

Vacancy

Nutrition & Health Lead (M/F)

Company: Cargill R&D Centre Europe: www.cargill.com

Department: European Nutrition & Health Research

Reporting to/hierarchy: US Leader from Nutrition & Health

Function details: This person will, as a member of the Global Cargill Food Nutrition team, provide strategic leadership and primary focus at Cargill for advances in carbohydrates for health. In collaboration with Regulatory and Scientific Affairs teams in North America and Europe, he/she provides guidance to Business Units (BU's) on:

- Nutrition opportunities and threats to their ingredients and business.
- Communication to customers on nutrition issues.
- Appropriate research agenda to meet business goals and develop/support nutritional claims for ingredients, systems and foods.

This person also leads Cargill in monitoring advances and events in carbohydrate and fiber nutrition and acts as a Cargill representative to external nutrition organizations and science groups to influence thought leaders.

Expectations for this role include:

- Lead efforts in Cargill to help BU's define nutritional benefit opportunities in carbohydrates.
- Define strategic research agenda including physiological modeling, in vitro, in vivo testing, and coordinate execution of work with Cargill Animal Nutrition and the Cargill Center for Nutrition Science.
- Use Cargill clinical management process to guide BU's to fiscally sound research investments.
- Oversee development and execution of research protocols for clinical trials and feasibility studies which support the strategic technology plans for BU ingredients. This includes protocol review, arrangements for study monitoring and subsequent reporting of data according to Good Clinical Practice guidelines, in compliance with Cargill internal policies for studies.
- Provide scientific/technical support to the BU's in customer events, training sessions, product or benefit claim related communications, as well as in scientific/technical conferences and trade events.

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- Work with regulatory colleagues to design research to build dossiers for product benefit or safety substantiation.
- Track and communicate new developments in the Nutrition & Health field and literature.
- Stay for a minimum of 3 years in this job.

Education and qualifications:

- PhD in Human Nutrition and/or Biomedical sciences with an option in, preferably human, Nutrition.
- Experience with carbohydrates metabolism and digestion (including fiber and slowly digested carbohydrates) required.
- Fiber, gut health or immunity experience very desired.
- Proven ability to identify key trends and opportunities.
- Ability to design a strategic research agenda from modeling through in vitro and in vivo studies to claims validation.
- Experience in defining, organizing and executing clinical experimentation/studies.
- Experience in publishing and communication of science.
- Good basic representation and discussion skills.
- Ability to credibly represent Cargill with external experts and regulators.
- Ability to communicate, influence and build support for scientific ideas with a non-scientific audience.
- Basic understanding of Health & Nutrition market (companies, products, food supplements, consumer health concerns).
- Minimum 8 years of commercial/industrial experience, preferably in consumer food products or in food ingredients.
- PC literate (Excel, Powerpoint, Word, ...).

Personality and mentality:

- Courageous and convincing individual with high integrity.
- Innovative and creative, looking for opportunities and solutions.
- Energetic, persistent and pro-active.
- Flexible and nimble.
- Open minded and communicative.
- Able to handle complex situations/organizations.

Languages:

- Fluent in English, both oral and written.
- Additional German/French language skills is a plus.

Mobility/travel: up to 25 % global travelling (intercompany, scientific seminars, ...).

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Job specificities:

- Full-time.
- Permanent employment.
- Location: Vilvoorde (close to Brussels), Belgium.
- Starting date: ASAP.

Offer:

- Attractive salary + bonus, plus an excellent benefits package.
- Company car.
- Help for visa and working license.
- Support for moving to Belgium and help for house hunting.
- Fiscal advise.

Available education/training: Room for own initiatives and proposals for further education and training in a multicultural environment that supports your development.

Career opportunities: Great (inter)national opportunities for career development.

Interested?

You match the requested criteria for min. 80%?

Then send your application to cv@scienceco.eu, mentioning reference BE-06OCT2008

*You have questions? Contact us, we are eager to help you! **Tel.:** +32 2 400 75 11*