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# VACANCY NOTICE

| JOB TITLE | Communications Director |
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| LOCATION  | Rome, Italy             |

| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT | Communications Department |
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| REPORTS TO          | Secretary General         |

| DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS | 16 May 2021  |
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| STARTING DATE             | 14 June 2021 |

The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) is an international Catholic Church-inspired, nongovernmental organization, with a mission to protect and serve uprooted people, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced people, victims of human trafficking, and migrants—regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or nationality. In collaboration with governmental and non-governmental partners, and through a worldwide network of members, ICMC implements and advocates for right-based policies and sustainable solutions to address global migration challenges. ICMC's operations are aimed to respond to the needs of vulnerable individuals and communities, and focus on protection, humanitarian assistance, resettlement, migration and development.

The Communications Director will report to the organization's Secretary General and will be responsible for the overall design of the Commission's communications strategy and oversee its implementation. She/he will be responsible for ICMC's communication activities and outputs, including websites, social media, e-newsletters, media and public relations, and marketing materials. This post will be located in Rome, Italy.

### Duties

- Oversee communications policies and guidelines; manage the ICMC brand and ensure the production of high-quality work.
- Identify and manage upcoming communications opportunities and priorities and implement communication plans in collaboration with program teams.
- Supervise communications staff at headquarters and liaise closely with staff in liaison and field offices who have communication responsibilities.

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- Develop and cultivate relationships with international and country-based journalists to raise ICMC's profile and highlight migration issues.
- Write and edit a variety of communication materials, such as news stories, press releases, feature stories, op-eds.
- Participate in field missions to gather stories, photos and video content to be used for communication purposes.
- Manage the ICMC website, including day-to-day publication of content and longer-term renovations and development.
- Build communications capacity within the organization by organizing training sessions for staff members.
- Oversee a pool of trusted professional communicators who could serve as consultants to expand ICMC capacity as needed.
- Manage and develop ICMC's social media channels.
- Support fundraising activities through the organization of events, production of marketing materials, and leveraging ICMC's website and social media to reach a diverse set of supporters.
- Regularly measure and evaluate the impact of ICMC's communications; contribute to donor reporting and manage the publication of the annual report.
- Work collaboratively with other departments, including Operations, Policy, Finance, ICMC's field and affiliate offices, as well as with ICMC's Governance Structures and Network of National Member Catholic Bishops' Conferences and other stakeholders.

# **Qualifications and Experience**

- University degree in Journalism, Marketing, Public Relations, Communications or other relevant field; an advanced degree and/or certificates is an asset.
- Minimum 5-10 years of experience with growing responsibilities in communications work.
- Proficiency in English, both written and spoken; fluency in at least one other official ICMC language (French or Spanish) is an asset.
- Experience in the civil society or humanitarian sector; knowledge of refugee and migrants' issues is an asset.

# Competencies

- Superior communications skills, both spoken and written.
- Excellent editing and writing skills.
- Strong leadership and people management skills.
- Proven ability to develop and execute creative communication strategies.
- Strong creative problem-solving attitude and attention to detail.
- Ability to manage competing priorities.
- Ability to lead, coach, and motivate a diverse team.
- Proactive personality, always anticipating events or news.

### **Motivation and values**

- Understanding of, and commitment to, ICMC's mission and values.
- Willingness to always act in the best interest of ICMC.
- Basic understanding of, and respect for, the Catholic Church-related values and principles underlying ICMC's humanitarian and advocacy activities.

### How to apply

Interested candidates should submit their CV (maximum: two pages), a one-page motivation letter, a few samples of published stories or written materials, and two professional references with full and up-to-date contact details via email to <u>recruitment@icmc.net</u> by 16 May 2021.

ICMC is committed to a Zero-Tolerance Policy toward sexual exploitation, abuse and all forms of harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment. Screening of applications includes the vetting for records of prior misconduct and reference checking. ICMC may take other necessary measures to ensure that people involved in substantiated cases of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment will not be recruited.

ICMC is committed to equal employment opportunities for all applicants. ICMC does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, national origin, religion, physical or mental ability, marital status and age. Applications from citizens from EU countries or holders of valid work permit in an EU country are particularly encouraged.

# **Data protection**

By submitting an application, you agree that ICMC collects and manages the information that you provide. Your personal information will be used for recruitment purposes only. Your application will be treated with strict confidentiality.