

Job posting – Ref. #09-15002

The Senckenberg Society for Nature Research (SGN), an institution of the Leibniz Association with almost 800 employees, operates with leading research institutions located in seven of Germany's federal states modern natural science. SGN also assists the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Grube Messel".

The Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, with headquarter in Frankfurt is **looking as soon as possible** for the **Senckenberg German Entomological Institute (SDEI)** in **Müncheberg** for a

Scientific Employee in the field of Coleoptera (fulltime)

Your tasks:

- Research concentrating on the taxonomy and phylogeny of insects, ideally on beetles (Coleoptera), including related subject areas such as morphology, evolution, biogeography or ecology; integration in core projects of the SDEI and SGN
- Integration in the processes leading to publication of the scientific work of the SDEI within the framework of international research on biodiversity, concomitant with active participation in the further development of the profile of Senckenberg
- Scientific supervision of the Coleoptera Section at the SDEI, further cataloguing of the extensive collection (about 2 million specimens) and continued expansion of the collection
- To take responsibility for digitalisation of collection documentation at the SDEI
- Self-dependent acquisition of third-party funding and coordination of such projects
- Leadership and training of technical personnel, willingness to teach young scientists
- To take responsibility for general functions of the institute and management processes

Your profil:

- A degree in biology / zoology or a related discipline, completed with a successful Ph.D.
- International publication activity at a professional standard on the taxonomy and phylogeny of insects, preferably Coleoptera, with an emphasis on use of material in collections
- Willingness to participate in interdisciplinary work, including ability to successfully acquire third-party funded projects and to coordinate and successfully conclude these
- Experience with international cooperation
- Experience in the use and application of a wide range of research methods including modern techniques
- Experience in the construction and care of extensive insect collections, and preferably with digitalisation of collection management
- A wide and well-grounded knowledge of entomology and the capability of communicating this to the public
- Active engagement in entomological societies and experience in the planning and running of professional meetings and other events involving a wider public
- A good command of English and preferably a second language. An adequate knowledge of German is firmly desired, and its rapid acquisition expected if not already given
- Experience in the leadership and instruction of technical assistants, students and work experience volunteers
- Flexibility, team compatibility, skill in communication and organisation, together with didactic ability are called for. A high degree of engagement and sense of responsibility are essential

We offer:

- An attractive and challenging position in a research institute of worldwide standing. Employment initially limited to two years
- A salary that reflects the tasks and responsibilities of the position and that is based on the current collective agreement (TV-L E13) of the SGN
- Self-directed action in a motivated and professional environment
- Good opportunities for further qualification

Senckenberg is an equal opportunities employer and places particular emphasis on fostering career opportunities for woman. Qualified women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. Senckenberg is certified by "audit berufundfamilie". The observance of the severely disabled directives and regulations of the Law On Part-Time Work is guaranteed. The place of employment is Müncheberg.

Interested? Then please send your complete application documents (CV, certificates and references, letter of motivation), preferably in electronic form (as a PDF file) quoting reference **#09-15002** until **May, 3rd** to:

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