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Abteilung 3 - Personal****1322/2017**

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External Open Position Announcement – Registration number: 5-9991/17-D

The Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Faculty of Natural Sciences I, Institute of Biology offers the following position with Leipzig as job location and **a preferred starting date of 1 February 2018**:

Research Officer**'Plant-pollinator networks in agroecosystems across space and time'**

Part-time: 65%

The position is limited to three years. The salary will be determined up to pay grade 13 TV-L depending on the assigned tasks and personal qualifications.

The position is affiliated to the Spatial Interaction Ecology research group of Prof. Tiffany Knight, and the position will be located at iDiv in Leipzig, Germany.

Requirements/ expected profile:

- University degree in Biology (Diploma/ M.Sc.)
- Specialized in plant-pollinator network ecology, in particular field research in European agro-ecosystems
- Experience identifying insect pollinators to species level, in particular for Dipterans and Hymenopterans
- Experience analyzing network data using R
- Fluent in English (spoken and written) with excellent communication skills, basic knowledge of German is an asset but not required
- Experience working in international teams is an advantage

Tasks/ job description:

- Independent planning, organization and realization of a field study and data collection to be conducted over several years six TERENO sites located in Harz/Central German Lowland Observatory
- Construction of plant-pollinator networks in semi-natural fields that differ in species composition across space and time to determine which target natural plant species are critical for pollinator service to agricultural plants
- Data analysis and statistical evaluation, including the comparison of insect diversity and composition from network study to those collected from pan traps
- Publication of results
- Participation in mentoring of interns, Bachelor and/or Master students at MLU/UFZ/iDiv
- Be an active and engaged member of the scientific community at MLU, iDiv and affiliated institutions (e.g., attend seminars, discussions, events)
- The possibility for further scientific training is given, including the independent research for the PhD project 'Plant-pollinator networks in agroecosystems across space and time'

Priority will be given to applicants with severe disability and with equal qualifications. Women are strongly encouraged to submit their applications. For any queries please contact Nina Becker, E-mail: Nina.Becker@idiv.de

Applications should consist of a single .pdf file including (i) a letter of interest, (ii) a brief overview of the skills and experiences that the candidate has that could be applied to this topic (1 page), (iii) curriculum vitae, and (iv) the names and email addresses of two individuals who could provide an evaluation of the candidate upon request.

Please submit your full application dossier only in English and in electronic form with **registration number 5-9991/17-H in the subject line until 31st October 2017** to the above mentioned E-mail address. The interviews are likely to be held mid November 2017.

The announcement takes place pending any possible budget restrictions. Application expenses cannot be reimbursed by the Martin Luther University.