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INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR THE NEXT SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR OF THE IISL

Dear RCSL Members,

The term of the present Scientific Director (SD) at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL) in Onati will end in August 2016 (The term of the SD is normally two years, but due to the uncertainty of the financial situation, the current SD, Adam Czarnota agreed to serve for three years. The term of the next SD is expected to be two years).

It is the customary practice that RCSL puts forward a candidate for the next SD to the IISL Board which selects the next SD. I would like to invite all RCSL members to nominate a candidate for the next SD, if you wish to do so and have identified a scholar who is qualified for the position and willing to be nominated and serve. **Please send your nomination** to Germano Schwartz, RCSL Secretary, germano.schwartz@unilasalle.edu.br together with a CV for the candidate including a list of publications and your recommendation letter (giving the reasons for your nomination) **by 10 August 2015**.

I appointed a **Search Committee** as an advisory board for the president. The Search Committee consists of **Anne Boigeol (Chair), Reza Banakar, Manolo Calvo, Carlos Lista and David Nelken**. The Search Committee also works to "dig out" candidates for the next SD as well as to consider your nominations.

I attach the '**Job Description**' written by former SDs, Manolo Calvo and Carlos Lista, and the '**Profile of a good SD**' written by the current SD, Adam Czarnota. The job description shows what kind of work the SD is expected to do. The profile shows what kind of qualifications a candidate is required to have. I would appreciate if you would consult with the job description and the profile when you consider a candidate.

I should add that the SD's position carries a Spanish visiting professor's salary, free accommodation and some travel allowances.

If you have further questions about the position of the SD, please contact Adam Czarnota, czarnota@iisj.es, for your questions about the Basque country, please contact Manolo Calvo, mcalvo@unizar.es and/or Joxerramon Bengoetxea, joxerramon.bengoetxea@ehu.es, and for your questions about the salary and other benefits, please contact Jose Antonio Goyanaga, goyanaga@iisj.es.

While accepting nominations, the Search Committee will also try to identify candidates. If there are more than three candidates, the Search Committee will choose three put them in order of their priority (If there are only two candidates, the Search Committee will also give their order of priority). The proposal of the Search Committee will be announced to all RCSL members and the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will consider three candidates and choose two giving the order of priority. This choice of the Executive Committee will be announced to all the RCSL members and the RCSL Board.

The RCSL Board will consider the choice of the Executive Committee and decide on the final candidate. This decision will be sent to the IISL Board, which will select the next SD.

The IISL in Onati is an important institution for RCSL. Therefore, I would like as many RCSL members as possible to participate in deciding on the next Scientific Director. At the same time, I would like to make the procedure as transparent and open as possible to all the RCSL members. I would be grateful if you would take some time to think about a candidate for the next Scientific Director.

Thank you for your cooperation!

With best wishes,

Masayuki Murayama
President RCSL

10 June 2015

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Scientific Director becomes a visiting professor of the Universidad del País Vasco and, aided by a highly efficient staff with a long experience in the different areas (Master, Workshops, Library, Visitors, Grants, etc.), oversees the teaching and workshop programmes, the development of the library, relations with Basque universities and the Institute's publications.

The main tasks and responsibilities of the SD are the following:

1) The **Master Programme's** courses are taught from September-March. From April to September students research and write a thesis, under supervision by specialists.

With the support of the Master coordinator, the SD decides on the courses's subjects as well as on the professors, who are selected among leading specialists from all around the world. The SD is also in charge of a thesis seminar and the organisation of the thesis' assessment process.

2) From April to July weekly **workshops** are held. They are the result of a competition by applicants who propose topics within the broad field of law in society and invite participants, while the Institute takes care of local arrangements. The results are usually published either in one of the book series linked to the Institute, or the online *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*. In addition, the Institute provides a venue for other meetings (**bilkurak**). The SD and the coordinator of the area are responsible for the local organisation, sending invitations to participants, and managing the event. The SD participates in the selection of workshops in the annual meeting of the Governing Board.

