

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou / Happy New Year!

There is a short digest of news this week.

- See below a postdoctoral position in China with Min Chen. Contact Min at [chenmin0902@163.com](mailto:chenmin0902@163.com) for more information.
- The session information for the 10th iEMSSs Conference 2020 "Modelling for Environmental Sustainability" (6 -10 July 2020) Brussels, Belgium is now online at <https://iemss2020.com/> for submissions of abstracts. The closing date is approaching fast – 1 February!

If you have news that you would like included in the digest just send it to [mssanz@iemss.org](mailto:mssanz@iemss.org) and the person handling the digest will pick up your message and include it in the Friday posting.

Cheers, Val

Postdoc Position on Open Geographic Modeling and Simulation at Key Lab of Virtual Geographic Environments (VGEs) (Ministration of Education of PRC), Nanjing, China

The Key Lab of Virtual Geographic Environments (VGEs) (Ministration of Education of PRC) at Nanjing Normal University seeks 1-2 outstanding postdoctoral researcher with expertise in open geographic modeling and simulation in Nanjing, for a period of two years.

Applicants should have a strong affinity and familiarity with the interdisciplinary field of geographic modeling and simulation, system design and development on geographic model sharing and integration, geographic computation. Applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree or be in the final stages of a Ph.D. program with 1-2 publications in academic journals. Applicants should under the age of 35.

The Key Lab of Virtual Geographic Environments (VGEs) was ranked in the "A" place during the Key Laboratory (Geography) assessment of the Ministry of Education in 2015. The school of geography ranks in the top 5 geography departments in the nation, and recently, it was included in the national "double first rated" program for major funding from the central government of China.

Recruitment conditions:

1. Applicants should have a Ph.D. degree in the relevant field and should have a track publication record in international academic journals;
2. Applicants should have the ability to work independently and have an excellent written skill in English;
3. Applicants should have a rigorous scholarship and a strong sense of responsibility.
4. Applicants should be enthusiastic and motivated with good communication and presentation skills. They should have good organizational skills and the ability to work in a team.
5. Applicants should hold the Ph.D. degree no more than three years in general and should under 35 years old.

Post-treatment:

1. Salaries are composed of two parts including school salary and project compensation. The total amount of salary will be 280,000 RMB/year-30RMB/year. The outstanding appointee will receive a higher remuneration. Bonus based on research achievements will be provided according to corresponding regulations of Nanjing Normal University.

2. Housing benefits will be provided. The appointee will be offered a free apartment in the university. For those who meet the conditions for renting but choose to live in an off-campus apartment, a rent subsidy of 2,000 RMB per month will be provided by the university.
3. VGEs will fully support the appointee to apply for various types of post-doctoral research funding, such as projects supported by National Natural Science Foundation of China, the China Post-doctoral Science Foundation (50-150 thousand RMB), the Jiangsu Post-doctoral Scientific Research Funding Program (40-80 thousand RMB), and the Nanjing Normal University Post-doctoral Scientific Research Funding Program (more than 60,000 RMB).
4. Full-time post-doctoral fellow is encouraged to apply projects supported by the National Natural Science Foundation or the National Philosophy and Social Science Foundation. Appointee is also encouraged to published academic papers in SCI-TOP journals, SSCI-indexed journals, and Class A journals (all need to be recognized Nanjing Normal University). The appointee can also apply provincial and ministerial level teaching and research achievement awards (second prize or higher). These awardees can receive the bonus according to regulations on our team.
5. Full-time post-doctoral fellows received an excellent score in the final assessment will have priority to be recruited as faculty member according to the relevant documents for talent recruitment in Nanjing Normal University.
6. For oversea post-doctoral fellows, one round-trip tickets (economy class) will be provided once per year.

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