American Leprosy Missions Announces
Search for Clinical Expert in Leprosy – Region of the Americas

About American Leprosy Missions
Founded in 1906, American Leprosy Missions is the oldest and largest non-profit in the United States dedicated to restoring the lives of people affected by leprosy and other Neglected Tropical / Infectious Diseases. American Leprosy Missions is a non-denominational Christian ministry of hope and restoration that collaborates with a wide range of strategic partners around the world.

The Position
The Clinical Expert in Leprosy (CEL) will be seconded to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to provide support to its Regional Leprosy Program by strengthening technical cooperation with National / Ministry of Health Programs. PAHO, founded in 1902, is the world’s oldest international public health agency. It provides technical cooperation and mobilizes partnerships to improve health and quality of life in the countries of the Americas. PAHO is the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System and serves as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The secondment will have a duration of two years, with an option for renewal pending approval by American Leprosy Missions and PAHO.

Primary Activities
1. Provide advice to National Leprosy Programs on subjects related to clinical assessment, diagnosis and treatment of leprosy cases; diagnosis and treatment of leprosy reactions; assessment of disability; and morbidity management and prevention of disabilities (MMDP), including community-based rehabilitation, following existing guidelines.
2. Support the planning and implementation of workshops on diagnosis and treatment with Multiple Drug Therapy regimes, as recommended by the World
Health Organization (WHO), including the integrated management of leprosy cases.

3. Support the process of review, adjustment, finalization and implementation of PAHO’s regional guidelines for leprosy case management.

4. Review national guidelines for case management and provide comments to improve them.

5. Participate in discussions and activities to propose and establish a research agenda to support the reduction of the leprosy burden.

6. Provide support to countries to help them develop and present research proposals to the Leprosy Research Initiative, www.leprosyresearch.org.

7. Promote the participation of people affected by leprosy in the improvement of leprosy health care services, advocacy, awareness and education, following the WHO guidelines.

Complementary Activities

1. Contribute to national program capacity building in the areas of planning, monitoring, evaluation, and the compilation and analysis of relevant epidemiological information.

2. Promote the integration of leprosy programs within the Integrated Plans of Action for control of Neglected Infectious Diseases.

Experience

Minimum five years of experience working in clinical aspects of leprosy, including providing health care to leprosy patients; leprosy diagnosis and treatment; leprosy reaction diagnosis, management and assessment; and prevention and/or management of disability caused by leprosy.

Education

A health-related university degree with specialized training in clinical dermatology. Training in leprosy would be an asset.
Technical Expertise/Competencies

- Theoretical knowledge and expertise at the highest level in clinical aspects of leprosy, including provision of health care to leprosy patients; clinical, laboratory and histopathological diagnosis; treatment (MDT) following WHO recommendations; diagnosis and management of adverse events; diagnosis and management of leprosy reactions and assessment; and prevention and management of disability caused by leprosy.

- Technical expertise in the development of programs, plans and projects, including training of health personnel and strengthening of leprosy health care services and their integration within Primary Health Care services.

- Mature judgment; strong technical, analytical, conceptual, interpersonal and communication skills; and the ability to identify, assess, analyze, synthesize and provide recommendation on key political, technical and administrative issues.

- Strong professional oral and writing skills, including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical/persuasive documents.

Languages

Proficient in either English or Spanish, with a working knowledge of the other language. Knowledge of Portuguese or French would be an asset.

Statement of Faith

She / he should endorse American Leprosy Missions’ Statement of Faith.

Location

The CEL position is based at the PAHO offices in Brasilia, Brazil. Regular travel to countries of the region is expected.

Compensation Package

Payment of salary and related benefits - commensurate to the successful candidate’s qualifications and the position description - are the responsibility of American Leprosy Missions, per the agreement between PAHO and American Leprosy Missions.

Process of Candidacy

Please submit a Curriculum Vitae and include the following information for each position that you have held for the past five years:
1. Name of company / organization
2. Location of your position
3. Job title
4. Years in the position
5. Name and title of your supervisor and, if applicable, how many people were you responsible for
6. Aspects of the position which most directly prepare you to be the CEL – Region of the Americas, including your experiences in the management of clinical leprosy
7. Reason for leaving

Submit this information (in English) as one document in PDF file format (.pdf) to:

American Leprosy Missions
almcareers@leprosy.org

In the subject line, please indicate CEL – Region of the Americas

**Deadline for submission:** April 30, 2014