



"The Rathgen Research Laboratory, which forms part of the National Museums Berlin, is currently seeking to fill the position of a

Conservation Scientist
Job reference: RF 1-2011
Tentatively limited term 3 years
available immediately

in order to develop and implement a cross-institutional IPM (Integrated Pest Management) – Program.

The position is graded at grade 13 TVöD (Collective Agreement for the German public service). The grading is provisional, as the grading agreement under the collective agreement has so far not been finalised.

The task is to develop and implement in close cooperation with the Ethnological Museum and the Rathgen Research Laboratory with the National Museums Berlin a sustainable IPM concept, which eventually shall be applied at the other institutions with the Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz. IPM is composed of three components: the continuous monitoring, the specific actions against infestations if needed and subsequent changes within the close environment as a preventive measure.

Main Activities / Responsibilities:

Independently analysis of objects with the diagnostic tools available in the laboratory, carry out measurements and perform tests; analysis and interpretation of the results and build up of an entomological reference collection for the Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz; analysis, independent development and implementation of suitable measures against pest infestation; setting up a sustainable monitoring program and concept for future implementation (budget, staffing); identification of factors favoring insect infestation and suggestions for elimination of these factors; development of IPM-guidelines for the Stiftung as well as training of employees; documentation und evaluation of the applied measures.

Person Specification:

Graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master in Biology (Entomology, Mycology), Conservation or equivalent degree; Special entomological and mycological knowledge in the field of storage, hygiene and material pests; experience in the implementation of IPM-programs in museum collections is of advantage; excellent German and English language, communication and team working skills as well as awareness of and sensitivity to the cultural and ethical aspects of museum collections.

The Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz is an equal opportunities employer as set out by Bundesgleichstellungsgesetz (Federal Equal Opportunities Act). Applications from female applicants are welcome. Applicants with disabilities will be considered with priority in cases of equal qualification. Applicants must be prepared to adjust their working times to work requirements.

Please send your application including the customary documents and quoting the job reference number **RF 1-2011** by **15. April 2011** to the following address:

Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Der Präsident, Sachgebiet I 2 c, Von-der-Heydt-Str. 16-18, 10785 Berlin.

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