

Curator Lepidoptera (f/m/d) / Hamburg

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Leibniz Institute for Analysis of Biodiversity Change (LIB) will be established as an integration of Centre of Natural History of University of Hamburg (CeNak), Hamburg into Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig – Leibniz Institute for Animal Biodiversity (ZFMK), Bonn, as such LIB will be a foundation under public law and research museum of Leibniz Association. LIB will contribute to biodiversity research with its extensive collections and in research fields of taxonomy, morphology and molecular science, will contribute to conservation of global biodiversity, to documenting and analyzing evolutionary and ecological biodiversity change and engage in science transfer activities on biodiversity change and its potential causes.

LIB is looking for a scientist for a tenure track position of a Curator Lepidoptera (m/f/d) in Hamburg starting July 1st 2021, representing research at an internationally competitive level, who will develop the field as a bridge between systematic and evolutionary research, and research on drivers of biodiversity change.

We expect the candidate to

- hold a PhD in zoology or related areas, preferred with focus on entomology,
- have experience in the curation of scientific insect collections,
- have taxonomic expertise in a Lepidoptera group,
- have a strong publication record with a focus on evolution, ecology and systematics of Lepidoptera,
- interact with and support amateur entomologists and their societies,
- acquire substantial third-party funding,
- promote LIB-internal teamwork and external collaborations,
- have a vision of future work in the field, and promote novel ideas for collection-based research.

The candidate will work in Centre for Taxonomy and Morphology, and contribute to the ongoing development of LIB as a globally leading institute for the study of biodiversity change. As curator, the candidate will take responsibility for the substantial Lepidoptera collections and collections of Diptera, Mecoptera, Siphonaptera, and Trichoptera housed by LIB in Hamburg. This includes collection care, service to the scientific community, development of the collection, digitization activities, and collection-based research, with special emphasis on taxonomy. LIB provides research labs for molecular and morphological work, from imaging to genomics. The successful candidate is expected to work on a sound theoretical basis, to build up an independent research group, to apply an array of appropriate modern methods, to integrate into existing and future in-house collaboration, to contribute to teaching at the university, and to take part in self-administration and outreach activities. Working language is English, German language skills should be acquired on long term. Leibniz Association is committed to diversity and equal opportunities. LIB is certified as a family-friendly institution. We aim to increase the proportion of women in areas, where women are under-represented and to promote their careers in particular. We therefore strongly encourage women with relevant qualifications to apply. Applications will be handled in accordance with the Landesgleichstellungsgesetz NRW (State Equality Act). Applications from suitable individuals with a certified serious disability and those of equal status are particularly welcome. We offer a highly motivating environment and ability to work independently. Salary and benefits are according to a public service position in Germany (TV-L E 13). An upgrade of salary and benefits to TV-L E 14, is possible and will be subject of the tenure evaluation. The ZFMK advocates gender equality. Women are therefore strongly encouraged to apply. The contract will start as soon as possible, earliest on July 1st 2021 and will initially be restricted to three years. A tenured position will be subject to personal performance reviewed by a commission. Applications in English, accompanied by supporting documentation (CV, certificates, lists of publications and funding) and a concept for collection-based research at the Lepidoptera section should be submitted no later than May 30th 2021 only digitally to Sandra Middelhoff: www.leibniz-zfmk.de/en/job-portal For further information about ZFMK and CeNak please see: www.leibniz-zfmk.de and <https://www.cenak.uni-hamburg.de>