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The Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (C.I.O.M.S.)
invites applications for the position of

Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary, who is responsible for the administration of the Council, must be highly qualified in medical organization.

Applicants should have a University degree in Medicine. Administrative experience and ability to collaborate with other international organizations are required.

Fluent knowledge of English and French is required. Further languages are an additional qualification.

The Secretariat is in Paris, where the successful candidate is expected to take up residence.

The starting salary will be according to experience and qualification and will be not less than US \$7,000 per annum.

Applications should reach Professor *J. Maisin*, Institut du Cancer, 57 voer des Capucins, Louvain, Belgium, before 1 May, 1961. Two references for confidential consultation by the Council should be given.

Further particulars about the position can be supplied on request.

International Association of Microbiological Societies

Collections of Micro-organisms exist in many countries of the world, some are financed by a government department, others by universities or research institutes. Many work on small budgets and could improve the services they render if they had a bigger income. Some collections make a charge for cultures, other issue them free of charge.

Culture Collections, particularly specialised Collections containing strains not available elsewhere, often serve international ends by making these strains and specialised knowledge available to workers in other countries, and in doing so incur expenses they have difficulty in meeting. The executive Committee of the International Association of Microbiological Societies (IAMS) acts as an advisory body in the allocation of whatever funds are available for furthering the international activities of such Collections. The amount of money is at present limited, but in order that the Committee's advice may be as informed as possible, it is essential for IAMS to have details of Collections at present distributing cultures in this way, including their financial dependence on external grants.

It is suggested, therefore, that curators or directors of culture collections should notify the secretary of the Executive Committee of IAMS (Dr. *C.-G. Hedén*, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm 60) of their collection, stating its purpose, the type(s) and numbers of organisms kept, special interests (e.g. medical bacteriology, industrial fermentations, etc.), whether cultures are charged for, the general financial state of the collection (whether subsidised by the state, industry, etc.) and finally the amount of international interest in their collections, and to what degree they are unable to meet international demands as fully as they would like because of the expenditure involved. The statement must reach IAMS' Stockholm office *before May 15th* in order to be considered this year.