



VETERINARY POSITIONS WITH WILD CHIMPANZEES

WITH or WITHOUT PhD option:

We are looking for veterinarian or pathologists, with a strong interest in animal pathology and wildlife health, to continue with the TCP long-term health monitoring. We offer:

Veterinary position (2 years fix term) at the **Taï Chimpanzee Project** in Ivory Coast with an option to **collect data** for a **PhD in wildlife health / pathogens** (additional 2 years) with supervisor Dr. Fabian Leendertz (Helmholtz-Institute for One Health, Greifswald, Germany).

The veterinary position is part of a larger interdisciplinary Max-Planck project investigating the **Evolution of Brain Connectivity (EBC)** in hominoids. EBC seeks further understanding of the brains of chimpanzees and other non-human primates, especially the communication, tool use and social cognition pathways. Using the comparative approach and our understanding of chimpanzee and monkey behavior, results will assist our understanding of the evolution of structures and functions of the human brain.

Responsibilities:

- Necropsies of deceased primates (mostly apes) including brain extraction, fixation, storage and shipment to Germany.
- Health surveillance on primates and other mammals, collection of fecal and urine samples for pathogen analysis for our long-term health monitoring program.
- Focal following of habituated chimpanzees including the collection of behavioural data.
- Being part of the management group responsible for the running of the field site (responsible for health and hygiene rules, organization of health monitor, lab organization, etc.).
- Running the field laboratory in the Taï National Park conducting PCR tests for respiratory pathogens and others.

Qualifications and Requirements



The field work requires good physical condition, resilience against stress, the ability to work independently and some management work. Good oral French and English language skills are required. A veterinary degree or a degree in animal pathology is conditional.

A preparation course in the protocols of the brain project and necropsy procedures will be given at the Helmholtz-Institute for One Health in Greifswald (4 – 6 weeks).

Salary and Funding

- Tai veterinary position (year 1 +2): between 1500 and 1700 € (depending on experience)
- With PhD (year 3 + 4): PhD funding

Start and Term of Appointments

- Starting September 2023

Comments

Applications including a cover letter, stating research experience and interest, detailed curriculum vitae, and the names and e-mail addresses of three referees should be sent electronically to taichimpproject@eva.mpg.de. Please add “TCP VET APPLICATION 2023” in the subject line. Application deadline is 1 June 2023 or until position is filled thereafter.

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