Vacancies on the UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP)

The UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP) is looking for three new members to provide scientific advice to government and the devolved Administrations on the safe and effective use of pesticides and other pest control methods. These positions will become available from November 2019.

The ECP was established to provide independent scientific advice to the government on all matters relating to pesticides. The Committee’s work involves evaluation of data on specific pesticides as well as providing generic advice on relevant issues. There are currently 15 Members on the Committee (although the Terms of Reference allow for 18 members). Members serve an initial term of three years (that may be extended for two further terms up to a maximum of ten years). The Committee meets up to seven times a year in York.

The ECP is specifically seeking expertise for the vacancies in the following areas:

**ECP Dietary Exposure Member (one post) Ref: ECP 01/2019**
Candidates should have expertise in the metabolism of pesticides in plants and livestock, pesticide residues, and the assessment of dietary exposure in humans, with experience of relevant studies and their interpretation. Knowledge of risk assessment and risk management procedures relevant to human exposures to chemicals is particularly relevant.

**ECP Ecology/Ecotoxicology Member (one post) Ref: ECP 02/2019**
Expertise in ecotoxicology and environmental risk assessment is required. Experience in experimental ecotoxicology would be advantageous. The post requires a breadth of expertise since the ECP deals with issues related to potential pesticide effects on birds, mammals, terrestrial non-target invertebrates and non-target plants.

**ECP Lay Member (environmental and consumer affairs) (one post) Ref: ECP 03/2019**
You will have a broad understanding of environmental and sustainability and consumer issues in relation to the use of pesticides, you will have the ability to reflect the views of the public at scientific/technical events.

**General Qualities and experience required**

Members of the ECP work as a team to provide robust, balanced, clear, practical and timely advice to government on the safe and sustainable use of pesticides.

Good analytical and communication skills are important as Committee Members are required to understand, discuss and negotiate what are sometimes complex scientific issues. Members will also be required to develop an understanding of issues outside their own specialist area and display sound judgement on the implications of any suggested measures.
Applicants will need to demonstrate in your supporting statement examples where your experience matches the essential and, where possible, the desirable skills and criteria below. Further post specific criteria is listed in the information pack available from the details below.

**Essential criteria**
Applicants should have:

- An ability to weigh issues outside your own specialist area and to appreciate the impact that decisions may have on the sustainable use of pesticides.

- An ability to work well as part of a team, with effective communication, negotiating, judgement and influencing skills.

- An ability to clearly communicate complex scientific issues, combined with strong analytical and problem solving skills.

**Desirable criteria:**
- Some knowledge of communication of risk issues would be an advantage.

The posts are part-time and voluntary, although modest travel and subsistence costs are met and attendance and preparation fees paid. Applicants should be aware that the work can generate a considerable amount of both public and media interest. Travel and subsistence costs will be met for attendance at interviews for these posts.

Appointments will be based on merit, with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. The government and devolved administrations are committed to the principles of equal opportunities and welcome applications from all sections of the Community regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion or disability. Women, representatives of ethnic minority communities and people with disabilities are currently under-represented on government committees and applications from these groups are therefore particularly welcome.

If you are interested in serving and have the necessary qualifications and experience, an information pack is available from:

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**Closing Date:** 12.00 Noon, Friday, 6 September 2019