

The Foundation Good Seed and Plant Practices (GSPP) is a Dutch-French initiative that manages the GSPP accreditation system in the chain of plant breeding, seed production and plant production of tomatoes. Tomato is worldwide the most important vegetable crop. The purpose of the GSPP system is to prevent tomato seed and plant lots from being infected with *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *michiganensis* (Cmm), a bacterial disease. Implementation of the GSPP Standard requirements is audited by independent auditors of Naktuinbouw (The Netherlands) and Service Officiel de Contrôle et de Certification (France). Companies that fulfill the requirements of the system may use the GSPP quality trademark. To manage and further develop the GSPP accreditation system and the Foundation the GSPP Board is looking for a:

## **GSPP Manager**

36 hours a week

### **Job description**

You will be active in an internationally oriented organization. This position offers you the opportunity to develop the GSPP system and Foundation further to a reliable trademark and professional organization. Your tasks and responsibilities are:

- Daily representation and organization of the GSPP Foundation.
- Secretary to the GSPP Board and the International Technical Committee (ITC).
- Coordinate and implement the actions agreed by the Board and the ITC.
- Manage the annual budget in order to secure the means of the Foundation as a nonprofit organization with a balanced financial structure.
- Finalize and implement the Strategic Plan 2019-2013 of GSPP.
- Develop together with the GSPP Board the long-term goals of the Foundation and initiate/coordinate the necessary actions to realize these goals.
- Manage the accreditation process of companies, respond to questions and handling of complaints of GSPP participants. Advise applicants on the procedures to be followed.
- Communicate the GSPP system towards media and other parties, in collaboration with the Chairman of the Board and realize an optimal communication policy.
- Manage the Technical Investigation Procedure.
- Improve and develop the GSPP standard.
- Harmonization of audits between the audit organizations.

### **Job requirements**

You must have the following skills and competencies:

- Master's (M.Sc) degree, an Agricultural degree is preferred. Several years of experience in a related field of work is an advantage.
- Entrepreneurial and organizational skills with the ability to develop the organization.
- Good knowledge of and experience with quality management systems like ISO 9001.
- Skills to manage different interests (political feeling) and the ability to work in an international setting with a quick and realistic understanding of issues.
- Skills to operate effectively in a multicultural environment
- Excellent communications skills including the capacity to clearly present information in oral or written form.
- Fluent in English and good working knowledge of French.
- Representative and quality conscious.
- Ability to handle confidential information.
- Ability to work from home

### **Information**

You can find more information about GSPP on the website: [www.gspp.eu](http://www.gspp.eu). If you have any questions, you can contact Mr. Wim van Eck, Chairman of the Board by email: [info@gspp.eu](mailto:info@gspp.eu) or phone: + 31 (0) 182-688668

### **Application**

If you are interested in this position, please send your application and CV (both in English) before January 28, 2019 to: [info@gspp.eu](mailto:info@gspp.eu) or to GSPP, to the attention of the Chair, Vossenburchkade 68, 2805 PC Gouda, The Netherlands.