

The Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries, is a research institute under the auspices of the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL). It comprises 14 specialised institutes serving as an interface between science and policy in the fields of economy, ecology and technology.

The **Programme Co-ordinating Centre (PCC) of the International Co-operative Program Forests (ICP Forests)** is located at the Thünen Institute of Forest Ecosystems in the city of Eberswalde. The institute invites applications for a research scientist at the earliest possible date for the position of the

Head of the Programme Co-ordinating Centre (PCC)
(Bes.-Gr. A 14 BBesO/ E 14 TVöD).

More information about aims and scope of the PCC can be found at <https://www.thuenen.de/de/wo/pcc-des-icp-forests/pcc-des-icp-forests/>.

Role

- Head of the Programme Co-ordinating Centre of ICP Forests (International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests) under the UNECE Air Convention
- Programme communication with representatives from 42 participating countries within the UNECE region and beyond
- Programme representation towards the Secretariat of the UNECE Air Convention, the Working Group on Effects, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the EU and its bodies (European Commission, specifically DG Environment, EEA, JRC) as well as other national and international administrative and scientific institutions
- Compilation and presentation of programme results at meetings and conferences
- Regular reporting under the Air Convention
- Preparation, chairing and follow-up of international meetings and conferences
- Proposal development and lead of projects associated with the programme

Requirements and skills

- University diploma or Master degree in Forest Science, Biology, Geosciences or Environmental Science; PhD degree welcome but not required
- Several years of relevant professional experience, incl. personnel management
- Experience in the coordination and lead of international interdisciplinary research projects or networks
- Comprehensive knowledge of forest ecosystem structure and functioning and of forest monitoring
- Basic skills in database management and data analysis as reflected in scientific publications
- Outstanding leadership skills, incl. excellent communication skills and a strong ability to cooperate and work in international teams
- Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English as reflected in international publications and presentations
- Willingness to undertake frequent business trips in Germany and abroad lasting several days



The position is graded as a German civil service position ("*Wissenschaftliche/r Oberrätin/Oberrat*", A14 BBesO). Applicants who do not fulfil the legal requirements for a career in German Federal civil service will be employed according to the German collective labour agreement for public services (TVöD, salary group E 14 - *Tarifgebiet Ost*). The employment contract will include a probation period of two years. Subject to the interest of the applicant the options of part-time work will be considered.

The Thünen Institute promotes the professional equality of women and men and is thus especially interested in applications from women. Severely disabled applicants with equal qualifications will be given particular consideration. Only a minimum physical aptitude is expected from them.

The Thünen Institute of Forest Ecosystems (<https://www.thuenen.de/en/wo/>) is located at the *Waldcampus* in Eberswalde. Eberswalde can be reached within 30 minutes by train from the Berlin central station (Berlin-Hauptbahnhof).

In case of questions, please contact Dr. Walter Seidling (walter.seidling@thuenen.de, Phone: +49 3334 3820-338).

Please submit your written application (with a letter of motivation, curriculum vitae in tabular form, list of publications and copies of academic records) by **15/09/2018** (received and registered at the Institute of Forest Ecosystems) with the keyword "**ICP Forests – Head of PCC**" to:

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