

**POST-DOCTORAL POSITION: CHAIR OF DATE PALM RESEARCH**

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**START DATE:**

Negotiable but not later than October, 2015

**DURATION:**

Two years or completion of the project, whichever is earlier.

**DESCRIPTION:**

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The aim is to develop understanding of the external and internal, intra- and interspecific signaling in the date palm agro-ecosystem, and host-location, oviposition and feeding behaviors of the red palm weevil, *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* Oliv. The job-profile involves lab-work in both entomology and chemistry labs, and frequent field visits for trials.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Applications are invited from the self-motivated research professionals (males only) with good verbal and written communication skills and with experience in the field of chemical ecology of insects. Applicant should be able to do independent research and should have proven track record by virtue of publications. The candidates with good experience on gas chromatography coupled with flame-ionization, electro-antennographic and mass detectors, Y- and multi-arm olfactometers, trapping, profiling and analysis of biogenic volatiles, conducting field studies with traps, and rearing insects will be preferred.

Please submit application materials including, a cover letter, curriculum vitae and contact information of three referees to:

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** April 10, 2015 or till the position is filled.