

Vacant position of Deputy Director of IAU's International School for Young Astronomers (ISYA)

The position of Deputy Director of the International School for Young Astronomers (ISYA) has become vacant. The Office of Young Astronomers (OYA) of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) invites applications and nominations from individuals with a strong interest in, and firm commitment to, the ISYA program. Preparation and operation of an ISYA corresponds to 10% –20% full time employment. The appointment of the ISYA Deputy Director is for 3 years, renewable for a second term of 3 years. The ISYA is a highly regarded, essential educational program of the IAU, organized at an interval between every 8 to 12 months. It is a three-week international postgraduate school for regions where students have less opportunity to be directly exposed to full extent of up-to-date astrophysics (mainly, but not exclusively, from astronomically developing countries). The objective of the ISYA is to broaden the participants' perspective on astronomy by means of lectures from an international faculty on selected topics of astronomy, seminars, practical exercises and observations, and exchange of experiences.

The position carries no salary, but all travel and accommodation costs will be covered. The unique and positive aspects of working with the ISYA program include (1) a rewarding opportunity to contribute to advancing astronomy and helping students in developing regions, (2) becoming part of mutually stimulating, world-wide networking with future science generations, and (3) becoming acquainted with a variety of fascinating places and cultures.

Candidates for the ISYA Deputy Director should possess the following:

- 1) Solid background in education and teaching at the level of the ISYA program
- 2) Good record of accomplishment in research and publication.
- 3) Excellent communication skills
- 4) Leadership and motivation experience
- 5) Experience and skills in international networking.
- 6) Relevant administrative and organizational experience.

Application and nominations, in the form of a letter accompanied by a CV, should be addressed to the Chair of OYA, Prof. Xiaowei Liu at x.liu@pku.edu.cn, by 15 April 2018. Questions may be directed to the same address.