

Project Coordinator for an Integrated Marine Debris Observing System

The Marine Chemistry & Biochemistry Department at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences (IO PAN) is offering a full-time (40 hours/week) position of a **Project Coordinator to provide international coordination and communication services for the emerging Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS)**. The position is available for an initial period of 15 months, supported by the [H2020 EuroSea project](#), with possibility of extension contingent upon additional funding and satisfactory performance.

The position is available as soon as possible with commencement expected no later than 1 September 2022. The successful candidate will be employed at IO PAN in Sopot, Poland, but will be encouraged to work remotely. A net monthly salary of approximately 2,500 EUR will be offered, depending on the candidate's experience.

Closing date for applications: **19 June**, or until the position is filled.

Background

In response to a clearly articulated community need for an Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS; [Maximenko et al., 2019](#)) the EuroSea project has supported the establishment of a global coordination of IMDOS in partnership with the leading international organisations, institutions, expert working groups and other stakeholder groups. IMDOS is being designed as a backbone observing system providing guidance and coordination of a global sustained observing system for marine debris addressing knowledge gaps and diverse stakeholder needs with adequate data and information. As such, IMDOS is closely aligned with the strategic objectives of the Global Ocean Observing System ([GOOS](#)), [GEO Blue Planet Marine Debris WG](#), and the Global Partnership on Marine Litter ([GPML](#)) among others. You can learn more about the vision for IMDOS and current status of development from [recent past](#) and [planned](#) IMDOS-related events.

Job description

The appointment is to provide coordination and communication support for the emerging international coordination office for IMDOS. The implementation of IMDOS is currently guided by the recently established IMDOS Interim Steering Committee, with coordination support provided by GOOS and GEO Blue Planet.

In your role as IMDOS Project Coordinator, you will lead or contribute to the scientific coordination and communication activities including:

- assisting the IMDOS Interim Steering Committee in developing the IMDOS Strategy and initial Implementation Plan,
- coordinating various activities to support the development of the IMDOS community, including formation of new task teams as required,
- establishing and maintaining up to date IMDOS communication channels (e.g. website, shared workspace, Twitter),
- organising the logistics of various IMDOS workshops and meetings,
- assisting in raising funds for opportunities for the organisation of IMDOS-related events,
- editing reports from IMDOS-related events.

Candidates for the position are encouraged to suggest their own ideas for most efficient coordination and communication services. Exact duties and responsibilities will be determined prior to the appointment based on the selected candidate's profile.

The post holder will initially work under the joint supervision of Artur Palacz ([IOCCP](#)/IO PAN, Poland) and Audrey Hasson (GEO BluePlanet/Mercator Ocean International, France) and will gradually take over the main responsibility for coordinating IMDOS activities.

Qualifications

The post holder should possess the following qualifications:

- PhD degree in environmental science, preferably including ocean or atmospheric science;
- good understanding of the nature of the marine plastics debris pollution problem;
- familiarity with the landscape of international organisations engaged in addressing marine litter pollution;
- proficiency in scientific writing and excellent communication skills in English;
- proficiency in using standard office suite software;
- experience with various communication services, including websites, teleconferencing, shared workspaces (e.g. Sharepoint, Slack), and social media;
- excellent interpersonal and presentation skills;
- experience in working in an international and multicultural environment;
- ability to work both individually and as part of a team;
- ability to work remotely with co-workers;
- willingness to undertake international travel as required.

The following qualifications will be considered to be advantageous for the post:

- in-depth knowledge of the state of marine debris pollution, and the challenges behind its monitoring;
- experience in coordination and organisation of international workshops and scientific events;
- transdisciplinary education.

Application process

Applicants are requested to send their complete application as a single PDF file, by **19 June 2022** by email to: ioccp@ioccp.org with "IMDOS project coordinator" in the subject line. The application should contain the following documents: (i) letter of motivation (500 words maximum), (ii) curriculum vitae, (iii) list of publications, and (iv) contact details of at least two referees.

Job interviews are expected to take place in the period 04-08 July 2022.

Applications of female candidates are particularly encouraged and will be treated preferentially in case of equal qualifications and suitability.

For any questions about the job offer and the application requirements, please don't hesitate to contact Artur Palacz (a.palacz@ioccp.org).

About IO PAN

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