

THE MARINE SCIENCE JOB & CANDIDATE FINDER

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MarBEF has recently launched the Marine Science Job & Candidate Finder, a specific Mobility Portal for marine sciences <http://www.marbef.org/jobs>. The ever increasing demand for marine science jobs and training programmes has inspired the creation of a system that makes it easier to match the right job or training course to the right candidate.

We offer a facility where recruiters can advertise their jobs or training opportunities free of charge. They can simply enter details of the job or course being advertised and this in turn will be automatically displayed for online users. Therefore as a job seeker or a person currently in employment, who may want to improve or update their skills for example by undertaking an internship, voluntary work etc., you can freely search our online database for jobs, training courses etc.

Another valuable resource available within this Mobility Portal is the facility that allows job seekers to submit and store their CVs online. An extensive number of fields have been created, not all of which are mandatory, where information on their scientific background, career aspirations and preferences can be stored. Also, as these two archives, *i.e.* vacancies and CVs are interlinked: a potential employer can see which CVs match their vacancies, and a candidate with a CV in the archive will be notified by e-mail when a potential match occurs.

Although very little effort has been applied to advertising the new Mobility portal since its launch just three months ago we have received a very positive and encouraging response; 54 vacancies (of which 8 were training courses) have been advertised and 28 CVs posted. This great response reflects the need for such a vital resource for marine science and we would encourage everyone to make use of this service and to promote this facility within your network, especially with regard to students.