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Committee on Data for Science and Technology of the International Council for Science

CALL FOR NEW CODATA TASK GROUPS 2012-2014

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

CODATA is very pleased to announce the Call for New CODATA Task Groups for 2012-2014.

Through its Task Groups, CODATA executes an ambitious international scientific agenda, addressing major data needs and policy issues across a broad range of subjects. Information on the current Task Groups may be found at <http://www.codata.org/taskgroups/index.html>

Task Groups are selected at the biennial CODATA General Assemblies. The 28th CODATA General Assembly is scheduled to take place on 1-2 November 2012 in Taipei. The proposals received will be peer reviewed and discussed at the CODATA Executive Committee meeting in spring 2012. A recommendation will then be made to the General Assembly, which will vote on Task Groups. Those Task Groups that are approved will then be eligible for modest funding support at the discretion of the CODATA Executive Committee.

Interested applicants must complete the attached application form and send it to the CODATA Secretariat at codata@dial.oleane.com before 31 January 2012. Please complete it as comprehensively as possible. This completed form shall be the primary document used when evaluating your proposal.

Participation by scientists from around the world as members of the Task Group and in Task Group activities is strongly encouraged. Particular attention should be given to gender balance, the participation of young scientists, and broad representation from developing countries. Task Group activities must support CODATA's overall mission to strengthen international science for the benefit of society by promoting improved scientific and technical data management and use. Task Groups should also endeavour to support CODATA's strategic objectives and activities where appropriate, as articulated in the CODATA Strategic Plan, 2006-12 (available on request). The Strategic Plan is currently being updated for the 2013-18 period. Task Groups may also wish to explore synergies with ICSU strategic priorities (<http://www.icsu.org/about-icsu/strategic-priorities>).

I look forward to receiving your proposals.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Robert S. Chen
Secretary General, CODATA

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