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The International Space Science Institute (ISSI) in Bern, Switzerland, invites applications for a full-time position of

### **Director**

starting August 1, 2021. The appointee will be a member of the Directorate of ISSI whose recognized scientific stature ensures the visibility and keeps the high scientific standards of the Institute. The current Directorate is composed of the Executive Director, Prof. Tilman Spohn, the Director of the Earth Observation Program, Dr. Anny Cazenave, the Director of the Solar and Plasma Program, Prof. Rudolf von Steiger; and the Director for Astrophysics and Cosmology, Prof. Joachim Wambsganss. The directors are inspiring and managing ISSI's activities in their scientific fields: workshops, forums, international teams, working groups the institute's guest scientist program.

The new Director will, in addition, be responsible for the administrative management of the institute (logistics, personnel and financial matters). Hence, a good knowledge of ISSI and of the Swiss academic environment as well as of ESA and the European Space Science community will be an advantage.

The appointment will be made through the University of Bern at the associate professor (Außerordentlicher Professor) level for a period of four years (renewable) with corresponding teaching duties, for which a habilitation or equivalent qualification is a prerequisite.

High-profile scientists working in any area of the space sciences covered by ISSI (incl. Earth and ground-based observations) are encouraged to apply. Applications should contain (i) a letter of motivation, (ii) a CV, and (iii) a list of publications.

Interested scientists will find more about the International Space Science Institute and its activities at [www.issibern.ch](http://www.issibern.ch) and may contact the chair of the Search Committee:

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Applications, in the form of a single PDF file (<10 MB), should be sent by email, at their earliest convenience but no later than April 15, 2020, to:

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