



The opportunity: Short Term Professional Staff- Support to Training Programme for Member States

The EuFMD Commission, based in FAO, has funds to support **Short Term Professional (STP)** staff to work in Rome for the purpose of gaining professional experience in risk management of FMD, and of work in an international environment on FMD control. The EuFMD Commission will support living allowances in Rome to a ceiling of **€ 2350** per month. Candidates will be selected on merit, taking into consideration their experience and profile, and the duration of their availability.

Under this STP programme, EuFMD is making a specific call for a **Short Term Professional to assist with the EuFMD training programme for Member States.**

Under component 1.1 of EuFMD's work programme, a demand-led training scheme is organized in order to address FMD control capacity needs of the veterinary services in EuFMD's 38 Member States. This training programme has recently expanded to include new face to face and e-learning training courses, with further development and expansion foreseen for the 2015-17 phase.

Under the supervision of the Secretary, EuFMD Commission, and the EuFMD Training Programmes Manager, the STP will be involved in activities including:

- Liaison with MS training focal points, in order to assess their training needs and communicate training opportunities available
- Practical organization of training courses, including e-learning courses and face to face training. This will include Real Time FMD training courses, held in Kenya.
- Assistance with the design and development of new training courses and resources, both face to face and online.

The candidates will be expected to travel and undertake duties as part of the EuFMD Secretariat, participating in meetings, workshops and field missions as required.

The expected profile of the STP

Candidates should be veterinary graduates, and have a high standard of spoken and written English.

Some or all of the following additional experience will be highly valued for this position:

- Recent experience at post-graduate level in disciplines relevant to the EuFMD such as the investigation and control of exotic/contagious animal diseases, epidemiology, pathology/laboratory diagnosis, risk management and contingency planning for disease control.
- Experience working within veterinary education and training, including with e-learning.

The STP should demonstrate a high level of communication skills, and the ability to take initiative in managing complex projects.

The trainees should normally be working for their State Veterinary Service and be expected to use their experience after return to their full time positions. Applications from candidates

working outside their State Veterinary Service, but with relevant experience, will also be considered.

The Background

The EuFMD Secretariat, based in the Food-and-Agriculture (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy, has a core staff of two full time technical officers, a communication officer, assisted by a training support officer and four short term professional officers (STPs).

It has a program of activities which

1. support FMD control in the European member states (such as training in FMD investigation, in contingency planning, and research related to policy issues);
2. aim at risk reduction in the European neighbourhood, including supporting a Roadmap for Progressive Control of FMD in West Eurasia to reduce risk to the European borders;
3. support the Global FMD Strategy, through assistance to monitor FMD circulation and risk, and promote the progressive control pathway (PCP) for FMD as a framework for national programmes.

The Modality

The EuFMD Commission will support:

1. The cost of air travel to and from Rome, at beginning and end of the training, in line with normal FAO procedures;
2. A living allowance for the officer up to 2350€ (2500€ if accompanied by family members);
3. Costs of travel and allowances for any missions conducted during the period of attachment.

The Application

Applications can be made directly to the EuFMD Secretariat (eufmd@fao.org; **subject line: Surname _ STP_TRAINING_2015-2016**).

If offered a position we expect the applicant to negotiate their release from their current duties. Applications with supporting letter from their Chief Veterinary Officer may also assist selection. Prior to commencement, an agreement would be drawn up with the employer regarding the release of the person to undertake the STP position.

The expected duration of this appointment is **six months**.

The preferred start date is September 2015 (earlier entry may be possible).

Informal inquiries can be made to the EuFMD team: eufmd@fao.org.

Applications should include:

- A curriculum vitae and a cover letter indicating the relevance of the position for their current or future profile. Applications will only be considered if both of these documents are received.
- Wherever possible, evidence that if accepted the candidate will be released from their normal duties for the duration but would continue to receive their normal entitlements of salary and related entitlements.

Interviews will be held by teleconference for shortlisted candidates.

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