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# DIRECTOR, WCRP CMIP INTERNATIONAL PROJECT OFFICE

HE Space is a successful international space company. For nearly 40 years, we have been supporting our customers with qualified experts in the field of engineering, science and administration. We are currently looking for a Director to head-up the new International Project Office for the WCRP Coupled Model Intercomparison Project in the United Kingdom.

## About the CMIP International Project Office



The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP) provides the focal point for leading national and international entities in climate modelling and is the main resource for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment of climate projections. Moreover, CMIP is a major user of EO-based climate observations for model development, assimilation and evaluation.

In recognition of the ever-expanding effort to coordinate such an international endeavour it has been determined to establish a dedicated CMIP International Project Office (IPO). This Office will be hosted by the European Space Agency (ESA) at its ECSAT establishment in Harwell, UK.

ESA will be responsible for the support of the CMIP-IPO's functioning, personnel and operations, while the WCRP will remain responsible for its oversight.

In hosting the CMIP-IPO ESA confirms its long-term strategic vision into supporting climate science and demonstrating European leadership in climate modelling. It will provide substantial benefits to ESA's current and future climate activities, by strengthening the use of EO-based climate observations by the climate modelling community.

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## Tasks and Responsibilities

As Director of the CMIP-IPO you will have the following responsibilities:

- Support the recruitment of IPO staff;
- Management of the IPO activities and office staff;
- Ensure that the IPO budget is used at the discretion of CMIP leadership in compliance with ESA's legal framework, in particular its financial rules and regulations and WMO regulations and auditing as appropriate;
- Ensure that the IPO fulfils its terms of reference under the overall guidance of CMIP governing bodies and in consultation with the WCRP Secretariat;
- Participate in sessions of CMIP governing bodies and other meetings and represents CMIP at relevant national and international meetings;
- Encourage and mobilize financial and in-kind resources from various sources to cover
- CMIP activities and additional IPO staff. Administer and manage such resources

## Skills & Experience

You will have the following qualifications and relevant experience:

- PhD in physics or Earth science or other appropriate scientific field;
- Track record in climate research and modelling or climate science management;
- Expertise necessary to set up and develop an international project office to support and advance the governance, infrastructure and outcome of CMIP;
- Experience in working with international organisations within the climate network;
- Experience in leading large international projects and teams;
- Experience in attracting additional funding from various sources;
- At least 10 years of relevant work experience;
- Excellent negotiation, communication and interpersonal skills;
- Fluency in English is mandatory; knowledge of another European language is an advantage.

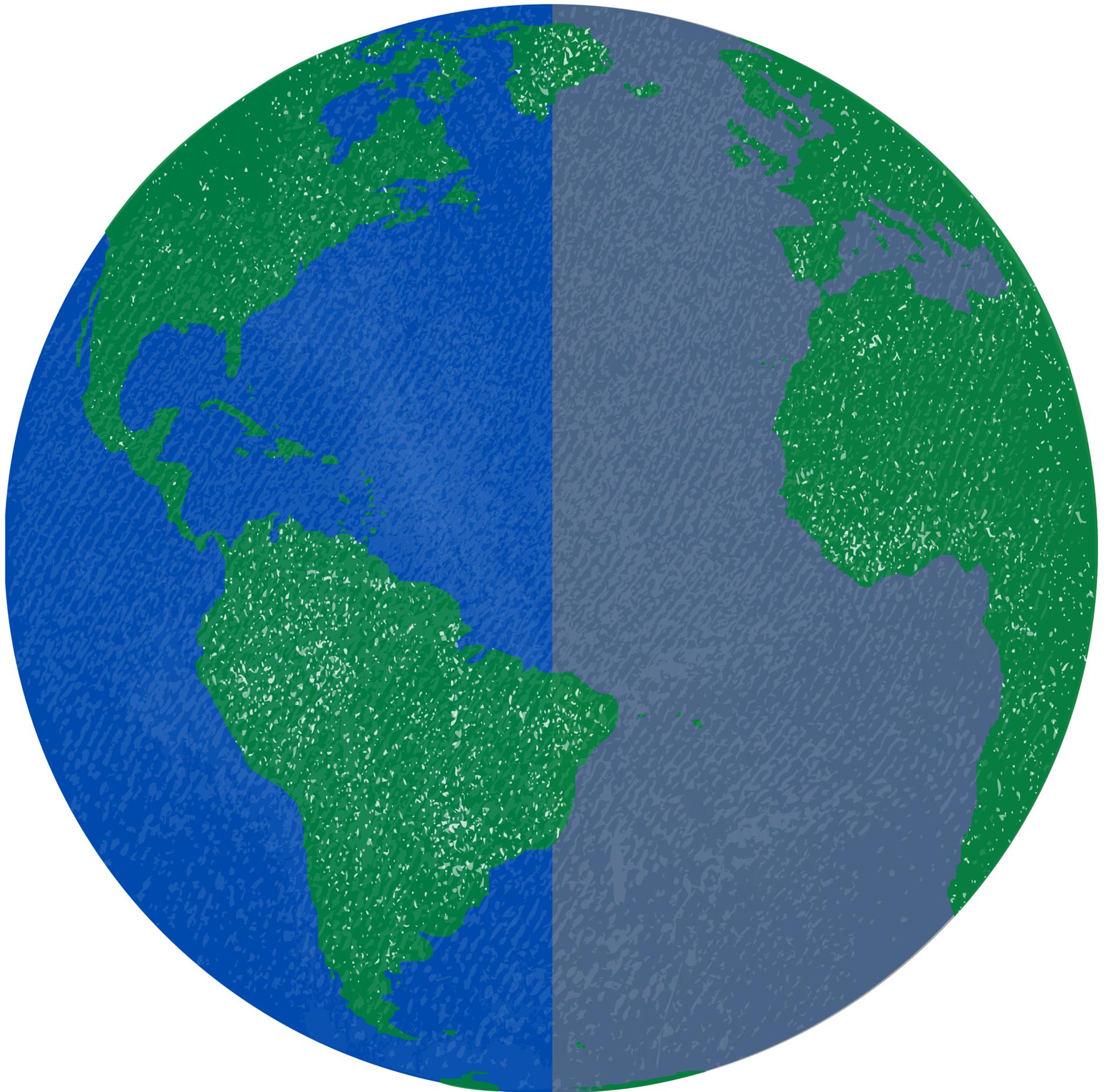
This job is located in Harwell (UK). We welcome applicants who are available from September 2021 (or as soon as possible thereafter). If you think you have what it takes for this job, please send your CV to [jobs@hespace.com](mailto:jobs@hespace.com) quoting **UK-HP-119** as soon as possible. If you would like more information, feel free to reach out to Mr. Leandros Foteinias at [lfoteinias@hespace.com](mailto:lfoteinias@hespace.com).

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