JOB ADVERTISEMENT

The German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) is the national institute which prepares expert reports and opinions on questions concerning the safety of food, feed and chemicals, as well as consumer health protection, on the basis of internationally recognised scientific evaluation criteria. It advises the Federal Government and other institutions and interest groups in these areas. The BfR conducts its own research on topics that are closely linked to its assessment tasks. It is an institution with legal capacity within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

The following permanent position is to be filled with immediate effect in the Safety in the Food Chain department at the BfR in the “Plants and Mycotoxins” unit:

Scientific Director
to head the “Plants and Mycotoxins” unit
- Pay grade A 15 BBesO -

Reference number: 2134/2018

Appointment as a civil servant will be made upon presentation of the prerequisites under civil service law and complete fulfilment of the qualifications profile.

Part-time work is possible.

Alternatively, the position can be filled by persons subject to the collective salary agreement (TVöD).

Salary/pay will be commensurate with duties and qualifications.

Duties:

- Management of the affiliated “Plants and Mycotoxins” unit in the National Reference Laboratory for mycotoxins and plant toxins in line with Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004
- Representation of the department management in specialised technical and organisational matters
- Instrumental analytics in the trace level range with main emphasis on plant and mycotoxins in foods and feeds
- Risk assessment with main focus on the assessment of the health risks of contaminants and undesired substances in the food chain
- Initiation and execution of national and international research projects on contaminants and undesired substances along the food chain
- National and international committee work

Requirements:

- University degree (master’s, diploma) or comparable university degree) with doctorate in Food Chemistry, Veterinary Medicine or comparable subject, habilitation or comparable postdoctoral scientific qualification of advantage
- Several years of experience mainly in the analysis of plant and mycotoxins
- Several years of experience of working in an accredited laboratory, as well as the validation of analysis methods
- Very good knowledge in the field of the toxicology of contaminants and undesired substances
- Experience in the acquisition of third party funding (national, EU)
- Experience of international committee work (EU; Codex Alimentarius)
- Good knowledge of legislation relating to consumer protection preferred
- Skills necessary for the strategic scientific leadership of a work group and internal management within an authority
- Strongly pronounced sense of responsibility, high degree of willingness to learn, great communication capacity and ability to solve conflicts
- A working style that focuses on results and resources
- Experience of the management of interdisciplinary scientific teams of advantage
- Capacity for family-conscious management style, knowledge of the connections between management behaviour, motivation and willingness to perform
- Willingness to further develop management skills
- Very good written and spoken German and English
- Good computer literacy, as well as a conscientious work approach, flexibility, ability to work in a team and the ability to cope with pressure are prerequisites, as is willingness to travel on business

As a family-friendly institute, we also offer part-time work models for executive positions to the extent permitted by operational needs.

The place of work is Berlin.

More information is available from Dr. Lahrssen-Wiederholt (Tel.: 030 18412 – 2362).

The BfR welcomes applications from people of all nationalities. The BfR is an innovative scientific institute offering family-friendly working conditions for which it was awarded the “audit berufundfamilie®” (work and family) certificate. The BfR guarantees equal career opportunities for women and men, and is therefore particularly interested in receiving applications from women. In the case of equal suitability, severely disabled applicants will be given preferential consideration and are only required to have a minimum level of physical suitability.

Application procedure
Does this appeal to you?
Then please submit your application via our online system by 07 January 2019:

If you have any questions regarding the application procedure, please contact: bewerbung@bfr.bund.de. Please do not send any applications to this e-mail address.
If you are unable to submit your application online, you have the option of sending it by standard mail, stating the relevant reference number (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung, Personalreferat - 11.17 - , Max-Dohrn-Str. 8-10, 10589 Berlin, Germany).

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