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Job vacancy	Scientific and Technical Project Leader in Entomology (M/F)
Job category	Category 2 contract employee
Contract type	Fixed-term contract under public law (3 years)
Location	Montferrier-sur-Lez (Hérault)
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 nine 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

- 1400 staff members
- 800 external experts consulted
- Annual budget of 141 million euros
- More than 14,000 opinions issued since 1999
- 66 national reference mandates
- 8 million euros a year allocated to support for research projects

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Recruiting entity	Plant Health Laboratory (LSV), Montpellier site, Entomology and Invasive Plants Unit The Laboratory, whose headquarters are in Angers, has six different sites in France. The position on offer is in Montferrier-sur-Lez, in the Entomology and Invasive Plants Unit. This unit is the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for insects, mites and beneficial organisms on all matrices, as well as for invasive plants. Its primary missions are to identify and characterise regulated pests using official or in-house methods. It maintains a collection of biological reference materials and contributes to national plant pest surveillance. In partnership with an Austrian laboratory (AGES), it has also been carrying out European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) missions in the fields of entomology and acarology since 1 January 2019. In addition, the NRL has been accredited by COFRAC according to ISO 17025.
Missions/context	

JOB DESCRIPTION

Missions

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

The recruited employee will be required to carry out the following activities:

Activities

- Monitoring of the latest methodological developments, development, improvement, validation and transfer of methods for identifying regulated or invasive insects and mites, and scientific support for NRLs in the use of these methods,
- Initiation, further study and specialisation in the taxonomy of one or more groups of insects of agronomic interest (on-site training),
- Morphobiometric analyses in entomology on samples received from the NRLs for confirmation,
- Organisation of Interlaboratory Proficiency Tests (ILPTs), interpretation of results, drafting of reports,
- Continuous development of the entomological collection and provision of reference materials to the NRLs,
- Scientific and technical communication to NRLs in the form of annual workshops, training, updating of a website or any other medium,
- Scientific promotion of the EURL's work programme in the form of scientific communications (scientific publications, participation in symposia, etc.).

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

* In accordance with Art L.5323-4 of the Public Health Code, the jobholder will be required to complete a public declaration of interest. All recruited persons are subject to the Anses' rules of ethics. These rules guarantee that the obligations of independence and reserve of its agents are respected.

PROFILE

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

At least 3 years of higher education

Similar experience

- Experience desirable in taxonomy and/or systematics of insects and mites of agricultural importance
- Practical experience in project management.

Skills

- Good command of English as a working language with the NRLs, the consortium partner for the EURL entomology mandate and the European Commission,
- Good theoretical and practical knowledge of insect and/or mite identification,
- Generic knowledge of analytical methods (morphobiometry and molecular) and validation processes for diagnostic methods in plant health,
- Basic knowledge of European and international plant health regulations.
- Scientific rigour, organisational and teamwork skills, critical thinking and an analytical mind, adaptability, autonomy, diplomacy,
- Proven writing skills (French, English),
- Awareness of "quality assurance" approaches (ISO IEC 17025 and ISO IEC 17043).

HOW TO APPLY

Deadline for applying: 7 June 2021

Information on the position: Philippe Reynaud, Director of the EURL (philippe.reynaud@anses.fr, +33 (0)4 67 02 25 10) or Raphaëlle Mouttet, Deputy Director of the EURL (raphaelle.mouttet@anses.fr, + 33 (0)4 67 02 25 78)

Please email your application (application letter + CV) stating the reference 2021-071 to: recrutement@anses.fr