Offer of internship

Position title: Internship for Standards Department
Allowance: 633,75 € / month
Duration: 6 months (February to July 2019)

Context

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is the intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide and is recognised by the WTO as the international setting body of reference for international trade of animals and products derived from animals.
In order to facilitate smooth exchange of veterinary certificates, the OIE Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Standards provide globally agreed certification procedures and model certificates, including general standards for electronic certification.
Increasing interest in the development of electronic veterinary certification (e-veterinary certification) was expressed by OIE Member Countries during OIE General Sessions in 2016 and 2017. This interest showed that there is a need to better understand the state of play and challenges for implementation of e-veterinary certification for animal health to support international trade. The experience of current e-veterinary certification of some Member Countries and the establishment of similar systems in plant health, food safety and customs authorities can play a key role for the successful development and implementation of e-veterinary certification, especially for developing countries.

Positioning and reporting

The Intern for Standards Department will work under the authority and supervision of the Head of the Standards Department, and in collaboration with relevant Project officers (Chargés de Mission) within the department.

Internship purpose

The project "Development of a framework to facilitate e-veterinary certification for international trade on the basis of a single window system" is funded by WTO Trade Development Facility (STDF)1 and is being implemented by the OIE on behalf of the five applicant countries Cambodia, Nigeria, Paraguay, Swaziland, Zimbabwe. This project will result in recommendations for Member countries, the OIE and partners and potential donors concerning the development and implementation of e-veterinary certification. The study will be structured around three pillars:

1- Development and implementation of a survey among interested Member Countries to identify drivers and challenges for e-veterinary certification implementation and to provide a description of basic features of currently operating e-veterinary systems.

2- Analysis of e-certification in other SPS areas, including:
- A study of standards, guidelines and recommendations on e-certification developed by sister organisations (IPPC and Codex) and other relevant international organisations (including UN/CEFACT).
- An identification of commonalities and differences between other SPS areas and veterinary certification.
- How to make use of the experience of non-veterinary areas.

3- Recommendations to Veterinary Authorities, e.g. general technical infrastructure required before adopting e-veterinary certification, to the OIE and other partners, i.e. how the OIE in partnership with other organizations can support Member Countries, and to possible donors to support Member Countries in the development or implementation of e-veterinary certification.

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[1] This STDF Project is available at: http://www.standardsfacility.org/PG-609

Particularly, the activities around the second pillar are expected to be developed from January to June 2019 by a consultant recruited for this purpose. To support the activity of the consultant, the OIE Standards Department is seeking a highly motivated intern to gather information regarding standards, guidelines and recommendations on e-certification for international trade in SPS areas. The intern would also be responsible for carrying out a preliminary analysis in order to identify differences and commonalities among these standards, guidelines and recommendations.

Missions and activities

The intern for Standards Departement will perform the following tasks :

➢ Identify other SPS areas which could provide experience in the field of electronic certification.
➢ Identify and collect standards, guidelines and recommendations on e-certification developed by Codex and IPPC and other international organisations including UN/CEFACT).
➢ Identify countries and communities that could provide experience in the field of e-certification at bilateral or multilateral sanitary exchanges.
➢ Identify and collect information from e-certification areas different from SPS areas (e.g., eCITES, certificates of origin)
➢ Elaborate a comparison matrix showing commonalities and differences.
➢ Undertake other tasks to support the project assigned by the Head of Standards Department.
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Qualifications and Experience

Qualifications

Currently studying or recently graduated from a science degree and demonstrating the following:
• Good knowledge and understanding of international organisations related to trade, international trade policy, particularly, related to SPS commodities.
• Good knowledge of electronic certification, single window environment or interoperability solutions.

Requirements

Technical skills:
• Have excellent organisational skills;
• Excellent command of English, both written and oral and good knowledge of French or Spanish;
• Microsoft Office, in particular Word and Excel;
• Ability to develop analytical frameworks;
• Good writing skills;

Interpersonal skills:
• Good organisation skills;
• Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships in a multinational and multicultural environment;

Working conditions

Candidates must be able to commit to a minimum of **6** months of full-time work, based at OIE Headquarters in Paris, France.

General information

The OIE places high value on a multicultural and positive work environment.

The OIE is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications of all qualified candidates, irrespective of their ethnic origin, gender, opinions or beliefs.

If you are interested in this internship, please complete your application online **by 15 November 2018 at noon (Paris time) at the latest** by clicking on the link below.

Should you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at hr.dept@oie.int.

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