

EUROPEAN COMMISSION INVITES EXPERTS TO JOIN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

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On 5 September 2008, the European Commission adopted Decision 2008/721/EC for establishment of a revised Scientific Risk Assessment Advisory Structure. The Commission is now inviting applications from scientists to join this advisory structure of scientific committees and database of experts. For the official text for this call for expression of interest please visit:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:245:0023:0025:EN:PDF>

Depending on their expertise and availability, scientists may apply for membership in one or more of five bodies: Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety; Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks, Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks; Pool of Scientific Advisors; and Database of Experts.

This call for expression of interest is open to scientists worldwide. The Commission seeks to appoint members from different geographic regions and to achieve a gender balance.

Applicants for membership in a Scientific Committee or the Pool of Scientific Advisors are expected to have at least 10 years of professional experience. Members are appointed to a Scientific Committee for a period of three years and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. Scientific advisors are appointed to the Pool for a period of five years and their term may be renewed. The closing date for submitting applications is 31 October 2008.

Membership in the Database of Experts is open to scientists wishing to support the activities of the Scientific Committees on an ad hoc basis. There is no closing date for application and candidates are not required to have a specific number of years of professional experience.

For information on eligibility criteria, workload, indemnities, application procedure and to download an application form, please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/call_expression_en.htm

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