

Postdoctoral Researcher in Functional Plant Community Ecology

LABORATORY OF FUNCTIONAL PLANT ECOLOGY

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Budějovice, Czech Republic is seeking a highly motivated, cooperative and productive postdoctoral researcher to join our team studying mechanisms of species coexistence, plant-plant relationships, functional diversity, species traits relationships and developing corresponding methods of data analysis. Please, consult <http://botanika.prf.jcu.cz/suspa/> for more information about the working group.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful applicant will participate in ecological, statistical, and phylogenetic analyses of our data sets from ongoing experiments and projects. In addition, s/he will be able to develop an independent project, using our permanent field sites. S/he will also mentor advanced students and will prepare a course for advanced students.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION AND SKILLS

Essential

- Ph.D. in ecology, botany or related field (not older than March 30, 2008)
- Proven ability to develop, implement and publish interesting research projects
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Proficiency in statistical and other analysis of data

Desirable

- Knowledge of phylogenetic methods, particularly those relevant to community ecology
- Experience with analysis of species traits in (plant) community ecology
- Ability to work in the field

SALARY The salary is 600,000 CZK (Czech Crowns, ca Euro 26,000) per annum. The appointment is for 34 months.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE For informal enquiries and application, email your CV (including list of publications), names and e-mails of three references, and a cover letter stating your previous work, qualification and motivation to Prof. Jan Lepš at suspa@prf.jcu.cz. (between April 28 and May 13, please, contact Francesco de Bello at fradebello@ctfc.es). Attach pdf of two of your best papers, and copy of your diploma. Please, state "Postdoc" in the *subject* of your e-mail.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND STARTING DATE

Apply before May 31, 2012. The successful applicant is expected to start on 1st September 2012 in České Budějovice, Czech Republic.



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