



Bureau International des Poids et Mesures – BIPM

Director

The Comité International des Poids et Mesures (CIPM) invites applications for the post of Director of the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), which will fall vacant in the first half of 2014 on the retirement of the present Director, Prof. Dr. M. Kühne. The successful candidate will be engaged initially as Deputy Director (Director designate) and it is expected that he or she will take up the post of Deputy Director/Director Designate in the first quarter of 2013.

The BIPM is the scientific and administrative centre of the Intergovernmental Organization of the Metre Convention. It operates under the authority of the CIPM, which itself is under the authority of the Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures (CGPM) currently composed of fifty-five Member States of the BIPM.

The BIPM's scientific and administrative work has as its aim the assurance of a stable and reliable world-wide measurement system based on the International System of Units (SI). To achieve this, the BIPM works in close collaboration with the National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) of its Member States and liaises with other intergovernmental organizations and international bodies with an interest in reliable measurements as well as with the NMIs of the Associates of the CGPM.

The BIPM operates a world-class scientific laboratory charged with the realization and comparison of measurement standards in the fields of mass, time/frequency, electricity, ionizing radiation and chemistry.

The BIPM is also responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the *Mutual Recognition Arrangement of national measurement standards and of calibration and measurement certificates issued by National Metrology Institutes* (CIPM MRA). The CIPM MRA includes calibration and measurement capabilities in all fields of measurement and is executed in close cooperation with the Regional Metrology Organizations (RMOs).

Duties

The Director is responsible to the CIPM for the running of the BIPM, which has an international staff of about eighty and an annual budget of some 12.5 million Euros.

The Director acts as chief executive of the BIPM in the execution of its activities and carries a major responsibility for initiating and carrying through policy adopted by the CIPM on matters related to international metrology. The Director participates in all meetings of the ten scientific Consultative Committees of the CIPM and is chairman of the *Joint Committee of the Regional Metrology Organizations and the BIPM*. The Director is expected to maintain contact, either directly or through the RMOs, with the NMIs of the Member States.

Further, the Director is expected to liaise actively with other intergovernmental organizations and international bodies with the aim of improving the comparability and reliability of measurement results in support of fair trade, the elimination of technical barriers to trade, industrial innovation, society and quality of life. He/she shall pay special attention to the development and improvement of the metrological infrastructure in developing countries.

Deputy Director/Director designate

Until the retirement of the present Director, the Director designate will hold the post of Deputy Director. There will be a probationary period of one year from the date of appointment as Deputy Director.

Employment conditions

The BIPM is located at the Pavillon de Breteuil in Sèvres, France, situated in the outskirts of Paris. The BIPM offers a full-time appointment for an initial period of 5 years renewable.

The salary is commensurate with the responsibilities and duties of the post. Living accommodation is provided at the premises of the BIPM. Conditions of employment, subject to the decisions of the bureau of the CIPM, are detailed in the Regulations, Rules and Instructions applicable to staff members of the BIPM. The BIPM operates its own contributory pension scheme and subscribes to a private medical insurance plan for its staff and their families. The BIPM, its staff and its site enjoy privileges and immunities normally granted by the French government to intergovernmental organizations.

Qualifications

A chief executive is sought with an outstanding record of achievement in science and technology, with proven leadership and management capabilities in a research based environment, and with demonstrated diplomatic skills.

Candidates are required to be fluent in English and be prepared to obtain a working knowledge of French, although the latter is not a requirement at the outset.

Applications

Applications should be sent to the President of the CIPM, Dr. B.D. Inglis, and should include a covering letter, a *curriculum vitae*, a list of publications and the names of three referees who may be approached to give their opinion on the candidate's suitability for the post. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview. Prospective candidates are encouraged to make preliminary contact, in confidence, with either the President of the CIPM (barry.inglis@measurement.gov.au) or the Director of the BIPM (mkuehne@bipm.org). More information on the BIPM and its activities are to be found on the BIPM web site: <http://www.bipm.org>

The BIPM is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications should be addressed to:

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Application Closing Date: Thursday 1 December 2011