

IPIFF, the EU umbrella organisation  
for the insect production sector for food and feed,

*is looking for a Trainee*

Do you have background/experience in agronomy, entomology, food, environmental or animal science?

Are you willing to work for an international association with a solid footing in Brussels, which supports the development of a fast-growing agri-food industry and contributes to the shaping of a favourable EU policy and regulatory environment for alternative protein sources?

The International Platform of Insects for Food & 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. Our membership network spans over 70 members, representing insect-producing companies and research centres specialised in insect production, as well as companies active throughout the insect value chain. IPIFF's mission is to promote the use of insects and insect derived products as a top tier source of nutrients for human consumption, animal feed and plants.

**Main functions:**

- Contribute to the development and implementation of IPIFF policy projects in the areas of EU food, feed safety and/or plant nutrition (e.g. development of contribution papers on the use of insect frass as bio-based fertilisers and of feeding substrates for farmed insects).
- Assist the IPIFF Members and the insect value chain in relation to Research and Development activities (e.g. production of guidance documents).
- In collaboration with the IPIFF Secretary General, support the activities of Working Groups or Task Forces that are dedicated to the above subjects.
- In collaboration with the Deputy Secretary-General and the Communication & PR Manager, facilitate the preparation of the IPIFF Annual Conference to be held on 21 November 2024 (e.g. through the preparation of dedicated communication materials, management of registrations, and communication with attendees).
- Support the Secretariat in day-to-day tasks (preparation of meetings, reporting activities, and such).

**Education and skills:**

- University degree (Bachelor's or Master's degree) in environment, food science and/or quality management, agronomy, veterinary/entomology fields or related disciplines.
- A native or near-native English speaker. Fluency in other European Union languages is considered a plus.
- Ability to learn and develop within a fast-paced working environment.
- Keen eye for detail and commitment to quality.
- A sense of duty and humour.

**Experience:**

- Proven professional experience (e.g. traineeship) in positions with tasks closely related to the ones described above is a strong asset.
- 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 at the end of April/early May 2024): CIP regime - 'Convention d' immersion professionnelle' under Belgian Law or through other EU-funded programmes, namely the paid internship programmes from the Assembly of the European Regions, [Eurodysey](#), and the European Commission funded Internship Programme, [Erasmus+](#).
- The allocated stipend and other benefits will be determined according to the applicable work regime.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please send your application (CV + motivation letter in English) to Mr Christophe Derrien at [christophe.derrien@ipiff.org](mailto:christophe.derrien@ipiff.org) no later than Friday 15 March 2024.

Interviews will be organised at the end of February and in the course of March. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.