The Friedrich Loeffler Institute is one of the world's leading research institutes in the field of animal diseases, animal welfare, animal husbandry, animal nutrition and farm animal genetics. It is part of the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and informs and advises the Federal Government in these areas. It consists of 12 departments at 5 sites in Germany.

The FLI has state-of-the-art laboratories and experimental animal housing, including for large animals in protection levels 2-4, as well as two insectaria (BSL-2/BSL-3).

The island of Riems is located in the Baltic Sea between the hanseatic cities Stralsund and Greifswald. The region offers a family-friendly atmosphere with affordable housing and numerous cultural and recreational opportunities along the waterfront.

In the Institute of Molecular Virology and Cell Biology (IMVZ), the position as

**Scientific Director (m/f/d) and Head of the group for Integrative Cyto- and Infection Biology**

is to be filled. Currently, the department has ten research groups with expert skills in virology, cell biology, advanced imaging and proteomics. More information is available at [www.fli.de/en](http://www.fli.de/en).

**Profile:**

The IMVZ conducts research on the molecular characterization of viral pathogens in farm animals and zoonoses. In order to strengthen the cell biological expertise, the post holder assumes responsibility for the conception and implementation of cell biological projects and coordinates cross-working group-wide cell biological oriented research approaches. This includes, for example, the implementation of modern cell biological screening and analysis methods (such as CRISPR-Cas or siRNA-based methods) and the inclusion of expertise established at the IMVZ or FLI (e.g. mass spectrometry, nucleic acid analysis and imaging methods). In addition to cell culture-based approaches, studies on the molecular cell biological key functions of virus pathogenesis in animals and, if applicable, in organoid systems are to be carried out. Close cooperation with national and international research facilities and institutions in the field is expected.

**Requirements:**

We are looking for a highly qualified scientist with many years of experimental experience in the field of cell biology. In addition, we expect relevant experience in leading an own work group as well as qualifications that can be proven through habilitation or equivalent academic achievements. Ideally, you have experience in animal experiments as well as experience in the management of interdisciplinary research projects and are familiar with working with specialist groups in cell biology and infection biology. In addition, you have very good German and English language skills. Non-German speaking applicants are expected to acquire and prove adequate German language skills within two years. A high level of motivation, skills in team-oriented leadership and very good communication skills are required.

The successful applicant will be employed full-time position as Federal civil servant (Bundesbeamte) The employment relationship is based on the civil service regulations of the Federal Civil Service Act, the salary scale and the further regulations. The appointment is made in grade A 15 BBesO if the requirements under career law and other conditions are met.

The Friedrich Loeffler Institute is committed to a family-friendly working environment through flexible working hours and the basic option of part-time employment. Our social benefits include company health and reintegration management, company social counselling and capital-forming benefits.
The FLI has set itself the goal of increasing the proportion of women in management positions and expressly encourages women to apply.

The FLI is also committed to inclusion. Applications from people with severe disabilities are therefore explicitly welcome. They will be given preferential consideration in the selection process.

For more information, please contact Prof. Dr. Stefan Finke (email: Stefan.Finke@fli.de).

We look forward to receiving your application. Please send your complete application by e-mail to the following e-mail address 014.21@fli.de by 07.05.2021 and state in the subject line: Position 014/21. Please address written applications to the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Department of Human Resources, Postfach 1318 in 17466 Greifswald-Insel Riems, Germany. Confirmation of receipt as well as communication during the advertisement process will be sent by e-mail.