

Two (2) Wheat Improvement Positions

(re-advertising)

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) is seeking two (2) suitable qualified candidates for positions as Wheat Improvement Scientist and Postdoctoral Fellow (Wheat Breeding/Agronomy) in support of its global development of improved wheat for developing countries. The positions offer an outstanding career opportunity for scientists interested in global wheat research and breeding and will be based in Kabul, Afghanistan. The successful candidates will facilitate the introduction and evaluation of global wheat germplasm for Afghanistan and contribute to the development of improved cultivars and crop management practices in close collaboration with colleagues in the CIMMYT Global Wheat Program, and national scientists in the Agricultural Research Institute of Afghanistan. The appointment is initially for three (3) years, with opportunity for extension into a career position.

Wheat Improvement Scientist 2009/10 - we are seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

- A PhD in plant breeding/agronomy with demonstrated experience in variety testing and evaluation
- Demonstrated experience with field-based plant breeding
- Demonstrated ability to design, implement and analyse field trials
- Knowledge of and experience with wheat foliar diseases
- Demonstrated familiarity with variety release and seed multiplication procedures
- Proven ability to organize and coordinate complex tasks and strong self motivation and innovation skills
- Aptitude for international research and development applied to the problems of developing countries
- Proficient communication skills in written and spoken English and ability to speak Dair/Pashto
- Demonstrated ability to work collegially and collaboratively in diverse, multicultural partnerships

Postdoctoral Fellow 2009/11- we are seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

- A PhD in Agronomy or Plant Breeding
- Demonstrated experience with field-based plant breeding and crop management
- Demonstrated ability to manage field trials
- Aptitude to work with and train colleagues from national programs
- Proficient communication skills in written and spoken English and ability to speak Dair/Pashto
- Demonstrated ability to work collegially and collaboratively in diverse, multicultural partnerships

CIMMYT (www.cimmyt.org) is an internationally funded, nonprofit, scientific research, training and development organization dedicated to improving the nutrition, food security and livelihoods of the world's poor. CIMMYT is a global leader in maize and wheat germplasm preservation, trait discovery, crop variety enhancement, cropping systems improvement and socio-economic analysis for the developing world. The Center has an annual budget of US\$45 million and a staff of 600, including 80 internationally recruited staff. Our headquarters and four research stations are located in Mexico and we have regional centers and offices in 12 other countries, especially in eastern and southern Africa. Rapid growth is occurring in South and East Asia.

CIMMYT offers an attractive remuneration package, with a range of benefits including housing allowance, life and health insurance, education allowance (to Grade 12), home leave, retirement fund, and relocation shipping allowance.

CIMMYT is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and ethnicity.

Please send via e-mail your letter of application **no later than 31 July 2009**, CV/Resume (including full contact information), and names and contact information of three references to:

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Scientist - Reference 2009/10
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