



The Netherlands Centre for Biodiversity (NCB) is to become The Netherlands' national museum and research centre for biosystematics and evolution. Its mission is to be an open archive of life's diversity, to reconstruct and understand the Earth's 'Tree of Life', to educate society about our natural world and to raise awareness for sustainable uses of the planet's living resources.

Bringing together five world-class Dutch specimen collections, the NCB will become a European centre of expertise for global phylogenetics research and a magnet for research into understanding, preserving and exploiting the Tree of Life. Research methodologies will include state-of-the-art morphological, molecular, imaging and digital techniques, including genome and transcriptome sequencing, metabolomics and DNA barcoding.

The NCB will be headquartered at the site of the National Museum of Natural History Naturalis in Leiden, The Netherlands.

Putting together the NCB will include merging several research organisations, devising new laboratories and erecting new buildings. Funding for the NCB has been secured to a large degree but some targets remain to be met. To manage the final and crucial stages of the Centre's establishment, the Board of the NCB is looking for an

Implementation manager (full time)

His or her tasks will include:

- Complete the NCB Implementation Plan 2009-2010;
- Manage NCB project staff and a team of working group leaders;
- Oversee preparation and implementation of the NCB budget;
- Support the work of the NCB Board;
- Communicate and co-ordinate with internal and external stakeholders;

Successful applicants for the position will have:

- Experience in managing projects with budgets of 1 million Euros or more;
- The skills to carry out financial planning, control and reporting;
- Working knowledge of at least one NCB output area;
- A hands-on and results-oriented approach;
- The ability to inspire staff members and working group leaders;
- The capacity to co-operate productively with a Project Board, government ministries, universities, research organisations and other (inter)national stakeholders;
- An understanding of the role of ICT in a data-intensive research organization;
- An academic background (PhD level);
- Full-time availability as of February 1, 2009.

The implementation manager will be appointed for 2 years with the possibility of an extension for a limited time.



More information can be obtained by contacting either of the following people:

- Mr. Hans Dijkstal (hans.dijkstal@wanadoo.nl), Chairman of the NCB Board;
- Mr. Peter Tindemans, PhD (peter@tindemans.demon.nl), advisor to the NCB Board;
- Mr. Jan-Willem Mantel (ncb@naturalis.nl), NCB project manager.

To apply, please send a cover letter and your résumé to: ncb@naturalis.nl

The application deadline for this job opening is 05 December, 2008.