



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY
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has an open position for

Head of the Marine Biology Station Piran

The National Institute of Biology (NIB) (www.nib.si) is a Slovenia-based and internationally recognized research institute, with the mission of research in the field of biology and its application to help improve the quality of life on Earth.

The Marine Biology Station Piran (MBS) (www.mbss.org) is a Department of the NIB. Its mission is to carry out multidisciplinary research that integrates the approaches of various oceanographic and environmental disciplines, in order to improve our understanding of complex ecological dynamics, dynamics of coastal waters and pollution problems in coastal seas, and to support environmental decision making. The Department also carries out national marine monitoring according to national and EU legislation and international conventions. The current staff comprises thirteen senior researchers, seven PhD students (expected to rise to nine by the end of 2008) and seven support staff. The researchers in the department collaborate actively with research institutions and universities, both nationally and internationally. Most senior researchers teach at one of four Slovenian universities and are involved in continuing education programmes.

MBS is stationed in the coastal town of Piran and provides good facilities in new premises, completed in 2006, and offers a stimulating interdisciplinary research environment. The Department operates a research boat, appropriate for coastal research, and a coastal oceanographic buoy located approx. 2 miles offshore.

The new department head will guide research in the department, lead her/his own research and contribute to strategic planning at the department and institutional levels. The candidate for this position is expected to hold a PhD degree in an area of marine sciences with a background of application in environmental systems. A good publication record, experience in interdisciplinary collaboration, and experience in leading a research group are required.

Job description:

- Planning, organizing, coordinating and managing work in the department.
- Independent scientific research and leadership of the group's scientific activities.
- Management of the staff, discipline and business-material matters in the department.
- Drafting research/development projects, participating in assessing their successful completion and ensuring their circulation to potential users,
- Drafting proposals for the purchase of new scientific equipment
- Participation in the drafting of financial reports on the activity in the department.

Special competence and responsibilities:

- The achievement of the department's goals as described above.
- Production of the annual report of the department's activities and the department's working programmes.

- Responsibility for the discipline and full use of working hours.
- Setting parameters for measuring working performance of the employees in the department.
- Responsibility for the best possible material management of the department and the use of materials, fixed assets and other equipment.

Profile and qualifications:

- PhD degree in an area of marine sciences,
- at least 5 years in leading a research group,
- published and documented scientific research work or development research work.
- leadership and organizational skills.
- fluency in written and spoken English, with a working knowledge of another language.
- if the chosen candidate is not able to communicate in Slovene, he/she will be required to gain the necessary knowledge of the language within 2 years.

The employment contract will be for the duration of a 5 years mandate, with the possibility of reappointment.

Gross salary per year: 30.200,00€ - 36.700,00€, depending on the candidates profile and qualifications.

For further information, please contact malej@mbss.org.

Your application letter, including CV, publication list and research interests, with names and addresses of 2 referees, should be sent to:

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and should be submitted by 15.04.2008.