

RE: Offer of an internship at Naktuinbouw.

Dear Colleagues,

On many occasions colleagues from DUS stations from all over the world inquire after the possibility to stay for a period of time at Naktuinbouw in the Netherlands with the aim to gain practical knowledge on the testing of ornamental and vegetable varieties on Distinction, Uniformity and Stability according to the UPOV system.

After careful consideration and in the light of a Dutch contribution to the UPOV community it has been decided to open this possibility for interested colleagues who are working on DUS in their own country.

About Naktuinbouw

Naktuinbouw is the Dutch inspection service for horticulture with responsibilities for the quality and phytosanitary control of plant propagating material and is responsible for DUS – testing of all varieties of ornamental, vegetable and agricultural crops (2500 new varieties annually) for four purposes: Community Plant Variety Rights on behalf of the European Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO in Angers, France), Plant Breeder's Rights in the Netherlands on behalf of the Dutch Board for Plant varieties and through bilateral agreements for other UPOV member states and for entry of agricultural and vegetable varieties on the Dutch National List, again on behalf of the Dutch Board for Plant varieties.

The Netherlands with its long experience in breeding agricultural and horticultural crops and expertise on Plant Breeders' Rights and variety registration, was one of the founding members of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV). Naktuinbouw therefore is an attractive partner to assist with the introduction and practical implementation of Plant Breeders' Rights.

Naktuinbouw has a staff of 280 (60 for the Varieties & Trials (DUS) department, 60 for Laboratories, 100 for Inspections and 60 for Administration and Support) and is based in Roelofarendsveen in the Western part of the Netherlands close to the international airport Amsterdam/Schiphol.

As a major DUS station Naktuinbouw is active in technical discussions in UPOV and CPVO, Naktuinbouw staff participates as tutors in the UPOV distant learning course, Naktuinbouw runs the annual 2 - week Plant Variety Protection (PVP) course in Wageningen for participants from new and future UPOV member states, Naktuinbouw is involved in projects to assist countries with an emerging PVP system in developing the DUS testing system and matters related to the granting of Plant Breeders' Rights and recently Naktuinbouw launched an on-line help desk to assist colleagues with practical problems they encounter during their DUS work.

What do we offer

Naktuinbouw offers to share its expertise with colleagues from abroad who are invited to spend a period of 2 to 10 weeks (period to be chosen by the participant) in Roelofarendsveen to study the methods Naktuinbouw applies in DUS tests for ornamentals and vegetables. As the agricultural trials are in other parts of the country, the DUS testing of agricultural crops unfortunately falls outside this offer.

By working side by side with the Dutch colleagues, all different aspects of DUS testing from administration, management of reference collections, sample management, trial planning, observations, descriptions and archiving can all be part of the internship. Together we can design the most desired program.

In Roelofarendsveen close to the office Naktuinbouw has a comfortable fully equipped lodging available, free of charge. Naktuinbouw offers also a daily allowance of € 25.00 and expects our colleagues to prepare their own meals. Naturally a typical Dutch bicycle is part of the package so you can explore the area around Roelofarendsveen.

What do we expect

We expect our temporarily colleague to be enthusiastic about the work, open minded, flexible, curious, willing to do practical work, fluently English speaking.

We expect the employer of our temporarily colleague to continue to pay the normal wages, travel costs to and from the Netherlands and health and other insurance.

Naktuinbouw expects the employer to bear all liability for its employee and that the trainee is here at his or her own risk.

Depending on the country of origin a temporarily work permit and or residence permit is necessary. Naktuinbouw will assist to obtain such documents, but it is up to the candidate to obtain these.

Application

Fill in the application form and we will contact you for further arrangements.

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