

Position: SCIENCE EXECUTIVE FOR REACH ENVIRONMENT

Type: Permanent Contract

Start: June 2024

Application deadline: 15 March 2024

Who are we?

- Concawe is a division of the European Fuel Manufacturers Association, based in Brussels and representing the interests of 40 companies manufacturing fuels in the EU. It has the mission is to conduct research programmes to provide impartial scientific information in order to improve scientific understanding of the environmental health, and safety aspects of both fuels' manufacturing and the distribution and sustainable use of fuels.
- Concawe, with the help of multiple experts from Member Companies, brings together great expertise in several key disciplines, including toxicology, exposure assessment and occupational health. We recognise that the potential solutions to the complex challenges of the 21st century require the combined efforts of many parties. Concawe is thus engaged in a wide range of partnerships and maintains contacts with other industry sector associations, as well as international organisations.

What do we offer?

- Individual training program, technology and professional skills development
- Responsibility and autonomy in your area of expertise
- A global view and concrete involvement on industry and societal challenges
- International and dynamic multicultural environment
- Competitive salary package complemented with fringe benefits
- Enhanced work life balance (working from home, sliding working hours system etc.)

What do we expect from you?

- The Science Executive for REACH Environment is accountable to the REACH Director. In addition to general duties and qualifications, the Science Executive for REACH Environment must have specific technical experience, knowledge and expertise as defined below which he/she will use to lead science and research work for the Association.

What would be your activities?

General duties

- Comply with the governance rules of the Association and ensure that the Management Groups and sub-ordinate Special Task Forces (STFs) are aware of these rules;
- Support the Management Group Chair(s) and Vice-Chair(s) in the execution of their responsibilities and in the representation of the Association's technical activities;
- Facilitate and promote full cooperation between the STFs of the Management Groups;
- Monitor developments within the scientific and regulatory communities with respect to his/her area of expertise;
- Develop and implement the long-term strategy for the area of expertise and advise on improvements and adjustments;
- Coordinate the development of the Management Group 5-year strategic plan and annual workplan with the REACH Director, Management Group, and Science Director; implement annual workplan per Board approval;
- Track and manage risks in the area of focus;
- Practice safety leadership;
- Develop the scope, review proposals and manage (including cost control) the execution of out-sourced research projects;
- Initiate tenders, facilitate selection of contractors, prepare contracts & monitor technical developments and progress for approved projects covered under the field of activity
- Report progress and inform appropriate Management Groups and Scientific Committee as appropriate on all his/her activities;
- Ensure that Concawe technical reports, briefing papers, articles etc., on topics related to the field of activity are drafted, reviewed and approved for publication in due time;
- Serve as a technical expert and represent our industry in interactions with European and global bodies on technical issues in his/her area of expertise;

- Represent Concawe / the fuel manufacturing industry at conferences, stakeholders' meetings and participate in technical working groups organised by the EU Institutions and other relevant bodies;
- Facilitate and coordinate Member Company expert participation in the different technical groups and raise resourcing issues with Science Director and Scientific Committee;
- Gain an in-depth knowledge of EU and other relevant institutions decision-making processes related to the technical issues in his/her area of expertise;
- Coordinate as appropriate with FuelsEurope, including active technical support to relevant Issue Groups ;
- Cooperate with other Science and Policy Executives on overlapping or interlinked issues;
- Where required, supervise one or more administrative assistants, research associates, or trainees.

Specific research programmes and responsibilities

- To assist in developing and presenting the Concawe position on prioritised REACH environmental hazard, risk, and exposure issues related to fuel manufacture and distribution in the EU, based on a positive and responsible industry attitude.
- To survey developments within the scientific and regulatory communities with respect to relevant REACH environmental hazard, risk, and exposure issues.
- To manage projects and implement action plan items under the oversight of the Environment and the REACH Management Groups and ensure proper reporting of results.
- Represents Concawe in discussions and meetings with regulatory organisations including the various Directorates of the European Commission, advisory expert groups, and EU Scientific Committees. The incumbent may be invited by the legislators to participate directly in advisory expert groups.
- Provide support and advice to the Concawe REACH Teams regarding ECHA and Member State communications.
- Communicate effectively between the Concawe REACH Teams and the REACH Environmental Management Group as needed to implement the REACH strategic plan.
- Maintains strong connection to Concawe REACH Teams, the Water Soil Waste Management Group and Fuels Europe REACH Advocacy Issue Group.
- Keeps abreast of the key world-wide developments in the area of environmental issues, through personal contacts, conferences, papers etc.
- Co-ordinates and directs the activities of consultants appointed to assist Concawe in the environmental issues field.
- Anticipate and proactively address regulatory initiatives, such as the MOCS approach, Weight of Evidence, and new hazard endpoints, etc.

What is your professional profile?

The Science Executive is required to have a wide understanding of environmental issues relevant to the European fuel manufacturing and refining industry and an in-depth knowledge in one or more specific subject areas related to those issues, such as the impact of environmental emissions from refineries to the environment, ecotoxicity, persistence, mobility, bioaccumulation, and endocrine disruption of hydrocarbons (experimental and modelling), Petrotox and Petrorisk modelling tools, Hydrocarbon Block method, environmental exposure and risk assessments of petroleum and renewable hydrocarbon substances. The Science Executive is also required to have a broad understanding of the characteristics of petroleum products, their manufacture and distribution, and the regulatory requirements governing their marketing and use.

To meet the objectives of Concawe, the Science Executive must possess:

- Good knowledge of REACH & CLP regulation
- An awareness of current European regulations associated with environmental issues for the fuel manufacturing industry; e.g., EC Directives relating to the environmental impacts of water soil and waste management, air pollution.
- An understanding of how legislation is developed in Europe, the main bodies involved, and the scope for Concawe to provide technical information in support of the legislative process.
- An ability to relate environmental developments to an appropriate industry strategy.

- An understanding of scientific field and laboratory experimental work on environmental issues and the implications of the results from such test work.
- Work experience in the oil industry in one of the environmental issues' subject matter areas.
- Competence in the use of a personal computer and associated business and scientific software.

The Science Executive will require strong interpersonal abilities in order to motivate the specialists working for Concawe in the REACH environmental issues field, and increasingly in multi-disciplinary activities involving other Concawe coordinators. He/she must be able to write clearly and concisely on technical subjects for both technical and non-technical audiences. Fluency in English is needed and other European languages would be an advantage. The incumbent must also possess high quality presentation skills in order to succinctly convey potentially complex issues to senior management and decision makers.

Organisational Fit: Reports to the Concawe Director

The position is based in Brussels (Belgium)

To apply, please send your CV, your bibliography and motivation letter to: recruitment@concawe.eu mentioning "Science Executive for REACH Environment" in the subject of your e-mail.

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