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Deadline For Application: 21 September 2012

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Animal Health Officer (Infectious Diseases/EMPRES)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-5
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Animal Health Service Animal Production and Health Division Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed Term: 3 years
		POST CODE/N°:	Unidentified
		CCOG CODE:	1H02g

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged
Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply
All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer-FAO/Chief, Animal Health Service, the incumbent is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and supervising FAO's infectious disease work programme, including for the animal health component of the "Emergency Prevention System (EMPRES) for Transboundary Animal and Plant Pests and Diseases". In particular, the incumbent will:

- provide conceptual and strategic orientation to and leadership of FAO's infectious animal disease prevention and control programme, including transboundary and emerging infectious animal diseases in domestic livestock and wildlife, in coordination with other Senior Officers of the Service (especially veterinary public health and emergency response);
- oversee the inter-agency (FAO/OIE/WHO) based and FAO-hosted Global Early Warning System for Transboundary Animal Diseases (GLEWS) and analytical outputs;
- act as EMPRES-AH focal point within the Food Chain Crisis Management Framework (FCC), including close collaboration in FAO's corporate framework for the management of emergencies along the food chain and ensure guidance over the strategic leadership of the response component;
- oversee and contribute to FAO workplans with relevant FAO Reference Centres and Commissions dealing with infectious diseases issues (i.e. European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EUFMD), Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia (APHCA), Comisión de Desarrollo Ganadero para América Latina y el Caribe (CODEGALAC) or other agreements;
- act as the FAO representative to the FAO/OIE Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Disease (GF-TADs), and oversight on priority actions of working groups (i.e., rinderpest, Rift Valley fever, foot-and-mouth disease, African/classical swine fever, pleuropneumonia, and peste des petits ruminants);
- lead studies and reviews on technical, policy and programme issues related to infectious animal diseases and their impacts on social, economic, environmental and public health parameters of livestock sector development, and biodiversity;
- design and implement programmes and projects; as required, participate in appraisal of field projects and provide supervision and technical backstopping;
- manage staff, their development, and budget requirements;
- represent FAO's infectious animal disease prevention and control programme in relevant fora and in processes of policy and programmatic importance, including at the inter-governmental level as representative of the Chief Veterinary Officer;
- perform other related duties as required;

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in veterinary medicine and a Ph.D. in veterinary epidemiology, microbiology (virology or bacteriology), pathology, or in a related field
- Ten years of relevant experience in infectious disease management, including regulatory aspects, standard setting, and team management
- Working knowledge of two of the following: English, French or Spanish and a limited knowledge of the third or Chinese, Arabic or Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Extent and relevance of experience at national and international environments in infectious disease management at laboratory, field, regulatory level.
- Extent of experience with multidisciplinary approaches (theoretical and practical) to disease prevention and management.
- Broad experience in technical work on matters related to animal health (domestic and wildlife), animal production, and public health.
- Extent of experience in personnel and budget management.
- Maturity, initiative, high sense of responsibility and ability to plan and organise work.
- Publication record and ability to analyse technical and scientific information and write, edit technical reports.
- Quality of communication skills, both orally and in writing.

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**

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In order for your candidature to be properly evaluated, please ensure to complete the on-line application in all sections.

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