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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Appointment: **Mycologist** at the Assistant or Associate Professional Scientist level, Illinois Natural History Survey, Center for Biodiversity (State funded, full-time).

The Illinois Natural History Survey (INHS), a division of the Department of Natural Resources, is an Affiliated Agency of the University of Illinois located on the Urbana-Champaign campus. The scientists within the Center for Biodiversity conduct research on a broad range of questions concerning biodiversity and management of biological resources. Scientists at the Illinois Natural History Survey have full access to campus facilities and resources and may hold affiliate appointments in university departments, supervise graduate students, and have opportunities for teaching.

Job description: The mycologist will conduct innovative collection-based research on fungal systematics and/or biodiversity with relevance to the midwestern U.S. and additional emphasis on one or more of the following topics: biotic inventory, biogeography, conservation biology, ecology, genomic analysis, molecular and morphological phylogenetics, symbiosis, and taxonomy. Other duties include: develop and maintain a vigorous extramurally funded research program; curate and build the mycological collection; provide fungal identification services; develop collaborations within INHS, other units of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and other public, private or academic research agencies at the local, state, national, or international levels; maintain a record of frequent publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals and present results of research at scientific conferences; participate in education and outreach activities.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. (by starting date) in mycology or a related discipline is required, with a demonstrated organismal focus. Post-doctoral and curatorial experience is preferred. Research experience and interests that complement research programs in the Center for Biodiversity, and that can be applied to conservation and management issues in Illinois and the Midwest, are desirable. The successful applicant must 1) demonstrate abilities to plan, attract funding for, conduct, supervise, and evaluate research activities; 2) possess and maintain a record of frequent publication in peer-reviewed, nationally recognized scientific journals; and 3) have an affinity for cooperative or interdisciplinary research with scientists at INHS and other units of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and academic institutions such as the University of Illinois. For appointment at the level of Associate Professional Scientist, the candidate must have received tenure from an academic institution, or passed the equivalent promotion review at a relevant government agency, research institution, or demonstrated equivalent qualifications.

Salary: \$45,000 - \$47,000 (Assistant Professional Scientist); \$53,000 - \$55,000 (Associate Professional Scientist)

Available: Spring, 2004

Benefits: Generous vacation/sick leave/personal/paid holidays. State Universities Retirement System. State sponsored group health, dental, vision, and life insurance.

Application: To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by **January 16, 2004**. To apply, submit cover letter, CV, a statement of research interests, and three (3) professional letters of reference to Human Resources Office, **PRF# 1197**, Illinois Natural History Survey, 607 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 265-5644, email hroffice@inhs.uiuc.edu, fax# (217) 333-4949.

Technical questions regarding the position should be referred to Dr. Chris Dietrich (217) 244-7408; e-mail: dietrich@inhs.uiuc.edu

Applicants should note that this position is exempt from the State Personnel Code and is under the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation (BNRC) and follows BNRC policies and procedures. This is not a Bargaining Unit position nor a Merit Comp position.

The Illinois Natural History Survey does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or handicap in admission to or treatment or employment in programs of activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Illinois Constitution, Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the U.S. Constitution.