



## Call for Membership in the Venus Science Coordination group (VeSCoor)

### 1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A new era of Venus science investigation has commenced thanks to the selection of three complementary Venus missions (ESA's Medium-class mission EnVision and NASA's two Discovery missions, VERITAS and DAVINCI). With these missions planned to visit Venus in the next 10-15 years, ESA and NASA deemed it timely to establish a Venus Science Coordination group (VeSCoor).

VeSCoor is a Venus missions forum for dialogue within the broader Venus scientific community, in support of the upcoming ESA and NASA missions to Venus. VeSCoor's primary goal is to identify new, unanticipated scientific approaches and outcomes based on synergies among the missions to Venus and suggest studies to enhance overall scientific return.

VeSCoor will not evaluate or propose changes to the current mission profiles, scientific objectives, or requirements.

The tasks and expected activities of VeSCoor are illustrated in the Terms of Reference (ToR) document, part of the documentation package for this Call.

ESA and NASA are the joint convening authorities for VeSCoor. VeSCoor is initially set for 5 years from the date of NASA-ESA's ToR document concurrence, but may be renewed at the discretion of NASA and ESA.

Through the present Call, the ESA Director of Science invites scientists affiliated with institutes in the ESA Member States to apply for membership of the VeSCoor group. Through a parallel call, NASA's Planetary Science Division invites US membership nominations in the VeSCoor group.

Successful candidates will be appointed *ad personam* by the Science Directors of the two Agencies. Applications from groups or teams will not be considered in the selection process.

Appointment of selected scientists is planned for the 4th Quarter 2022.

One co-chair and up to five members will be selected through the present Call. The VeSCoor co-chair and members will be appointed for a period of two years, renewable.

ESA will provide travel and per diem support to the selected scientists for attending VeSCoor meetings (maximum two per year).

Early career scientists are specifically encouraged to apply.

## 2 FORMAT AND CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION

Applications for membership of the VeSCoor should consist of three parts:

1. A cover page (that should include the applicant's contact information);
2. A curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages);
3. The actual application (maximum 2 pages).

The curriculum vitae should include all information about the applicant's career that the applicant considers relevant.

The application should explain why the applicant considers himself/herself suited for membership of the VeSCoor, the applicant's areas of expertise relevant to the VeSCoor, his/her potential contributions, etc.

The application should not contain a list of publications, but rather it should explicitly list the applicant's five "notable achievements" that in the applicant's opinion make him/her particularly suited for consideration. These might be specific publications the applicant has authored, responsibility in the development of projects relevant for Venus' science, etc.

Details of the personal data protection measures that apply to this Call can be found in the privacy notice on the submission website.

### 2.1 *Submitting applications*

Applications will be accepted exclusively in PDF format, with a maximum file size of 5 MB, using the interface available at:

<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/vescoor-2022>

The deadline for submission of applications in response to the present Call is

**30 September 2022 at 12:00 (noon) CEST.**

The submission deadline will be implemented strictly and proposers are invited to submit their proposals well in advance of the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications that exceed the page limit or that do not respect the structure described above will not be considered.

## 3 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT POINT

Requests for further information should be addressed to:

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