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Call for Director of CECAM

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CECAM is launching a call for appointing a new Director to succeed to Prof. Dominic J. Tildesley whose term will expire 31 December 2016.

The Director of CECAM is appointed for a period of four years starting 1 January 2017. It will be expected that the successful candidate will be based in Lausanne and fully committed to CECAM.

The Headquarters of CECAM is located at the École Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne (EPFL). Within EPFL, CECAM has the status of a Centre within the School of Basic Sciences, and the CECAM Director (with all personnel of CECAM Headquarters) will be appointed within that School. Once elected by the CECAM Council, the procedure for appointing the CECAM Director as Adjunct Professor at the EPFL will be launched, aiming at his/her simultaneous employment as CECAM Director and as Adjunct Professor at EPFL for the duration of his/her Directorship. The Director must be able to manage the operations of CECAM (as described in the Convention available on the CECAM website at <http://www.cecam.org/governance.html>) effectively and efficiently, in concert with colleagues on the Board of Node Directors. He/she must be recognized as an outstanding scientist, able to command intellectual respect not only within his/her own field but also across any field of interest to CECAM, and to speak for CECAM with full credibility and authority throughout the entire realm of the computational sciences in Europe and the world.

The Directorship of CECAM is expected to be a prestigious and important position within European computational science and engineering. The CECAM Director's responsibilities include:

- ensuring the efficient organization and operation of all CECAM activities, including financial management;
- periodically drafting or revising the long term scientific strategy for consideration by the Council in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors;
- chairing the Board of Directors and representing the Board at Council Meetings;
- preparing the annual report of accounts for the previous year and the provisional budget for the coming year;
- preparing the annual report of the scientific activities of CECAM for the previous year;
- submitting applications in the name of CECAM for external funding;
- launching calls for proposals and participation in CECAM activities;
- inspiring European scientists to propose CECAM activities or projects, in new fields as well as the traditional ones;
- coordinating large scale proposals involving several institutions on behalf of the CECAM community;
- imagining, developing and proposing new kinds of activities to support and achieve CECAM's wider scientific goals;
- developing, on his/her own initiative, a sustained research program of international quality;

The Director will be assisted by an administrative staff of 3 full-time equivalents at the Headquarters in EPFL. In addition, it is expected that the Director assembles a personal research group. The EPFL provides the space for the Director to house this group together with funds to hire personnel.

Applications should be submitted no later than 25 October 2015. Any candidate will send:

1. his/her CV,
2. a one-page statement emphasizing his/her own vision of the management of CECAM in particular with regard to the missions of CECAM. He/she should summarize his/her qualifications, based on past experience, to direct the operations of CECAM,

to the President of the CECAM Council, Christoph Dellago (christoph.dellago@univie.ac.at) with copy to the CECAM Director Assistant, Ana Catarina F. Mendonça (ana.mendonca@epfl.ch). Acknowledgement of receipt will follow within 48 hours.

On 19 November 2015 the CECAM Council will establish a first list of candidates, out of which a short list will later be extracted. All candidates will be duly informed of the status of their application.