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Science Europe Supports ‘Science4Refugees’ Initiative

(Brussels, 2 November 2015) Science Europe welcomes and supports the ‘Science4Refugees’ initiative that the European Commission recently launched.

The aim of this initiative is to link asylum-seeking and refugee scientists and researchers with scientific institutions that are interested in welcoming refugees and that have suitable positions available (see: <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/science4refugees>).

So far in 2015 over half a million refugees have come to the EU; the Commission’s scheme has the dual objective of helping some of these individuals to find employment and improve their long-term situation, as well as making good use of their skills within the European research system.

Thanks to the new initiative refugees and asylum seekers with scientific backgrounds will be able to upload their CVs onto a dedicated page within the EURAXESS portal, and research organisations, such as Science Europe’s Member Organisations, will be able to register and flag their job offers, internships or training courses with a ‘Science4Refugees’ icon, indicating their openness to refugees and asylum seekers.

“The initiative is mutually beneficial” said Amanda Crowfoot, Director of Science Europe. *“Qualified individuals coming to Europe as refugees can benefit from a job or training opportunity which will help to improve their long-term prospects, and in turn they will be bringing their diverse skills and experience to European research organisations”.*

Science Europe is an association of major European research funding and research performing organisations in 27 countries, established in 2011 to promote the collective interest of its members and to foster collaboration between them. For more information, see www.scienceeurope.org.

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