



The German Federal Ministry of Health is seeking to fill the position of

President of the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin

starting in Summer 2014

(Remuneration in accordance with the Federal Remuneration Ordinance, Salary Grade B7)

The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) is the central research and reference institution of the Federal Government in the field of disease surveillance, control and prevention, communicable diseases and other health risks. It reports to the Federal Ministry of Health and has approximately 1,000 employees.

The RKI's tasks include: recognising health-related problems that can affect the population, compiling scientific findings as a basis for health policy decisions, producing scientific analyses, evaluations of highly dangerous, high-prevalence diseases, or diseases of major public or health policy significance and recommending concepts for their control and prevention.

The Institute advises the Federal Ministry of Health, other Federal and Land ministries as well as the public health service and furnishes the expert public with scientifically sound and unbiased information. It supports the competent intuitions at Federal and Land level in the recognition and management of health-related threats as well as with crisis management.

With a view to recognising health threats and risks, the RKI exercises a central function within the framework of an early warning system. The Institute also increasingly assumes international obligations and co-ordination tasks, for example vis-à-vis the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the EU and WHO and collaborates in their committees and other relevant bodies.

Several expert commissions, some of which are set up on a statutory basis, as well as a network of National Reference Centres and consultant laboratories are based at the RKI. The recommendations elaborated by its commissions shape central areas of the health care services.

Furthermore, the Robert Koch Institute conducts application and response-oriented biomedical research at the highest level. For this purpose, it has extensive and modern laboratory space at its disposal. A new building housing BSL-3 and BSL-4 laboratories will be completed in the very near future.

Tasks:

- Organisational and technical management as well as representing the Institute both internally and externally
- Strategic further development of the Institute

Required Qualifications:

- University studies of medicine, veterinary medicine or natural sciences
- A high level of internationally recognised scientific competence, as well as proven knowledge of and experience in epidemiology, disease prevention and control
- post-doctoral qualification or equivalent scientific achievements
- Excellent communication skills and experience in communicating with the press and the public
- Experience with national and international bodies
- Successful experience in the management of a research institution, unit or a scientific institution
- Goal and employee-oriented management style
- Openness for gender aspects and towards implementing the reconciliation of work and family life
- Fluency in English

The Federal Ministry of Health has made the professional equality of women and men its goal. We are therefore particularly interested in receiving applications from qualified women. In cases of equal qualification, women will be given preference in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Gender Equality Act. Pursuant to the Civil Code Book IX, severely disabled persons will receive special consideration.

We are looking forward to receiving your written application and substantiating documents by **28 February 2014**.

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