Call for expression of interest for one (1) position – Research Assistant in the Institute of Computer Science (ICS) Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH)

Position: one (1) position – Research Assistant
Project: CALCHAS
Desired starting date: 01/11/2020
Duration: 3 months
Location: Heraklion, Crete, Greece
Opening date: 17/09/2020
Closing date: 02/10/2020
Ref.: RA_1

Description
CALCHAS aims to develop cutting edge technologies targeting three major factors towards the fully automated analysis of multi-source Earth observation data, specifically, (i) the fusion of observations from different sources and modalities, (ii) the efficient aggregation of the sampling scales associated with spaceborne and in-situ measurements, and (iii) the analysis of time-series of dynamic observations. To that end, the paradigm shifting signal processing and learning framework of Deep Learning will be utilized and extended through powerful mathematical tools and appropriate methodologies like supervised learning, generative modeling, and physics-based modeling, dramatically extending the current scope of single source data analysis. The developed framework will be employed for analyzing time-series of measurements from active and passive microwave and multispectral spaceborne imaging instruments and in-situ sensor measurements, targeting the high-accuracy spatial and temporal resolution enhancement for observations and soil moisture estimation.
The candidate will investigate and develop novel theoretical models of physics-driven machine learning algorithms for the analysis of Earth Observation time-series focusing on (i) the prediction of future observations based on historical data and (ii) the fusion of measurements from different modalities. The candidate is expected to employ modern libraries such as TensorFlow for realizing the developed methods in software. Furthermore, the candidate is expected to demonstrate the potential of the developed method of relevant datasets which may need to be compiled, including time-series of geophysical parameters like surface temperature and soil moisture.

**Required qualifications:**
- MSc in Physics.
- Prior experience in the machine learning.
- Knowledge of python programming
- Excellent knowledge of English.
- Excellent ability to work as a part of a team.
- Professional behavior.

**Desired qualifications:**
- Expertize in deep learning model for time-series analysis.
- Experience in programming environments (tensorflow and matlab).
- Experience in working with satellite-based Earth Observation data.
- Excellent organizational and inter-personal communication skills.
- Ability to work under pressure, attaining short and long-term objectives.
- Pleasant, discreet personality.

**Application Submission**
Interested candidates can submit their applications via [http://www.ics.forth.gr/jobs/en/](http://www.ics.forth.gr/jobs/en/) using the link “Apply for the position” under the announcement. Applications must include:
- Detailed CV
- Scanned copies of academic titles
- Scanned copies of any document referring to the required qualifications

**Contact Information:**
- For information and questions regarding the application and selection procedure, please contact Prof. Panagiotis Tsakalides (tsakalid@ics.forth.gr).

**Selection Announcement**
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