

Vacancy Announcement

Position title: Chargé de mission for Veterinary Medicinal Products – OIE Scientific and Technical Department

Salary: Salary depending on the level of qualifications and extent of experience

Duration of the position : 2 years renewable

Responsibilities :

Under the authority of the Director General and the overall direction of the Deputy Director General, Animal Health, Veterinary Public Health and International Standards and the direct supervision of the Deputy Head of the OIE Scientific and Technical Department, and in collaboration with other officers in the Department, the incumbent will provide both technical / scientific and administrative assistance in the management of the work of the OIE related to veterinary medicinal products (including antimicrobial resistance), related research, and specified animal disease prevention and control activities in support of the annual work programme of the Director General as assigned.

The main areas of work are :

1. Collection and analysis of scientific and normative documents on animal and zoonotic diseases, veterinary medicinal products including vaccines and vaccine quality control and antimicrobial resistance;
2. Supporting the activities of the relevant OIE Specialist Commissions (Biologics Standards Commission, Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases, Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission, and the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and the related Working Groups and *ad hoc* Groups;
3. Representing the OIE when necessary at relevant international conferences and scientific meetings.

Specific activities include:

- Preparation, coordination and participation as required in the relevant meetings of the OIE Specialist Commissions, Working Groups and *ad hoc* Groups and implementation of the follow up actions that result from these deliberations;
- Support the organization of relevant *ad hoc* groups convened by the Director General including the preparation of working documents, background papers and meeting reports in English;
- Advance the position and contributions of the OIE to the International Cooperation on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH);
- Support the work of the OIE for the responsible and prudent use of antimicrobials to limit antimicrobial resistance including capacity building and adherence to standards for registration and quality control of veterinary medicinal products through appropriate legislation and the development of a platform for the monitoring of antibiotic usage;
- Assist in the scientific organization, delivery and follow up on training activities for OIE National Focal Point for veterinary products and other related capacity building initiatives;
- Liaise with the Codex Alimentarius Commission and participate in relevant meetings related to veterinary medicinal products including the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF);
- Contribute to developing and maintaining constructive relations with relevant international and regional organizations with whom the OIE has cooperative agreements, including the World Health

Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on issues related to veterinary medicinal products, vaccines, vaccine quality, and antimicrobial resistance;

- Implement follow-up actions including the updating of content of related OIE web site pages;
- Coordinate actions with relevant OIE International Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres;
- Provide topic specific advice to other OIE staff and Departments within their area of competence and expertise;
- Representation of the Scientific and Technical Department or the Director General in relevant international fora and conferences on request;
- Preparation of correspondence in response to inquiries;
- Carrying out other activities within his/her area of competence as assigned by the Director General or the Deputy Director General and Head of the Scientific and Technical Department.

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

Qualifications and Experience:

- Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent university degree in related bio-medical or pharmacological fields
- Experience in drafting and analysing scientific texts
- A minimum of five years of experience following graduation at the national or international level in reviewing information related to veterinary medicinal products, vaccines and vaccine quality and antimicrobial resistance
- Keen sense of observation and accuracy; good analytical skills and understanding of issues relating to epidemiological evaluation, control and management of animal and zoonotic disease outbreaks and the use of veterinary products and biologicals
- Good oral and written communication skills with a very strong competency in English. Working knowledge of another of the official languages of the OIE (French and Spanish) is an asset.
- Good computer skills
- Tact, diplomacy and good judgement

Other:

In the completion of his/her 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 the other staff members of the OIE. By way of their duties and actions, the individual will be in frequent contact with persons outside the office and must continuously demonstrate an aptitude for good interpersonal skills and relationships.

The position is Paris based (17th arrondissement) but the officer may be required to undertake short term missions and duty related travel outside of France and must have a valid passport.

OIE staff members are international civil servants under the authority of the Director General. They may be assigned to any activity or department of the Organisation based on operational requirements.

All new OIE staff are subject to a three month probationary period.

The position is full-time and available 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) before 8 June 2015.