

## Vacancy Announcement

**Position Title: VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGIST AT THE OIE WORLD ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience

**Duration:** Two (2) years – Renewable

**Responsibilities :**

Under the authority of the Director General, the general direction of the Deputy Director “International Standards and Science” and the direct supervision of the Head of the World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department and in close collaboration with her/his Deputy, the incumbent will be mainly responsible for:

- Applying the verification process for immediate notifications, follow-up reports, six-monthly and annual and reports in addition to wildlife disease annual reports during the year;
- Checking the consistency of the animal health information received during the current year and with historical data received in previous years;
- Contacting the National Veterinary Services (National Focal Points for animal disease notification, aquatic diseases and for wildlife) when required in order to verify and complete epidemiological information;
- Archiving official reports and documents and drafting correspondence to Member Countries for the Head of the World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department on questions relating to the world animal health situation;
- Following-up with countries to encourage them to provide regular and timely animal health reports in line with their obligations by issuing reminders when necessary;
- Providing World Animal Health Information System users (WAHIS) with technical support in order to resolve problems or difficulties;
- Assisting in OIE's search and verification of unofficial information and sharing relevant information with partners;
- Extracting and verifying WAHIS data for external analyses run by collaborating institutions of the OIE, as well as reviewing the results of these analyses, verifying the proper use, interpretation and conclusions made on such data;
- Conducting epidemiological and statistical analysis using WAHIS data and further complementing it with other relevant source of information using external resources such as scientific papers, regional information systems, etc.;
- Participating in epidemiological analysis of diseases and their trends, including risk analysis, disease forecasting as well as producing maps, graphs and PowerPoint presentations of high design and quality standards;
- Participating in the preparation and publication of at least 2 scientific papers per year;
- Participating in the preparation and editing of documents in relation with world animal health situation and diseases produced by the Department in the OIE working languages;
- Working with IT experts in the development of a data extraction tool from WAHIS to facilitate data analysis and participate in the development of tools for rapid analysis and production of reports, graphs, maps, etc.;
- Participating in the preparation and running of workshops and seminars on WAHIS, WAHIS interface and *WAHIS-wild* interface for national Focal Points for animal disease notification to the OIE and for Wildlife;

- Participating actively in the implementation and development of the world animal health information system (on-line Web notification manuals, WAHIS application, WAHIS Interface, Web interface, etc.);
- Performing any other duties as required by the Head of the Animal Health Information Department and the Director General of the OIE.

#### **Qualifications and Experience**

- Veterinarian, with at least 4 years' experience in data processing, analysis, database management and epidemiological analysis;
- Experience in animal health information tracking will be considered as an added advantage;
- Work experience with the National Veterinary Services will be considered as an added advantage;
- Master, PhD or Post-Doctoral degree in aquatic animal health, wildlife health, epidemiology or public health will be considered as an added advantage;
- Keen sense of observation, attention to detail and accuracy; good analytical skills and understanding of issues relating to information processing, animal health data management and control methods;
- Good computer skills, especially in geographical information systems (e.g. QGIS), database management systems (e.g. Microsoft Access), statistical software (e.g. R), data mining and internet-based research;
- Understanding in SQL language will be considered as an added advantage;
- Courtesy, tact and ability to establish and maintain good working relations in a multinational and multicultural environment;
- Good communication skills and team working abilities especially under tight deadlines;
- Excellent knowledge of English is required and good knowledge of Spanish or French will be considered an asset.

*N. B. - These qualifications are the minimum requirements for the position and candidates should only apply if they fill all the above conditions.*

#### **General Information**

OIE staff members are international civil servants and are under the authority of the Director General. They may be assigned to any activities or departments within the organisation.

The incumbent must have a valid passport.

The position is full-time and available as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

The post is based at the OIE Headquarters in Paris, France.

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](mailto:hr.dept@oie.int)) with copy to [information.dept@oie.int](mailto:information.dept@oie.int) before 17 June 2016.