Required: Immunologist Laboratory Director

A US-based biotechnology startup company intends to establish a small, wholly-owned subsidiary in India for the purpose of rabbit polyclonal antibody production, in early 2004. Eventually, conformation-specific mouse monoclonal antibodies will also be generated.

We seek an energetic, dedicated, responsible, and entrepreneurial Ph.D immunologist with at least two years of post-doctoral experience in antibody production, to serve as Laboratory Director. This individual will be responsible for hiring and supervising staff for all aspects of the facility operations. These are currently anticipated to include: peptide synthesis and purification, antigen preparation, immunization of rabbits (and eventually, mice), test and production bleeds, with assessment of antibody titers by ELISA. In addition, the Laboratory Director shall be responsible for hiring and supervising a staff for administration, animal care and security, as well as fulfilling all Indian legal requirements including those related to animal welfare. While the size and scope of operations at this facility will initially be modest, it is anticipated to grow rapidly from providing antibodies solely for divisions of the parent company to a full commercial operation.

It is anticipated that the facility will be located in Karnataka State. Salary and benefits are negotiable and will include the right to participate in an employee stock option plan. Individuals chosen for further consideration will be interviewed by Directors of the parent corporation in Mangalore or Bangalore, Karnataka between late December 2003 and the middle of January 2004. Please direct e-mail application including CV and e-mail addresses of three references, to the Chief Technology Officer at employment@bioconformatics.com

Short-Term Training in Molecular Medical Microbiology

ICMR Centre for Advanced Study in Molecular Medical Microbiology at the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, invites applications for 4–12 weeks training in molecular medical microbiology. The opportunity is open in the following areas of research.

1. Molecular/Cellular Immunology
2. Molecular Virology
3. Molecular Biology
4. Molecular Bacteriology
5. Molecular Oncology

Those who are doing M.D Course or Equivalent or M.Sc Course in any Discipline in Biology are eligible to apply. Total number of trainees will be limited to 12. No Training Fee is charged. However, the selected candidates will have to find boarding and lodging on their own. The timing for the training is flexible between February and May 2004. Interested students may send their biodata, indicating the reason/necessity for the training, and the area of research in which they want to get training, to the Chairman, Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore 560 012 on or before 31 December 2003. The candidates, who have been selected, will be informed by mid-January 2004. More information can be obtained from the web site: http://www.iisc.ernet.in.