CALL FOR CANDIDATURES TO AN INTERNATIONAL Ph.D. COURSE

Re.: International Ph.D. Course on "Processes, Materials and Constructions in Civil and Environmental Engineering and for The Protection of the Historic-Monumental Heritage" XXVI cycle - Univ. of Florence - TU C.W. Braunschweig / CALL FOR CANDIDATURES

Dear Colleague,

we are glad to inform you that the University of Florence has published a call for candidatures to the above 3-years Course.

The Course is run jointly by the Univ. of Florence (Italy) and the TU Braunschweig (Germany) and leads to a jointly recognised Ph.D. title in both countries. The language of any activity will be English; this requires the candidates to be fluent in English (both written and spoken); any other additional linguistic skill amongst French, Italian, German and Spanish will be positively considered for the selection.

Candidates shall have absolved a 5-years (min.) Graduate Course (Laurea Specialistica, Diploma, Master or equivalent); all those titles non consistent with the Italian regulation will have to be declared as equivalent by the evaluation board.

Admission is awarded upon evaluation of a three-page research activity proposal (within the global theme of the course) and on the basis of the academic career. A letter of introduction/reference pointing out the research scientific attitude of the candidate, edited and signed by the academic teacher/tutor that has mostly influenced the scientific education of the candidate will have to be handed over on the day of the oral examination/interview.

The PhD course is a full-time research training programme, this requires the PhD students to attend all events (lectures, seminars, meetings, etc.) organised by the partner Universities.

Research exchange stays at both partner Institutions are scheduled for the 1st and 2nd years, for a global period from 9 to 12 months; monographic lecture courses will be offered (s. attached announcement) in the 1st year by an Internationally recognised and qualified teaching staff. Research work will be carried out under the supervision of one tutor from each of the partner Universities; research activities running under National/European/International cooperation projects will also be offered (with research stays at other international laboratories, if relevant).

12 candidates will be admitted, 6 of them supported by a scholarship by the Univ. of Florence. The scholarship amounts to (netto) 13.638,47 Euro/year (50% increase for the exchange months is also provided).

Further information about candidature can be obtained under the web sites of the Univ. of Florence:

http://www.unifi.it/CMpro-v-p-6670.html (in Italian)

http://dottint.dicea.unifi.it/ (in English)

or by the International PhD Secretariat, Ms S. Cartei: +39.055.4796-596,

1 The proposed research activity will not to be binding both (the candidate and teaching staff) as far as the topic of the Thesis is concerned.
Candidatures (within the deadline indicated in the web site of the University of Florence) have to be addressed as follows:

Al Dirigente del Polo Biomedico e Tecnologico
Ricerca e Relazioni Internazionali
Servizio Dottorato di Ricerca
Viale Morgagni 40,
50134 Firenze, Italy

We would be grateful, if you could advertise this opportunity amongst your students.
With best regards,

The Course Co-ordinators
Prof. Ing. C. Borri (Florence)
Prof. Ing. U. Peil (Braunschweig)

Firenze/Braunschweig, September, 26th, 2010