



We are the Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants and an autonomous superior federal authority directly subordinated to the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

The Wheat Initiative was established in 2011 following endorsement from the G20 Agriculture Ministries. It brings together private, public and non-profit actors in wheat research to develop strategic research priorities and activities in both developed and developing countries.

The Wheat Initiative secretariat has been based in Paris at the INRA Headquarters but is now relocating to Berlin-Dahlem where it is hosted by the Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants (Bundesforschungsinstitut für Kulturpflanzen).

We are seeking for the Wheat Initiative in Berlin-Dahlem a

Chair of the Scientific Board

available immediately for up to four years.

The Chair of the Scientific Board will be providing the scientific and strategic leadership of the Wheat Initiative. He/she will report to the Chairs of the Institutions Coordination Committee and the Research Committee. He/she will interact frequently with various public and private stakeholders located around the world. He/she will support and monitor the operations of the secretariat through the International Coordinator (Programme Manager). Regular travel will be required to attend international events and workshops.

Your responsibilities

- provide scientific and strategic leadership for the Wheat Initiative;
- chair the Scientific Board of the Wheat Initiative;
- work with the Chairs of the Institutions Coordination Committee and the Research Committee to ensure the effective implementation of the Wheat Initiative objectives and strategy;
- approve documents and papers for the Scientific Board;
- support and monitor the operations of the International Coordinator and the secretariat;
- initiate and monitor the development of policy papers and documents for the Wheat Initiative Committees, in particular for the Scientific Board;
- help initiate and support the development of new international research programs;
- monitor and support the activities of the Expert Working Groups;
- represent the Wheat Initiative at international forums and meetings;
- develop and maintain networks and contacts with wheat research organisations, government agencies and industry.

Your background

- Doctorate or professorial background or equivalent;
- a minimum of ten years' experience in managing and coordinating large international projects, including managing budgets;
- proven track record in wheat research;
- strong record in publication of wheat research and strategic reports;
- internationally recognized for leadership in wheat research;
- experience in providing scientific advice to government, academia and industry in different countries and regions;
- experience in dialogue with academia, governments, the private sector and other audiences, at expert and senior levels;
- proven record in international research and collaboration;
- an excellent written and oral command of English;
- a good knowledge of written and spoken German would be an advantage.

We offer

- a part-time employment with 19,5 hours a week. The employment contract will be based on the collective agreement for the public service in Germany (TVöD).
- a remuneration according to salary group E 14 TVöD, provided that the successful applicant meets the required qualification and personal specification.

In case of equal qualification, applicants with disabilities will be specially considered. Only a minimum of physical fitness is required.

The Julius Kühn-Institut is committed to gender equality in the workplace.

In order to support the reconciliation of work and family, the Julius Kühn-Institut offers flexible working time models within the scope of employment opportunities.

Interested?

We invite qualified applicants to submit their complete application in English under the Reference No. "B-WI-WA 01/18" by **October 12th 2018** to

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Applications must be submitted in writing not via e-mail.

Questions?

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