Job Title: Junior Animal Health Consultant

Division/Department: AGAH

Location: Rome, Italy

Expected Start Date of Assignment: ASAP (September-October 2014)

Duration: 11 months (with 3 months probationary period and possible extension beyond 11 months)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

Under the overall guidance of the Chief Veterinary Officer and the direct technical supervision of the Project Lead technical Officer, the Consultant will be responsible for the following activities:

- Assist in the managing/coordination of FAO’s participation in three animal health research consortiums. This involves the coordination with multiple partner research institutions;
- Assist in the drafting of technical documents, e.g. guidelines, manuals, scientific papers, regional/global prevention/control strategies, and early warning/awareness publications;
- Organize international technical meetings and trainings;
- Work with the technical lead officer in delivery of meeting reports and recommendations;
- Ensure development of communication and awareness materials on animal health-related issues for the web, newsletters, bulletins;
- Assist in the development of project proposals;
- Collect disease events (outbreaks and surveillance) from different sources to build up disease-specific databases;
- Liaise with the EMPRES-i (FAO’s animal health database) team for the development of the system, i.e. the modules that handle surveillance and genetic data;
- Perform statistical analysis and mapping of animal health data;
- Represent FAO at international meetings;
- Other tasks as needed.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in veterinary medicine and a relevant advanced university degree, e.g. veterinary epidemiology/public health, surveillance and control of infectious diseases, one health, etc;
- Two years of relevant experience at national, regional or international level;
- Working knowledge of English, and limited knowledge of one of the following: French, Arabic, Chinese or Russian;
- Computer/word processing skills;
- Knowledge of geographic information systems (GIS) and statistical analysis software would be an asset;

Please note that the candidate should be capable of working with people of different cultural backgrounds.

Requirements for consideration include the candidate to reside within the Rome commuting area.

If interested, please send your CV to AH-Junior-Consultants@fao.org by 26 August 2014