

## VACANCY NOTE ADVERTISEMENT

### **Post of the *Director General* of BBMRI-ERIC.**

The pan-European **Biobanking and BioMolecular Resources Research Infrastructure (BBMRI)** is a distributed biomedical infrastructure, which operates under the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) legal framework. With 19 countries and one intergovernmental organisation as members and observers, BBMRI-ERIC is today one of the largest infrastructures for health in the EU (<http://www.bbmri-eric.eu/>). Its aim is to improve quality and facilitate the accessibility and interoperability of the existing comprehensive collections of biological samples and biomolecular resources that are participating in the national networks of its members and observers.

BBMRI-ERIC has its Central Executive Management Office in Graz, Austria, and is now seeking to recruit a

### ***Director General* of BBMRI-ERIC.**

S/He is sought as an outstanding person that will act as the legal representative and Chief Executive Officer of BBMRI-ERIC and in this capacity s/he will lead and continue the development of BBMRI-ERIC.

The responsibilities of the Director General are in particular:

- To define the strategic development of BBMRI-ERIC taking into consideration stakeholders' needs. This shall be done in close coordination with the Assembly of Members and the National/Organisational Nodes,
- to develop and implement a work programme and budget,
- to build an effective and collaborative working environment with the National/Organisational Nodes and biobanking communities,
- to set up strong relationships with a broad range of stakeholders including patient organisations, user communities, industry, other ESFRI research infrastructures, regulatory and funding bodies as well as policy makers on national and EU levels to forward BBMRI-ERIC's goals,
- to ensure that BBMRI-ERIC activities comply with relevant regulations, ethical principles and societal values,
- to lead fundraising efforts for BBMRI-ERIC and its partners, on national and European levels,
- to coordinate public relations and dissemination activities,
- to monitor, measure and report on BBMRI-ERIC's progress to the Assembly of Members as well as the European Commission.

Required qualifications and skills are:

- An MD and/or a PhD degree in a relevant field (preferably biomedical research, translational research),
- a solid international scientific experience,
- a good record of achievements in her/his previous career,
- strategic competence,
- excellent operational leadership abilities and managerial skills,
- experience in leading teams, consortia or organisations, preferably in international settings,
- excellent communication and negotiation skills,
- knowledge of research funding programmes, especially EU programmes, and a track record in funding acquisition.

BBMRI-ERIC is an inclusive, equal opportunity and non-discrimination employer offering by its complexity a challenging but at the same time attractive and inspiring working environment and conditions.

The annual gross salary is negotiable and at a minimum of € 100,000.--.

According to the BBMRI-ERIC Statutes the Director General shall be appointed by the Assembly of Members for a term of at least three years, with the possibility to be reappointed.

Opening date for the receipt of applications: 23 December 2016.

To submit an application, please send the application form, a CV and motivation letter including an outline of a strategic concept on the further development of BBMRI-ERIC electronically to the following address: [chair.aom@bbmri-eric.eu](mailto:chair.aom@bbmri-eric.eu). Closing date for receipt of applications: 17:00 CET, 17 February 2017.

Candidates should be prepared to be interviewed by an executive search consultancy and, in case of short listing, for an interview in Vienna, Austria (envisaged for end of April/beginning of May 2017).

Expected start date in office in Graz, Austria for the Director General is 1 August 2017.