 2014 is 65. For external applicants, only those who are expected to complete the term of appointment will normally be considered.	
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Under the overall guidance of the Director, Infrastructure Department (D/I), the general supervision of the Head, Earth System Monitoring Division (H/ESM) and the direct supervision of the OceanOPS Manager, the incumbent will perform the following duties: (a) Act as focal point for the implementation of the international Argo program, and other ocean subsurface mobile systems (such as OceanGliders, AniBOS); (b) Develop and maintain monitoring and performance analysis tools (on implementation, data/metadata flow, operations, and instrumentation) for Argo and complementary subsurface observing systems; (c) Gather and control the quality and consistency of metadata from platform operators, telecommunication providers, national and global data centers, manufacturers, data users, etc, according to OceanOPS metadata standard and networks requirements. Support data metadata harmonization; (d) Assist with IOC/UNESCO Resolution XX-6/XLI-4 implementation and assist in resolving issues arising. Maintain notification and bilateral warning system for float drift in Coastal States Exclusive Economic Zones; (e) Support observing networks implementers. Provide technical assistance and coordination on all issues arising within the observing networks. Act as a clearing house and mediate as necessary. Support networks project offices by executing panels and steering teams' specific action items and priorities. Report routinely (yearly and quarterly) and on demand on the status of the observing networks; (f) Assist with data sharing: liaise with new operators and provide technical solutions; (g) Provide regular specifications for the development of OceanOPS websites and monitoring tools. Maintain information up to date (news, contacts, user groups, etc.); (h) Support development and promotion of deployment opportunities identified by OceanOPS. Organise retrieval procedures for beached instruments; (i) Support platform and sensor manufacturers towards harmonization of data/metadata; (j) Support communication and outreach initiatives			QUALIFICATIONS Education Advanced university degree (Master's or equivalent degree) in Oceanography, Marine Science, Earth Science or related field. Experience A minimum of three years of progressively responsible relevant experience in the field of ocean observations (ideally profiling floats or similar platforms) of which preferably 1 year at the international level. Experience in coordinating, managing, and implementing national, regional and international projects or programs. Other requirements Good communication skills (oral and written) with proven ability to make effective and persuasive oral presentations to both technical and general audiences. Proven ability to work both autonomously and as part of an integrated team with colleagues, staff and stakeholders at all levels, internal and external, including building and maintaining partnerships. Ability to work in a multicultural environment and to foster diversity and team spirit. Languages Excellent knowledge of English (both oral and written). Knowledge of other official languages of the Organization would be an advantage. (Note: The official languages of the Organization are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.)	

<p>demonstrating the value of the observing networks. Represent networks and OceanOPS as needed;</p> <p>(k) Support new partnerships, through bilateral or international approaches and cooperation with civil society and private partners. Welcome new partners and provide technical guidance as needed;</p> <p>(l) In his or her area, implement the objectives and actions as defined in the OceanOPS 5-year strategic plan and support initiatives led by WMO and IOC/UNESCO related to the GOOS;</p> <p>(m) Carry out other relevant duties as required.</p>	
<p>The Secretary-General may appoint a candidate at a grade below the advertised grade of the post, with the possibility of promotion to that grade within three years of appointment, subject to satisfactory appraisal of performance.</p>	
<p>Possibility of renewal subject to the availability of funds and pending satisfactory performance after an initial probationary period of one year which can be extended up to a maximum of two years.</p>	
<p>SALARY AND ALLOWANCES</p> <p>Annual net base salary on initial appointment is: US\$ 48805</p> <p>Annual post adjustment on initial salary is: US\$ 21572 (in addition to the net base salary)</p>	
<p>Additional Information: Only applicants in whom WMO has a further interest will be contacted. Shortlisted candidates may be required to sit a written assessment and/or an interview.</p>	
<p>Date of issue of vacancy notice: 13 December 2021</p>	