



RAMIRI

Realising and Managing International Research Infrastructures

Learning Programmes in 2011 and 2012

Are you involved in setting up or managing an international research infrastructure (RI), or developing plans for RIs?

Would you like to develop your understanding of issues related to RI-planning and management and learn from experienced RI-managers?

Could YOU benefit from the RAMIRI Programme in 2011 or 2012?

What is RAMIRI?

RAMIRI (Realising and Managing International Research Infrastructures) is an EC-funded project run by a consortium of leading European research organisations:

- *Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste* • *Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan* • *Imperial College London* •
- *Institute of Physics Prague* • *University of Amsterdam* •

The project aims to develop and deliver a training programme, networking environment and best-practice reference for people from the European Union (and Associated States) who are involved in the setting-up and management of research infrastructures of pan-European and international importance.

What is the RAMIRI Programme?

The RAMIRI Programme is a series of 2 residential workshops in which participants have an opportunity to learn about areas of research infrastructure management from experienced practitioners through a combination of case studies, field visits, discussion and networking. The Programme also provides an excellent opportunity to develop a community of contacts across the European Union and beyond.

Successful applicants will be invited to join one of two groups in either 2011 or 2012. Each group will take part in two residential workshops taking place in **Amsterdam** or **Prague**, and in **Trieste**. The maximum capacity of each group is 35.

In 2011, the Programme will be held in the following locations:

Amsterdam	14-15 June
Trieste	24-25 October

Please note that if you are selected for a place you MUST attend both parts of the course.

Each 2-day residential workshop will include a number of learning sessions run by experienced RI-management practitioners from across the European Union. The learning programme is outlined below. A number of guest speakers and local speakers will also join the workshops in each location, and each workshop will include at least one site visit or case study, along with networking and social activities.

The activities in the RAMIRI programme are completely free of charge, but participants will need to organise and pay for their own transport and accommodation. In some specific cases, a bursary may be available to help with these costs (see overleaf).

The selection of participants is by application only. See overleaf for information about eligibility and how to apply.

Topics covered by the RAMIRI Programme

The programme for each group will consist of six learning modules spread across the two workshops. Each participant must therefore commit to attend both workshops in their learning cycle. Areas discussed will include:

- Understanding and developing European and national policies in relation to research infrastructures and access policies for users
- Planning, project management and cost control for research infrastructures along their life cycle (design, construction, operation, decommissioning)
- Financing research infrastructures, including structural funds and debt-funding through the Risk-Sharing Finance Facility
- Selecting the best legal foundation for a new research infrastructure, and developing statutes and governance principles
- Formulating policy in relation to intellectual property and data management
- Recruiting, training and retaining in Europe the best staff for an international research infrastructure

Who is the RAMIRI Programme for?

The scheme is open primarily to people who are in management functions within governments, funding agencies, research institutions, and/or within an existing or prospective research infrastructure of pan-European or international importance. The Programme will be especially helpful for **mid-career** applicants who have already had some experience in the field. This could include participants with the following kinds of experience and background:

- Postdoctoral researchers (in any field) who are now moving into a more managerial role
- People with backgrounds in finance, law, administration and management who are now working in or are involved in the planning of new or prospective research infrastructures
- People currently based in research infrastructures, whose work involves areas such as: project management, human resources, communications, access policy, technology transfer or legal and governance questions

How to apply

In order to apply, please visit the RAMIRI website at www.ramiri.eu/howtoapply for full details. You will need to prepare the following:

1. A covering letter, explaining, in one page maximum, your role and experience within RI-management or development, and your interest in attending the programme
2. An up-to-date CV, highlighting, in not more than three pages, particularly your experience in RI- and general management
3. Name, contact details and relationship to you of two referees whom we may contact to assess your suitability
4. A statement of support from your current employer, indicating your current role, experience and suitability for the programme

RAMIRI Bursary Scheme

A limited amount of financial support may be available for a limited number of selected participants, on a proven need basis, to reimburse travel, accommodation and subsistence costs, up to €1000. An application for bursary support should be made at the same time as applying for a place on the programme. If you would like to apply for a RAMIRI Bursary, please additionally complete and return a bursary form which is available for download from the website.

To discuss any aspect of the RAMIRI programme, please contact the RAMIRI Programme Manager at ramiri@imperial.ac.uk.

Applications for the 2011 Programme must be received no later than: 2 May 2011

Applications for the 2012 Programme will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout 2011.

Priority will be given to those working on projects based within the newer EU Member States or Associate States, and to people in new international-level RIs, eg. projects included on the ESFRI Roadmap.

The RAMIRI Consortium will not discriminate against any applicant on the basis of age, nationality, disability, religious conviction or sexual orientation. Please note that the courses will be taught in English.