



Vacancy Notice No: IARC/09/FT213

Date: 21 April 2009

Title: Scientist

Deadline for application : **21 May 2009**

Grade: P2

Duty Station: Lyons France

Contract type: Fixed-term appointment

Organization unit: IARC (IARC)
Section of IARC Monographs (IMO)

Duration of contract: One year - Extra-budgetary post currently funded for a limited period of one year. Any extension subject to the continued availability of extra-budgetary funding.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

The Section of IARC Monographs produces the IARC Monographs, a series of scientific reviews that identify environmental factors that can increase the risk of human cancer. The programme does this by convening international, interdisciplinary Working Groups of expert scientists to write critical reviews and develop evaluations of the published scientific evidence. The Monographs are used by national health agencies as scientific support for their actions to prevent exposure to known or suspected carcinogens.

Description of duties:

Under the general supervision of the CIE Group Head are three Responsible Officers, each charged with the overall planning and execution of one Monograph meeting each year. The incumbent reports to one of the Responsible Officers but works closely with all of them. Because Monograph topics vary widely, all scientists in the Group must be versatile and able to develop expertise in new areas. The incumbent serves primarily as a scientific specialist in experimental toxicology and mechanisms of carcinogenesis but may be asked to take on other scientific or coordination responsibilities.

- 1) At Monograph meetings the incumbent serves as rapporteur or co-rapporteur for one of the subgroups. This involves acting in the best interests of the programme while (a) working with the subgroup chair, subgroup members, and IARC staff to complete tasks on time; (b) recording text changes and verifying that revised drafts reflect these changes; (c) ensuring that the work produced by the subgroup conforms to Monograph standards; and (d) coordinating with the other rapporteurs to ensure that satisfactory progress is being made throughout the meeting.
- 2) After Monograph meetings the incumbent reviews the text and tables to ensure their scientific accuracy and clarity. This involves checking the final text from the meeting against the scientific literature, making corrections as necessary, and responding to queries from the editor.
- 3) The incumbent responds to external inquiries about specific Monographs or about the overall programme. This may involve writing letters or giving presentations in French or in English, or serving on national advisory committees to represent the findings of the Monographs programme.
- 4) The incumbent attends all IARC scientific meetings related to the Monographs programme and may be asked to serve as rapporteur or Responsible Officer for a Monograph meeting or related meeting.
- 5) The incumbent performs other duties as assigned related to the Monographs programme.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

PhD or equivalent in a field related to experimental toxicology or mechanisms of carcinogenesis.

Skills:

Knowledge of the scientific disciplines involved in carcinogen identification: excellent knowledge of toxicology and exposure assessment, with a working knowledge of epidemiology, and mechanisms of carcinogenesis. Ability to guide committees to produce scientific reports; to review manuscripts and tables for accuracy and to integrate scientific information across multiple disciplines.

Required WHO competencies:

Ability to:

- produce and deliver quality results;
 - to move forward in a changing environment;
 - to foster integration and teamwork and to work constructively with people of all backgrounds and orientations.
- Good communication skills.

Experience:

Essential: At least two years of professional experience reviewing or evaluating studies on experimental toxicology and mechanisms of carcinogenesis.

Experience in guiding scientific committees, either as chair or rapporteur.

Experience reviewing carcinogenicity data across the spectrum of carcinogenic hazards: chemicals, mixtures, occupational exposures, physical and biological agents, and lifestyle factors.

Proven scientific publication record in the field.

Desirable: Experience working in a multi-disciplinary scientific unit. Experience working in a diverse multi-cultural environment. Experience working in an international organization.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of English, the language of the Monographs and the working language at Monograph meetings.

Working knowledge of French, often needed for responding to external inquiries.

Working knowledge of another WHO official language would be desirable.

Additional Information:

Please note that a list of publication is compulsory. To add this list, please go to your profile under additional documents.

Candidates called for interview will expected to give a seminar.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)

USD 43 662 at single rate

USD 46 549 with primary dependants

Post Adjustment: 45.3 % of the above figure(s). This percentage is to be considered as indicative since variations may occur each month either upwards or downwards due to currency exchange rate fluctuations or inflation.

INTERVIEWS MAY BE USED AS A FORM OF SCREENING

Online applications are strongly encouraged to enable WHO to store your profile in a permanent database. Please visit WHO's e-Recruitment website at: www.who.int/employment. The system provides instructions for online application procedures.

All applicants are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the deadline stated in the vacancy announcement.

Applications from women and from nationals of non- and under-represented member states are particularly encouraged.

Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual. Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.

Currently accepting applications



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