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Position of Intellectual Property Rights manager in an EU-funded Marie-Curie project (PIAP-GA-2012-324349)

General Description: An Intellectual Property Rights Manager will be recruited for 12 months. The person will be employed within the frame of a Marie Curie IAPP project LOVE-TO-HATE (full title: *Pesticides – Felicity or curse for the soil microorganisms*) (<http://lovetohate.bio.uth.gr>) funded by the European Commission for a 48-month period (2013-2016). Its main research aim is to investigate the complex interactions between pesticides and soil microorganisms, identify the factors that determine the outcome of those interactions (toxicity or growth), identify on the one hand comprehensive ways/schemes for assessing the soil microbial toxicity of pesticides and on the other hand explore using advanced molecular tools (metagenomics/metatranscriptomics) the mechanisms driving the accelerated biodegradation of pesticides in agricultural soils.

Tasks: The main task of the successful candidate will be to help with exploitation of research results, offer patent consultation and management services including: IP identification and assessment; IPR strategy definition; IPr portfolio management; IPr due diligence etc. He/she will also help the IPR Committee of the project to attract investors, liaise with outside patent counsel, and oversee patent prosecution through maintenance and subsequent licensing and / or product development phases. He/she is expected to be based in Greece, work with the coordinator and participate in discussions of the IPR Committee of the project to resolve any intellectual property rights problems. He will prepare the IPR strategic plan of the project in collaboration with the coordinator and the IPR Committee.

Type of Employment: Part Time

Duration of Employment: 12 months

Tentative Start of contract: 1 November 2015

Qualifications:

- First degree in Biological Sciences and/or Law Sciences
- Postgraduate degree in IPR issues (MSc, PhD preferably)
- Experience in collaboration with both the private sector and academia (Universities, Research Institutes) for exploitation and patenting of research findings
- More than five years experience in the handling and submission of patents and IPR issues at national, European and World level

Salary: Up to 16000 € in total for the 12-month contract duration (gross amount depending on the level of qualification of the suitable candidate, subjected to taxation and social security deductions)



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How to Apply: Applicants could send a cover letter with their CV via Email to Dr. Dimitrios Karpouzas . Depending on the applications for the position an interview via electronic means (skype) might be required.

Closure of Applications: Friday 2 October 2015.