

Wheat Improvement Specialist / Country Liaison Officer, GWP Pakistan

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) seeks a highly qualified wheat scientist to join our international team of scientists working on improving the livelihoods of farmers and the resource poor in the developing world. As a member of the CIMMYT Global Wheat Program you will represent CIMMYT to the Government of Pakistan and manage a large multi-lateral program to protect and enhance the productivity of wheat systems in Pakistan. The position will be based at the CIMMYT office for Pakistan in Islamabad.

The job will require that you:

- Catalyze wheat improvement research in Pakistan to increase wheat based cropping systems productivity using best agronomic practices and varieties
- Conduct collaborative research towards enhancing yield through better resistance to abiotic and biotic stresses in particular rust diseases
- Work with a team of scientists to understand constraints to and opportunities for sustainable intensification and productivity growth in cereal systems.
- Summarize and publish research findings and contribute to dissemination of results to stakeholders.
- Maintain close relations with the regional CIMMYT offices in South Asia.
- Manage the CIMMYT country office in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Represent CIMMYT as the Country Liaison Officer to Pakistan.
- Coordinate financial and technical implementation of CIMMYT's role in the USDA funded Pakistan Wheat Productivity Enhancement program.
- Represent CIMMYT in project development in cereal and cereal systems research.
- Represent CIMMYT's Pakistan office in South Asian fora.
- Liaise with a large number of partner institutions that form or support the Pakistan national agriculture research system.
- Participate in center-wide and program strategy development and priority setting.

We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications:

- PhD in Plant Breeding or related disciplines.
- Relevant experience of at least 10 years
- Experience in managing complex, multi-discipline consortia.
- Good understanding of the challenges of productivity growth, sustainability and food security in South Asia.
- Extensive knowledge of wheat breeding and wheat rusts.
- An effective and energetic team player with the ability to work in a multidisciplinary and multi-cultural environment.
- Excellent oral communication and writing skills in English.

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, known by its Spanish acronym, CIMMYT® (www.cimmyt.org), is a not-for-profit research and training organization with partners in over 100 countries. The center works to sustainably increase the productivity of maize and wheat systems and thus ensure global food security and reduce poverty. The center's outputs and services include improved maize and wheat varieties and cropping systems, the conservation of maize and wheat genetic resources, and capacity building. CIMMYT belongs to and is funded by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) (www.cgiar.org) and also receives support from national governments, foundations, development banks, and other public and private agencies.

CIMMYT has had enormous impact in the developing world. It is the center of excellence for work on two of the three most important food crops in the developing world. Its most famous employee, Dr. Norman Borlaug, is credited by many with saving more lives than any other individual in the history of the world. Borlaug's work dramatically increased yields of wheat in the Indo-Gangetic plains in the 1960s and 1970s, staving off starvation for hundreds of millions. For this work, Borlaug received the Nobel Prize in 1970. Scores of other CIMMYT efforts have saved or enriched millions of lives, from releasing disease-resistant varieties and varieties resistant to drought and heat and soil deficiencies, to dispersing techniques to reduce farmer costs and post-harvest losses. In developing countries, wheat varieties developed by CIMMYT and its partners cover 75% of the area planted to modern wheat varieties.

The position will be based at CIMMYT's Office in Islamabad, Pakistan. The position is for an initial term of three years, renewable based on performance and strategic needs. CIMMYT offers an attractive remuneration package paid in US dollars, with a range of benefits including housing allowance, life and health insurance, education allowance (to Grade 12), home leave, retirement fund, and relocation shipping assistance.

CIMMYT is an equal-opportunity employer and strives for staff diversity in gender and nationality.

Apply online no later than **April 20th, 2012**.

At www.cimmyt.org, click on "About us – Job Opportunities- Position" -2012-10. Please complete the online application, including your cover letter, competencies and experience for the position, and a detailed CV/resume.

For further information, contact Dr. Hans-Joachim Braun, Director Global Wheat Program h.j.braun@cgiar.org or the Human Resources Office, jobs-cimmyt@cgiar.org. ***Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.***