

The Secretariat of IPIFF, which is the EU umbrella organisation for the insect production sector for food and/or feed

is recruiting a Trainee (m/f)

Do you have background/experience in agronomy, food, environmental or animal science? Are you keen on gaining valuable experience in the area of public affairs and work for an innovative and dynamic sector at European level?

The [International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed](#) (IPIFF) is looking for a **highly motivated Trainee** to reinforce its Secretariat in Brussels.

IPIFF is a non-governmental organisation set up to represent the insect production sector at EU level. Its membership includes 71 members, representing insect producing companies and research centres specialised in insect production for food and/or feed applications. IPIFF 's mission is to promote the use of insects and insect-derived products as top tier source of nutrients for human consumption and animal feed.

Main functions:

- Contribute to the development and implementation of IPIFF policy projects in the areas of EU food and feed safety and/or environmental legislation (e.g. updating of the IPIFF Guide of Good Hygiene Practices for the insect sector, development of contribution papers on the management of insect frass and/or of insect feed substrates).
- Assist the IPIFF Members and the insect value chain in relation to Research and Development activities (e.g. production of guidance documents, monitoring of 'EU opportunities').
- In collaboration with the other IPIFF staff members, support the activities of Working Groups or Task Forces that are dedicated to the above subjects.
- Assist in the production of position papers, fact sheets and/or other relevant communication tools.
- Execute other tasks in support of the day-to-day management of the Secretariat (support the preparation of meetings, reporting activities).

Education and skills:

- University degree (Bachelor's or Master's degree) in environmental and/or food science and/or quality management, agronomy, veterinary/entomology fields or related disciplines.
- A native English speaker or equivalent level, both written and spoken. Fluency in other European Union languages is an advantage.
- Demonstrated high competency as a writer in English.
- Ability to learn and develop within a fast-paced working environment.
- High degree of attention to detail and commitment to quality.

Experience:

- Proven professional experience (e.g. traineeship) in positions with tasks closely related to the ones described above is a strong asset.
- Previous experience in the insect production sector is a considerable advantage.
- Previous professional experience in EU institutions, international organisations, NGOs or trade associations is an asset but not a prerequisite.
- Interest in and/or previous knowledge of EU policies and/or EU agri-food policies and/or legislation is also an advantage.



What we offer:

- A 9-month traineeship starting from end February/early March 2021.
- A stipend of 1.000 €/month will be allocated for the duration of the traineeship.
- Opportunities for signing a full-time employment contract at the end of the traineeship period.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send your application (CV + motivation letter in English) to Mr Christophe Derrien by e-mail (please use the following email address Christophe.derrien@ipiff.org) by **Wednesday 3 February 2021**.

Interviews will be organised during **the 1st and 2nd week of February**. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.