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Subject Fwd: Looking for a post-doc candidate

Just to let you know what the guys in Athens are up to.

Sincerely,

John P. Giesy

See what's free at AOL.com.

----- Message from Washington.John@epamail.epa.gov on Tue, 3 Apr 2007 11:39:54 -0400 -----

To: jgiesy@aol.com

Subject: Looking for a post-doc candidate

Hi John,

I just left a message on your phone. The main reason I called is that I am looking to fill a post-doc position in PFOA research and I am hoping you might know of one or more good candidates. Our situation here in Athens is especially good for a post doc to start right now as several things are falling into place simultaneously.

I say this, in part, because our methods largely are worked out. We just had a paper accepted at J. Chrom. A on detecting PFCAs at low concentrations in soils and we are about to submit a second such paper. Together these papers will address a lot of the details we have been considering in optimizing our capabilities to detect PFCAs at low levels in soils and sediments. It turns out that we had enough relevant details in mind that we had to explain our efforts in two complementary papers. After we complete the last of this second methods paper, we plan to work on papers regarding PFCAs in uncontaminated soils from around the world -- we already have many soil samples collected, with field blanks -- and we are detecting PFCAs in the majority of these soils.

Also, after struggling through sharing a single LC/MS/MS with several others the last couple of years, a situation where the matrices of one researcher's samples confounded analysis of another's on the same machine, we just added a top-of-the-line Waters Acquity UPLC with a Quattro Premier tandem MS that is dedicated solely to PFCA research -- our developmental method is eluting up through C12 in less than 5 minutes!

Still further, we are in the last stages of methods development for FTOH extraction/analysis for soils using an Agilent GC/MS with EI/+CI/-CI which also is dedicated to PFCs research.

On both the LC/MS/MS and GC/MS work we are achieving detection limits near the low end of any that we have seen reported in literature.

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So, you can see why we think we are on the cusp of a productive time and it would be great to get a post-doc here during this time, for the post-doc as well as us. I might be out for a few days attending to a family member who is recuperating from surgery, but I plan to check my email, so please let me know if you might have any possible candidates.

I hope to talk with you sometime to hear how your move went/is going --

Thanks,
John

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