



Vacancy Notice No: IARC/09/FT280

Date: 8 May 2009

Title: Scientist

Deadline for application : **19 June 2009**

Grade: P5

Duty Station: Lyons France

Contract type: Fixed-term appointment

Organization unit: IARC (IARC)
Section of Cancer Information (CIN)

Duration of contract: Two years

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

The overall responsibility of the Section of Cancer Information (CIN) is to ensure the widespread availability of good quality information on the international occurrence and outcome of cancer to enable/facilitate the planning, implementation and evaluation of cancer control measures. The Section is concerned with collation of relevant data and, in particular, acts as the focal point of expertise on cancer registration worldwide. Analysis of collected data focuses on observed and projected patterns and trends in the cancer profile, internationally or, when appropriate, more locally, and the interpretation of the likely causes. The section is responsible for dissemination of information on the global burden of cancer, in collaboration with WHO. By working with local investigators and other IARC Sections and Groups, priority issues for epidemiological studies can be identified and implemented.

Description of duties:

The incumbent will be Head of the Section of Cancer Information and will report to the Director of the Agency, who has overall responsibility for the Agency's programmes. Leadership in the area of cancer information is expected from the Head of Section including innovation and strategic planning. The incumbent is responsible for the Agency's activity with respect to the generation, collation, analysis, interpretation and publication of cancer occurrence and outcome data worldwide. In addition, the incumbent is expected to design and plan research studies; to promote collaborative work with investigators outside IARC in the field of descriptive epidemiology, with particular reference to cancer registration; and to ensure widespread dissemination of information on the descriptive epidemiology of cancer on an international scale. The Section Head is responsible for line-management, including career development, of all staff within the Section. The Section Head is also expected to manage the finances of the Section, from both regular and extra-budgetary sources. The main duties are as follows:

- 1/ To provide strategic leadership to the Agency in the area of cancer information.
- 2/ To collect, store, analyse, evaluate and publish, in collaboration with appropriate bodies, data on the occurrence and outcome of cancer internationally, and at national and sub-national level as appropriate.
- 3/ To identify deficiencies in the availability, quality, comparability, presentation, and utilization of such data, and make appropriate provision for improvement.
- 4/ To provide a focal point for development and dissemination of information on cancer registry methodology and uses, and to provide training and technical support to cancer registries in low and medium-resource countries.
- 5/ To develop methodologies for the analysis of patterns and trends in cancer occurrence and outcome, including those relevant to the interpretation of observations in terms of known or postulated epidemiological associations.

6/ To identify epidemiological patterns that require investigation by special (ad hoc) analytic studies.

7/ To undertake duty travel and represent the Agency as required.

8/ To carry out other related duties as assigned by the Director.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Essential: MD or Ph.D. epidemiology or biostatistics, or equivalent.

Skills:

Excellent knowledge of epidemiology and cancer registration.

Good knowledge of biostatistics in relation to epidemiology.

Demonstrated ability to organize and manage a scientific team including the budgetary aspects.

A working acquaintance with other disciplines within the scope of public health and/or other biological sciences relevant to carcinogenesis would be an asset.

Required WHO competencies:

Ability to:

- to provide leadership to scientific and support staff in the Section;

- to produce and deliver quality results;

- to respect and promote individual and cultural differences, and to work constructively with people of all backgrounds and orientations;

- to be open to and propose new approaches and ideas.

Demonstrated creative scientific ability.

Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Experience:

Essential: Ten years' experience in epidemiology/public health with a demonstrated ability to conduct and supervise research work in cancer registration and descriptive epidemiology.

Demonstrated ability to attract research funding from external competitive sources.

Sustained publication record with evidence of publishing regularly in the leading journals in epidemiology/public health.

Previous supervisory and managerial responsibility in an academic or health service environment is essential.

Desirable: Work experience in an international environment.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of English.

Working knowledge of French and other UN languages would be an asset.

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 MAY BE EXPECTED TO DELIVER A SEMINAR.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)

USD 77 190 at single rate

USD 83 089 with primary dependants

Post Adjustment: 56.7 % 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.

A written test 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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