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Deadline For Application: **12 October 2011**

POSITION TITLE:	Technical Officer (Animal Health)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
		DUTY STATION:	Vienna, Austria
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture, AGE	DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
	Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	POST CODE/N°:	2002601
		CCOG CODE:	1H02

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

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the overall supervision of the Director, AGE and the direct supervision of the Head, Animal Production and Health Laboratory, the incumbent will:

- Contribute to the design and development of research and development (R&D) projects, in direct support of FAO Member Country needs, aiming at developing, evaluating and validating serological and molecular nuclear and nuclear related diagnostic and control technologies for the control of FAO priority transboundary animal diseases (including zoonoses).
- Ensure the sustainable transfer of these developed or improved technologies to FAO Member Countries for their optimal utilization.
- Provide scientific expertise and technical know-how in support of projects and activities in the area of animal health.
- Contribute to the evaluation of technical cooperation projects (TCPs); promote and participate in the implementation of coordinated research projects (CRPs) to support FAO Member Countries for the diagnosis and control of transboundary animal diseases.
- Contribute to the upgrade and maintenance of the technical capacity and networking of FAO Member Country animal disease diagnostic laboratories.
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- Advanced University Degree in Microbiology (Virology or Bacteriology) or in Biochemistry or related discipline
- Five years of relevant experience in the development of serological and molecular nuclear and nuclear related technologies (diagnostic tests, vaccines and antiviral medicines) for early and rapid diagnosis and control of transboundary animal diseases
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience in the development of serological and molecular nuclear and nuclear related technologies for the development of disease diagnostic tests, vaccines and/or antiviral medicines for the early and rapid diagnosis and control of transboundary animal diseases (including zoonoses)
- Extent of networking skills in the transfer and harmonization of appropriate technologies
- Quality of both orally and written communication skills
- Demonstrated competency in working within teams of professionals from diverse cultural, disciplinary and linguistic backgrounds in an international and intergovernmental setting, and in establishing and maintaining partnerships
- Knowledge of international organizations and their programmatic systems e.g. FAO and the IAEA, would be desirable
- A PhD in Microbiology (Virology or Bacteriology) or in Biochemistry would be an asset

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

Send your application to:

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