3) The Institute promotes research in the socio-legal field providing different grants. The "**Juan Celaya**" grant supports social science research into globalisation as a legal phenomenon, or the effects of globalisation on legal institutions, the legal system or legal culture. The **Student Grants** intends to assist students to study on the International Masters. The **Visiting Scholars** Programme provides the opportunity to scholars for spending their sabbatical leave at the Institute. The **Residence Grants** offers free accommodation for scholars who would like to conduct research at the Institute's Library and Documentation Centre for a period of up to three months between October and March.

The SD with the support of staff members organises the call and the assessment of the applications received for the different grants and programmes.

4) **Publications.** The *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* includes papers from the *Oñati workshops*. These papers may also be published through the *Oñati International Series in Law and Society* (Hart) , and through the *Colección Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad* (Dykinson).

The SD supervises the Institute's publication with the support of the coordinator of the publication area.

5) The Institute's socio-legal **Library** contains major collections in English and Spanish and significant materials in French, German and Italian.

With the support of staff members the SD examines the offer and decides on the acquisition of new material.

6) The **World Consortium of Law and Society** (WCLS) is located in de IISL. The WCLS aims to be an international federation of associations of scholars working in the field of law and society and of institutions undertaking research, teaching and training in this broad field.

The SD is a member of the Executive Committee and represents the IISL. He/she oversees the situation of the WCLS platform.

7) The SD represents the IISL in different activities (academic, governmental, etc.) at different levels (international, global, local) in which he/she is invited.

8) The budget is approved in the Board Meeting, usually held every September. Therefore a fluid contact with the Basque Government is highly important. In the Board meeting, the SD also plays a key role in the decisions taken by the Board. The Administrative and Financial Director is responsible for the administration of the budget and other financial aspects, although the cooperation of both directors in these aspects is fundamental for the good functioning of the Institute.

In addition to the specific responsibilities mentioned above, the SD has an important role in the relationship with the local authorities. Given the circumstances arising from the economic crisis and the cuts that have taken place, the funding of the Institute is an important issue that the new SD will face.

Manolo Calvo, Scientific Director IISL, 2002-2003

Carlos Lista, Scientific Director IISL, 2007-2009

PROFILE OF THE SD OF THE IISL

SD should possess the following skills and competencies:

Essential for day to day operation of the IISL

1. SD should be an established scholar of good reputation in his own standing – she/he is ONLY researcher in the Institute
2. Considerable experience in administration and management is necessary for day to day activities
3. Teaching skills – the SD runs a weekly seminar as well as monitoring other courses offered in the master programme. SD must have experience with supervision of research
4. Editorial experiences – SD is the editor of the Onati Socio-Legal Series

Additional:

Marketing and public relation experience would be very useful. IT is the SD's job to promote the Institute around the world. It is an advantage if the SD has an extensive global network.

Communication skills:

Communication requires not only languages but in addition the SD must be good at communicating with the staff, visitors, students, local community, Basque community and international community of socio-legal scholars.

It is necessary to have working knowledge of English , and an important advantage to have good knowledge of Spanish

Grants application and fundraising – are the areas in which SD should develop some policies. Within the Institute staff there is nobody who could write a grant application. New SD should have some experience of this activity.

IT area in the sense of application of new IT to teaching and the library. SD should be familiar with the new trends and available software and technical solutions.

The library collection needs special attention from the SD. She/he should have a knowledge of new important books and articles published which need to be incorporated into the library.

Generally SD should be a mature and established scholar with considerable communicative and administrative skills ready to devote two years for the IISL.

The SD should be a person with broad knowledge and sensitive to the needs of the staff of the IISL, students, local community and the Basque Government.

The SD should possess a vision of socio-legal studies and a vision of the Institute in it.

Adam Czarnota, Scientific Director IISL 2013-2016

Onati, 13 May 2015