Folks,

I've been doing what I've been doing a long time (nearly 17 years).
I'm in the mood for a change. To that end, I am looking for
a short (I.e., 2-5 month) sabbatical position to start
this summer in which I can refresh my batteries and learn
something new. I can offer IDL programming expertise, reasonably
interesting conversation, and fierce tennis competition,
if you are so inclined.

The ideal position will have some (or all) of the following
features. (Along with a reasonable salary, of course.)

   1. Science. More than anything I want to learn something new.
      I haven't felt like much of a scientist for a long time.
      I'd like a project that would get the brain cells moving.
      Maybe even cause me to brush the dust off the ol' math
      books and feel like a physicist again. I've been leaning
      toward medical imaging lately, but anything in the
      realm of physical science would appeal to me.

   2. Location. I want to get out of town. If the job was off
      the Great Barrier Reef, or there were hundreds of exotic
      birds nearby, or if the natives didn't speak English, so
      much the better. Spanish or German would be my preferred
      languages. Is anyone using IDL in Costa Rica? Cheap
      housing I could share with my family would be perfect.
      House swapping for the summer could work, too, if you
      always wanted to spend the summer in fabulous Colorado!

   3. Worthwhile project. I'm not interested in locating
      military targets or thinking up reasons for a manned
      lunar mission, no matter how worthwhile and essential
      these jobs may be. I'd like a project that I thought
      was contributing to making people's lives better, or
      the environment safer, etc. Call me a closet liberal,
      if you like, but I'd like to spend a couple of months
      making a difference.

If you know of such a position, or if your mother's second
cousin's friend knows of such a position, please let me know.
I'll be diligent about following up every lead. :-)

Cheers,

David

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