LIÈGE université
Gembloux
Agro-Bio Tech

/ Recruitment of a field and lab technician

Job description: The technician will first join a small research team to conduct plant and soil sampling in the framework of a European research project (BIOFAIR). Sampling will take place between 23rd of May and 20th of June, plus one week in July. Thereafter, the technician will assist in the processing of the recovered samples in the laboratory in Gembloux. Experimental field sites are located in Spain, France, Switzerland and Germany. Travel and accommodation are covered by the project. Soil sampling is conducted using a pneumatic soil corer (Type Stibotka with Atlas Copco CobraTT).

The recruited personnel must therefore be able to work under physically demanding conditions (hot and dry climate) and be able to lift a weight of 25kg to a height of 1,85m and be able to carry a weight of 35kg over a distance of 5 meters. A driving licence class "B" is required. Experience in maintenance and troubleshooting 2-stroke engines is a plus.

Working languages are English and French. To comply with travel regulations, applicants must be fully vaccinated.

Contract period: May – August 2022 (3 month) with the opportunity to join the recruitment process for a permanent position in the Plant Sciences laboratory at Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech afterwards.

Contact: Interested candidates should contact Dr. Jennifer MICHEL (jennifer.michel@uliege.be) with a short statement of interest and their CV.

Salary: 2423.34 euros (gross) for a junior tech

Scientific project background: BIOFAIR is a consortium of 20+ partners brought together In a Biodiversa project to study the wheat of the future. The goal of BIOFAIR is to determine the impact of climate change on functional soil biodiversity, and to identify innovative farming practices that foster soil health and plant productivity in a sustainable way. This addresses a great societal challenge, because in the face of climate change and a growing world population, we need to adapt crop species and agricultural practices to produce high quantities of quality food while reducing the impact of agriculture on the environment.

More information about the BIOFAIR project can be found at www.biofair.uliege.be.