

ELI Delivery Consortium AISBL

Scientific and Technical Liaison Officer (STLO) – Background information and position description

Background information on the ELI Delivery Consortium International Association (AISBL)

The ELI Delivery Consortium International Association (ELI-DC AISBL) is an international non-profit Association after Belgian law founded in April 2013. It has the general mission to promote the sustainable development and visibility of the Extreme-Light-Infrastructure (ELI) as a pan-European research infrastructure.

Listed in the ESFRI Roadmap of pan-European Research Infrastructures of high priority, ELI will be the world's first international laser research infrastructure. It is presently under implementation, with three facilities being constructed in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania. The ELI facilities will be operated jointly under a single pan-European consortium – preferably a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

The ELI-DC AISBL has been established to support the coordinated implementation of the ELI research facilities, preserve the consistency and complementarity of their scientific missions, and promote and advertise the wide range of future research opportunities of ELI to the user communities. The Association will also prepare and organise the establishment of the consortium that will be in charge of the future joint operation of the facilities.

Main responsibilities of the Scientific and Technical Liaison Officer

The overall responsibilities of the Scientific and Technical Liaison Officer (“STLO”) will consist in:

- Liaising with and promoting ELI to the research communities interested in the development and future access opportunities of ELI and to the general public. This will include:
 - Networking with existing and prospective user communities, identifying their needs, supporting their development, in liaison with and support to the ELI Host Members
 - Assisting the Director General in the scientific representation of ELI as a single pan-European project by participating in relevant external events and organising ELI conferences, workshops and public appearances
 - Developing and implementing the communication strategy of the Association in the field of science and technology
 - Contributing to the definition of appropriate training strategies and programmes for user communities and teams in charge of ELI’s operation

- Contributing to the definition of ELI's access policies and operational concepts related to user access and experimental activities
- Supporting the ELI research centres in the implementation of the scientific and technical coordination activities recommended by the Coordination Council of the Association by:
 - Organising and managing the exchange of scientific and technical information among the ELI Host Members
 - Preparing the meetings of the Coordination Council and monitoring the implementation of its recommendations

In all these areas, the STLO shall act under the authority and responsibility of the Director General of the Association.

The STLO is also expected to be appointed by the General Assembly as a member of the Management Board, one of the statutory bodies of the Association. The term of office of the members of the Management Board is, in general, two (2) years and is renewable. The Management Board consists of the Director General and at least two other members directly appointed by the General Assembly. The Management Board is responsible for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Association under the strategic orientations defined by the General Assembly and under the chairmanship of the Director General.

Scientific and technical qualifications and skills relevant to the position

1. Demonstrated reputation and visibility within the research communities relevant to ELI
2. Knowledge in and understanding of the scientific, technological and innovation landscapes relevant to ELI
3. Knowledge about the principles of the operation of user facilities
4. Knowledge / experience in the definition and setting up of training programmes
5. Experience in collaboration management
6. Excellent communication and marketing skills towards ELI's stakeholders, including industrial players
7. Leadership and organisational skills, including negotiation skills, strategic thinking and team spirit
8. Proficiency in English.

Contractual aspects

Candidates should demonstrate full-time availability for the position.

The STLO will be employed by the ELI-DC AISBL. Remuneration, subject to negotiation, will regard the experience and credentials of the selected candidate.

The STLO will be stationed at the site of one of the ELI Host Members (location subject to negotiation). Frequent travels to the other ELI research centres and abroad are expected.

Candidates should send a letter of interest, including a brief description of experience and any other element relevant to the position, as well as their CV to: jobs@eli-laser.eu **no later than 28 February 2014.**

For informal enquiries about any aspect of the post, please contact Prof. Wolfgang Sandner, Director General and CEO of the ELI-DC AISBL (wolfgang.sandner@eli-laser.eu). All enquiries/information from the candidates will be handled confidentially.

All applications will be assessed by a selection committee consisting of the Director General and of representatives of the Association's Members.

Selected candidates will be invited for interviews (precise date and location to be communicated at a later stage).