

Job vacancy	Scientific and Technical Project Leader in Nematology (M/F)
Job category	Category 2 contract employee
Contract type	Fixed-term contract under public law (3 years)
Location	Le Rheu (Ille-et-Vilaine), France
Start date	As soon as possible
Remuneration	<i>According to experience and level of education by reference to the salary scales for health agencies, pursuant to Decree No. 2003-224 of 7 March 2003, or according to specific status if a civil servant.</i>

THE AGENCY AND THE ENTITY TO WHICH THE EMPLOYEE WILL BE ASSIGNED

The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) is a public administrative body reporting to the Ministries of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, the Environment, Health and Labour. It covers the fields of occupational and environmental health, food safety, animal health and welfare, and plant health, where its main priority is to help ensure the safety of workers and consumers. In order to make recommendations on public health measures, ANSES carries out independent, multidisciplinary, collective and adversarial scientific expert appraisals. It is supported by a network of 11 reference (NRL) and research laboratories on 18 sites. These laboratories carry out expert appraisals, epidemiological surveillance and alert missions, while also providing scientific and technical advice. They therefore play a vital role in qualifying hazards by collecting data from networks of accredited laboratories.

ANSES facts and figures

- 1350 staff members
- 800 external experts consulted
- Annual budget of 132 million euros
- 13,800 opinions issued since 1999
- 65 national reference mandates
- 6 million euros a year allocated to support for research projects

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Recruiting entity Plant Health Laboratory (LSV)

The Laboratory, whose headquarters are in Angers, has six different sites in France. In partnership with the Belgian NRL for nematology (ILVO), the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for nematology in Rennes Le Rheu (Ille-et-Vilaine) has been carrying out European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) missions in the field of nematology since 1 January 2019. These new missions have led to the NRL broadening its own missions.

Missions/context

The laboratory therefore needs to develop new missions and extend its existing ones in partnership with its counterpart in the EURL consortium for the nematology mandate.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Missions

Under the authority of the Director of the EURL, the Scientific and Technical Project Leader in Nematology will carry out coordination work and laboratory activities as part of the EURL's reference missions.

Working closely with the Director and Technician, the recruited employee will be required to carry out the following activities:

- Initiation and general organisation of the EURL, management of contacts with the NRLs of each Member State,
- Monitoring of the latest methodological developments, development, improvement, validation and transfer of methods for identifying plant-parasitic nematodes, and scientific support for NRLs in their use,
- Planning and organisation of Interlaboratory Proficiency Tests (ILPTs), interpretation of results, drafting of reports and implementation of NRL monitoring measures,

Activities

- Organisation and provision of training on the use of analytical methods, characterisation of quarantine organisms in the field of nematology,
- Scientific and technical communication to the NRLs of the different Member States in the form of annual seminars, maintenance of a website or any other means of communication,
- Scientific promotion of the EURL's work programme in the form of scientific communications (scientific publications, participation in symposia, etc.),
- Provision of scientific and technical support and expertise to the European Commission in the form of assistance and information following requests relating to plant-parasitic nematodes.

Special conditions

- The holder of this position is required to file a Public Declaration of Interests*,
- Work subject to quality assurance (ISO 17025 and ISO 17043),
- Work in a containment laboratory,
- Work in a plant health crisis situation.

* This approach is in line with ANSES's ethical rules, which guarantee compliance with obligations concerning the independence and discretion of its officials.

PROFILE

Qualifications required: Science graduate with five years of higher education and a specialisation in plant health

At least 3 years of higher education

Similar experience

- Experience essential in technical and administrative coordination at European/international level (leading European/international projects as Work Package leader or Task leader, for example),
- Experience desirable in a laboratory using molecular tools and morphobiometric analysis.

Skills

- Very good command of English as a working language with the NRLs, the consortium partner and the European Commission (very good level of written and oral communication),
- Theoretical and practical knowledge of morphobiometric and molecular analyses of plant pests,
- Generic knowledge of analytical methods and validation processes for diagnostic methods in plant health,
- Knowledge of European and international plant health regulations,
- Proficiency with IT tools (Office suite, software packages),
- Scientific rigour, organisational and teamwork skills, an ability to anticipate, critical thinking and an analytical mind, adaptability, autonomy, high ethical standards, good interpersonal skills, diplomacy,
- Proven writing skills (French, English),
- Awareness of "quality assurance" approaches; knowledge of ISO 17025 and ISO 17043 standards.

HOW TO APPLY

Deadline for applying: February 20, 2019

Information on the position: Laurent Folcher, Director of the EURL (laurent.folcher@anses.fr +33 (0)2 99 30 48 28) or Sylvie Gamel, Deputy Director of the EURL (sylvie.gamel@anses.fr, + 33 (0)2 99 30 92 31)

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