

Vacancy Announcement

Position title: Chargé(e) de mission for Biological Threat Reduction within the Programmes Department of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

Salary: Commensurate with experience and in conformity with OIE staff regulations

Duration of position: Two (2) years, renewable

Responsibilities:

Under the authority of the Director General, the overall direction of the Deputy Director General for International Standards and Science and the direct supervision of the Programmes Department, the Chargé(e) de mission will be responsible for supporting OIE activities for the reduction of biological threats arising from natural, accidental or deliberate pathways, contributing to emerging disease preparedness, response and communications and related OIE activities that bridge the global health and global security communities.

In particular the incumbent will:

- Support the work of expert ad hoc groups convened by the Director General in the area of biological threat reduction and emerging diseases, analysis of the data and the development of actions and communication messages on results produced by the group;
- Contribute to the development of guidelines and chapters for both the OIE *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals* and the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* on the topics covered by the expert ad hoc groups and the relevant Specialist Commissions;
- Assist in the preparation of regional and sub-regional training and awareness workshops on biological threat reduction for national Veterinary Authorities;
- Support OIE activities and programmes that contribute to and are supported by the Global Partnership's (GP) biological non-proliferation activities;
- Assist in the elaboration of specific research projects and epidemiological studies to be undertaken to address knowledge gaps for deliberate threat reduction;
- Assist in the planning and organizing of global and regional conferences convened by the OIE on biological threat reduction;
- Provide advice to OIE Member Countries and other relevant parties on scientific and technical matters relating to emerging zoonotic diseases;
- Assist in the update of the webpage to provide for topical and timely questions and answers for emerging diseases and the production of technical disease cards and fact sheets;
- Assist in the preparation of missions, and participate as required, in support of the OIE's activities related to the reduction of biological threats and emerging diseases;
- Support the work of the OIE/FAO Joint Advisory Committee for Rinderpest post- eradication activities and the OIE and FAO Rinderpest Secretariats;
- Assist in the monitoring of the sequestration and reduction of national holdings of Rinderpest Virus Containing Materials to reduce the risk for re-emergence of the disease;

- Prepare resolutions and reports for the annual General Session of the World Assembly for the consideration of Delegates related to intergovernmental standards and activities that contribute to global health security and biological threat reduction.
- Represent the OIE at biological threat reduction and biosecurity-related meetings along with the liaison and networking with other international stakeholders in these fora.

In addition the Director General may, where necessary, assign to the incumbent any other duties within his or her area of competence.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine or relevant scientific discipline;
- At least 3 years of experience at the national or international level working in, or collaborating closely with, Veterinary Authorities on animal and zoonotic disease control programmes;
- Keen sense of observation and accuracy;
- Good computer and data analysis skills;
- Courtesy, tact, diplomacy and ability to establish and maintain good working relations in a multinational and multicultural environment;
- Proficiency in English speaking and writing skills. Knowledge of French and/or Spanish is considered an additional asset;
- Availability for missions abroad.

Additional Information:

In the completion of their tasks the officer must demonstrate professionalism, respect and exhibit the behaviours, sense of responsibility and manners expected from an employee of an international inter-governmental organisation.

The officer must comply with the OIE conflict of interest disclosure agreement and adhere to the provisions of the confidentiality agreement.

The officer must maintain good working relations with other staff members of the OIE. By way of their duties and actions, the individual will be in frequent contact with persons inside and outside the office and must continuously demonstrate an aptitude for good interpersonal skills and relations.

The incumbent must have a valid passport.

The position is based at the OIE Headquarters in Paris.

OIE staff members are international civil servants and are under the authority of the Director General. They may be assigned to any activities or rotated between Departments within the organization to meet operational needs.

The position is full-time and available effective immediately.

The C.V. and cover letter of any interested candidate shall be addressed to the attention of the Human Resources Unit (hr.dept@oie.int) with copy to Dr Tianna Brand, *Chargé de mission* for Biological Threat Reduction (t.brand@oie.int) before 15 June 2016.