

NEWS NOTES AND COMMENTS

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DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY

SWISS INSTITUTE OF COMPARATIVE LAW

The Swiss government is seeking a Director of Library for the recently established Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, located in Lausanne-Dorigny (Vaud). The responsibilities of the Director will include the organization and administration of the library as well as the development of its collection of international and comparative law materials.

Applicants are required to have legal and library education, as well as extensive experience in the administration of law libraries with substantial holdings of comparative and international law materials. They should also be familiar with the structure of the major legal systems and the library application of electronic and other technical equipment. Knowledge of French, German and English languages is essential; knowledge of other languages is desirable. Remuneration will be commensurate to experience (it should be pointed out that it will be internationally competitive).

Applications, including full résumés, lists of publications, references, and other materials, should be sent to Professor Alfred von Overbeck, 14, Fort-St-Jacques, 1700 Fribourg, SWITZERLAND (telephone: 037/24 39 93), the Director of the Institute, from whom further information may be obtained.

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