

DFG/ICSU/ISSC Young Scientists Networking Conference on Integrated Science

Call for Applications

Food poses one of the key challenges for human societies in the coming decades. *Food Futures* encompasses everything from what we eat and food security to the way we research and talk about food. Food is often a central theme in issues related to security, global health, demographics, geography, urbanities, culture and society, political systems, and local and global environments.

The ISSC and ICSU, in collaboration with the DFG, are planning to assemble a large group of young researchers with diverse research perspectives to reflect on *Food Futures* and debate relevant issues as part of a series of conferences on Integrated Science. The aim is to bring together creative multidimensional, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives to address such a complex topic like food systems. These early career scientists will ask what are and will be the challenges related to food, now and in the future, and they are expected to devise the next generation of research programmes and projects, looking for a suitable definition and means to reach global sustainability goals.

Young scientists are invited to submit applications for participation in a **Networking Conference on Integrated Science**.

The DFG/ICSU/ISSC Young Scientists Networking Conference on Integrated Science discussing the [Future Earth](#) theme *Food Futures* will take place in Villa Vigoni, the German-Italian Centre for Cultural and Scientific Exchange at Lake Como in Italy, from **14-19 April, 2013**. The [International Council for Science](#) (ICSU), the [German Research Foundation](#) (DFG), and the [International Social Science Council](#) (ISSC) are inviting applications for participation by young scientists. The conference is kindly funded by the German Research Foundation.

Closing date for applications: **14 December 2012**.

The Networking Conference is open to post-doctoral researchers interested in the collaboration between the social and the natural sciences. The conference will bring together senior and leading scientists and researchers with a diversity of perspectives on food to identify top priority questions for future research on the topic.

The meeting is designed to become the starting point for new international integrated science research on *Food Futures*. They will provide not only a chance to fully realise the overview of the state of the art in the topic/field, but also to interact and network with leading thinkers – forging new collaborations, and fostering new compelling integrated science.

Travel expenses (economy trip) as well as cost for the stay at Villa Vigoni will be covered for successful applicants for the duration of the conference.

Please note that the seminar will be held in English only. Candidates should indicate if this would be a problem for them.

Selection criteria

1. General eligibility of Candidates

- Post-doctoral researchers with no more than 10 years work experience following their PhD; or individuals with equivalent qualifications (preferably under the age of 40)
- Interest in international, transdisciplinary, intercultural research cooperation

Application requirements

- A) A full (no more than 1 page) CV to include:
 - Education
 - Current position
 - Other relevant experiences or academic awards
 - Candidate's current research topic(s)
- B)
 - List of up to 5 of the candidates publications, which he/she values highest of which the best paper should be included as a reprint
 - A brief outline (1 page) of how the candidate's work is relevant to the seminar topic
 - A half page outlining why she/he should be participating in the meeting
 - A half page abstract for candidate's proposed poster

Eligible, interested candidates are welcome to apply by emailing the requested documents to the email address below:

net-conf@worldsocialscience.org

Or forward the application by mail to:

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Successful applicants will be notified in January.