OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

The European Hygienic Engineering & Design Group (EHEDG) was founded in 1989 as a non-profit foundation, comprising of equipment manufacturers, food producers, suppliers to the food industry, research institutes and universities. The mission of EHEDG is to raise awareness of hygienic engineering, develop guidance and solutions, and provide a platform to promote EHEDG expertise that facilitates networking between hygienic engineering experts from around the world. The organization has over the years grown to 600 member companies and institutes, and 300 individual members from around the world. For more information about EHEDG, its strategy, members and activities please log on to https://www.ehedg.org/

The Foundation has decided to transfer the center of its operation from Germany to Naarden in The Netherlands and we are looking for an Operations Director that can assume an extremely challenging, interesting and rewarding position.

Your role:

As our new Operations Director you will lead a small team of employees, coordinate work performed by volunteers as well as manage consultants and suppliers. You will be based in the office in Naarden, but you should expect international travelling, mainly in Europe, up to 25% of your time.

Your main responsibilities:

- To initially implement the transition of activities from Germany to The Netherlands, including the establishment the new office, recruitment of staff and securing knowledge transfer
- To lead and manage the office staff, consultants and suppliers
- To help establish and eventually manage working groups, technical committees and projects in cooperation with the Chairpersons
- To administratively support the EHEDG Board, the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees
- To assure that the values, the brand and activities of EHEDG are continuously communicated to the members and outside world
- To implement the approved annual EHEDG budget

Your profile:

- Excellent communication skills – ability to understand and communicate technical information
- Experience in business and budget management
- Good organizational skills – experience in office management and databases
- Good command of the English language, both verbal and written
- Technical degree, Bachelor’s level or higher (preferably engineering, food science or other related degree)
- Experience in the food and beverage industry
- Excellent people skills
What will make you successful in this position:

- Excellent moderation and listening skills, ability to drive conversations to consensus
- Strong leadership skills and ability to independently manage an office, act as first point of contact for EHEDG and appropriately represent and communicate basic technical information regarding Hygienic Engineering.
- Display a keen interest in the food industry and have a strong motivation to participate in the mission to improve food safety and quality.
- Flexible and able to work in an international and multicultural environment
- Willingness to travel

We offer:

As EHEDG Operations Director you will be part of a global team with a vision to be recognized as the leading source of hygienic engineering expertise and its application, focused on solutions for enhancing food safety and quality across the food industry. We engage highly skilled and passionate colleagues and an international challenging environment. Your benefit package will be based on competitive market rates.

Care to join?

Target starting date is set to July 1, 2020. Please submit your CV, motivation letter and application in English before May 6th to secretariat@ehedg.org.

To know more about the position please contact either
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EHEDG is cooperating with the following recruitment agency for this vacancy:
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