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Deadline For Application: 2 March 2011

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| POSITION TITLE: | Senior Officer (Non-Infectious & Production Diseases) | GRADE LEVEL: | P-5 |
| ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: | Animal Health Service, AGA Animal Production and Health Division | DUTY STATION: | Rome, Italy |
| | | DURATION *: | Fixed term: 3 years |
| | | POST CODE/N°: | C/0057843 |
| | | CCOG CODE: | 1H01b |

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Chief, AGAH, the incumbent will develop, coordinate and implement policies and programmes related to non-infectious and production diseases. In particular, will:

- supervise the collation and synthesis of information and knowledge on the main ecoregional animal production disease constraints, both in terms of epidemiological characteristics and socio-economic and other impacts;
- provide strategic orientation for and coordinate the production of guidelines and formulation of best practices to reduce the negative impacts of livestock production diseases, in particular parasite burdens in animals kept in extensive systems;
- identify, in collaboration with regional economic communities and national development agencies, zones in need of and develop Farmer Field Schools based on healthy livestock production and best practices through;
- develop extension and communication efforts concerning production disease related biosecurity, application of parasiticides and other drugs, and preventive husbandry measures to support of extensionist networks e.g. government, university, NGOs, etc;
- coordinate expert-based definition of health management approaches incorporating enhanced self-reliance of producers and rural communities, minimising the impacts of production diseases on animal health, food safety, ecosystems, agricultural and rural development;
- develop opportunities, based on improved herd health management, for smallholder producers including women and vulnerable groups, to sustainably expand production and participate in market activities and value chains;
- develop Public-Private-Partnerships across the animal source food value chains including aspects related to trade enhancement;
- represent the Division in international scientific and development fora demonstrating programme success on animal production diseases and related aspects; prepare and edit major technical papers for discussion and publication;
- secure external funding by identifying and conceptualising projects which will contribute to translating normative efforts in production disease management into FAO field programme support;
- promote understanding of Divisional objectives on health management related inter-disciplinary and cross-sectoral work within FAO;
- perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University Degree in Veterinary Science supplemented by Advanced University Degree in Parasitic or other production diseases
- Ten years of relevant experience in animal health management which included field and policy/strategy development
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and a limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience in animal health management which included-field and policy/strategy development
- Relevance of academic qualifications, a PhD. in parasitic and/or production diseases would be an asset
- Extent of knowledge of production disease constraints and burdens in livestock farming systems in developing countries
- Relevance of experience in international animal health policy definition and strategy development
- Depth of familiarity with concepts of ecological and social resilience in health management
- Proven managerial and coordination skills which included development of project proposal design and resource mobilization
- Extent of experience in Public-Private-Partnership development and relevant international regulatory elements
- Quality of both oral and written communication skills

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

* **The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments**

REMUNERATION

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. For information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, click on the following link: <http://icsc.un.org/>

TO APPLY: Carefully read and follow the **Guidelines to applicants**

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