



Announcement of HIRLAM-B Management position

On 1 January 2011 the research collaboration of the HIRLAM consortium has entered a new phase with the start of the HIRLAM-B Programme. The participating institutes in HIRLAM-B are the national weather services of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden, with Météo-France as cooperating member. The focal points of research in HIRLAM-B will be the continued development of a convection-permitting model Harmonie within the IFS modelling environment, and of a limited area short-range ensemble forecasting system GLAMEPS. In HIRLAM-B, the code cooperation between the HIRLAM and ALADIN consortia which has started in 2006 will be continued.

The coordination of the HIRLAM-B Programme is carried out by the HIRLAM management group (HMG), consisting of the programme manager who has overall responsibility, and a number of project leaders covering various scientific and technical areas. The HMG is supported by a scientific secretary. The HMG as a whole plans the scientific and technical activities which are to take place in HIRLAM-B, along the lines of the HIRLAM Strategy 2011-2020. The project leaders are responsible for the day-to-day management of the activities of the full-time core group staff and part-time regular staff which are assigned to work in their respective areas, according to work plans which are formulated and negotiated with the participating institutes on a yearly basis. Both the planning and the actual Programme activities are managed in close cooperation with leading scientists of the ALADIN consortium.

For personal reasons, one of the HIRLAM-B project leaders will resign from his position at the end of 2011. Therefore the following position is now open for applications:

- Project leader for Probabilistic forecasting (50% of full time), responsible for the development of the short-range ensemble forecasting system.

The work as Project leader requires strong and inspired scientific leadership. The candidates should have well-documented expertise in data assimilation as well as a good knowledge of the code in the Harmonie/IFS or HIRLAM modelling systems. The Project leader is expected to participate in both the science and code developments in order to lead the scientists working in this area, and also to accurately monitor and report the developments to the rest of the Programme Management and the HIRLAM governing bodies. A close interaction with ALADIN management and staff is mandatory in order to achieve fruitful research cooperation and a joint planning of activities. Additionally, in view of the increasingly shared interests with ECMWF, both on scientific developments and on issues related to the future development of the IFS modelling environment, the Project Leaders are expected to interact regularly with relevant ECMWF staff.

The duration of the position is in principle from 1 January 2012 until 31 December 2015, with a mid-term evaluation. Candidates should be employed by or through one of the HIRLAM

institutes, and their application should have the support of this host institute. The remuneration level of the successful candidate will correspond to that of a group leader or section head in the host institute as decided by its General Director.

Applications can be sent to the Chairman of the HIRLAM Council, Dr. Frits Brouwer, KNMI, P.O.Box 201, 3730 AE De Bilt, the Netherlands, with a copy via e-mail to the HIRLAM-B programme manager, Jeanette Onvlee (onvlee@knmi.nl). Please enclose only a concise CV and a short motivational letter explaining your basic interests in the position and any special requirements that you have (concerning e.g. starting time). For more information on this position, please contact the programme manager (onvlee@knmi.nl).

The applications should reach the Chairman and the programme manager latest on 28 October 2011. The evaluation of the candidates will be done by a subgroup of the HIRLAM Advisory Committee together with the programme manager. The recommended candidates will be formally appointed by the HIRLAM Council in December 2011.

Yours Sincerely,

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Chairman of the HIRLAM Council