

## Offer of Internship – Science Department

<b>Position title: Internship for Science Department – Insect trade and bee diseases</b>
<b>Allowance:</b> 633,75 € / month
<b>Duration:</b> 6 months (Mid-March to Mid-September 2019)
<b>Context</b> <p>The World Organisation for Animal Health, previously known as the « Office international des épizooties » (OIE), was created on the 25th of January, 1924. Its headquarters are based in Paris. It comprises 181 Member Countries and is present on all continents through 12 Representations or Bureaus in total. The OIE is an intergovernmental organisation recognised by the World Trade Organization as a reference Organisation for intergovernmental standards concerning the sanitary safety of international trade of animals and products of animal origin and zoonoses. The OIE is in charge of improving animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare worldwide, as well as transparency of the global animal disease situation.</p> <p>Since its establishment in the early 2000s, the OIE Communication Unit has progressively broadened its scope, covering institutional, internal and digital communication (including the OIE websites and social media), multimedia, press relations and links with the OIE network.</p>
<b>Positioning and reporting</b> <p>Under the authority and supervision of the Head of the Science Department, and in collaboration with relevant Project Managers (Chargés de Missions) within the department.</p>
<b>Internship purpose</b> <p>Insects are currently used for a variety of purposes, including biological control, research and food/feed production. The international trade of insects appears to be steadily growing, both in terms of geographical distribution and trade volumes.</p> <p>A large number of species are traded, including vectors capable of transmitting human and animal diseases. Despite the possible risks that these could pose to public and animal health, there is a lack of internationally recognised guidance for this trade, including certification and shipping requirements. This also causes disparity in trade conditions and possibly unjustified barriers among countries.</p> <p>A better understanding of trade movements of insects and the potential role in the spread of infectious diseases would allow to assess the risk posed by this trade, and the need for standards to ensure the international movement of insects is safe while avoiding unjustified trade barriers.</p> <p>Honey bees are already included in the core activities of the OIE, and international standards were developed as to improve bee health, but the ongoing work should be enhanced. A OIE one-day seminar on bee health is being organised during the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress, that will be held in Montreal, Canada, in September 2019.</p> <p>The OIE Science Department is seeking a highly motivated intern to collect information on the global trade of insects and to analyse the possible risk posed to animal and public health, and also to support the organisation of the OIE one-day seminar on Bee diseases to be held during the 2019 Apimondia International Apicultural Congress.</p>
<b>Missions and activities</b> <p>Responsibilities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collecting data on trade volumes of insects at global level<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Collecting data on main importing and exporting countries and trade routes;</li><li>○ Investigate major insect species which are traded for different purposes;</li></ul></li></ul>

- Identify the differences in trade regulations in major exporting and importing countries;
- Collect relevant information to perform a qualitative assessment of the risk posed by the international trade of insect to animal and public health;
- Support the organisation of a one-day seminar on Bee diseases for the Apimondia International Apicultural Congress, Canada, September 2019;
- Undertaking any other task assigned by the Head of Department.

### **Qualifications and Experience**

#### **Qualifications:**

- Candidates should demonstrate a strong technical background in animal health, insect related topics or risk assessment.
- Note: Candidates who have completed a Veterinary Degree and/or relevant Master programme (animal science, public health, epidemiology) will be preferred. This is an excellent opportunity for post-graduate students looking for high-level experience and exposure to veterinary public health and intergovernmental organisations.

#### **Requirements**

##### **Technical skills:**

- Have excellent organisational skills;
- Excellent command of English, both written and oral;
- Working knowledge (or better) of French or Spanish would be an asset.

##### **Interpersonal skills:**

- Be highly self-motivated;
- Be a team player, especially in an international 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 31 January 2019 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](mailto:hr.dept@oie.int).

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