The Earth Institute at Columbia University seeks a director (Senior Research Scientist) for its Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) (www.ciesin.columbia.edu).

About CIESIN
CIESIN, a leading international center at the intersection of the social, natural and information sciences, specializes in on-line data and information management, spatial data integration and training, and interdisciplinary research related to human interactions in the environment. CIESIN operates the NASA-funded Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC) and several major recent projects on poverty, hazards and geospatial data management. The International Council for Science (ICSU) has designated CIESIN the World Data Center for Human Interactions in the Environment.

About the Position
CU seeks a director who will advance the mission of CIESIN at Columbia. Suitable candidates will have a PhD in a social, natural or information science and could be currently employed in academia, industry, government or an NGO. Candidates must have a strong background in environmental and social science data integration. They should have a minimum of 10 post-doctoral years of experience that includes a strong track record in fund raising, managing large interdisciplinary centers or grants, and public outreach. Depending on the candidate’s background, the director could serve in a high-level administrative position or as a Senior Research Scientist and may be affiliated with a Columbia academic department. The position reports to Jeffrey Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia.

About The Earth Institute
The Earth Institute (www.earth.columbia.edu) at Columbia University is the world's leading academic center for the integrated study of Earth, its environment and society. The Earth Institute builds upon excellence in the core disciplines — earth sciences, biological sciences, engineering sciences, social sciences and health sciences — and stresses cross-disciplinary approaches to complex problems. Through research, training and global partnerships, it mobilizes science and technology to advance sustainable development, while placing special emphasis on the needs of the world's poor.

Please send only an expression of interest and CV to Dr. John Mutter, Chair of the Director Search Committee, C/O Robin DeJong, The Earth Institute at Columbia University, 405 Low Library, 535 West 116th Street, New York, New York 10027. Email robin@ei.columbia.edu. Please refer to Search Number: LD 670 06 031. Applications should be received by October 1, 2006, for priority consideration though the search will remain open until the position is filled.

Columbia University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply.