

Postdoctoral Position (three years) – Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA), Department of Arctic Ecology, Tromsø, Norway

Project: Mapping threats to arctic bird populations. The effect of infectious organisms and pollution on bird health. IPY #172 BirdHealth. Project leader Sveinn Are Hanssen

Applications are invited for a three year postdoctoral research associate position (from ~15 February 2007) in a project under the International Polar Year (IPY) at the Department of Arctic Ecology, NINA in Tromsø, Norway. The position is funded by a grant from The Research Council of Norway.

The main theme of the project is to understand how infectious organisms and pollution may affect the health, reproduction and survival of arctic bird populations. This will be achieved by field studies of female common eiders *Somateria mollissima* during breeding in three different areas, Northern Norway, Russia (White Sea) and Svalbard. Project description (http://www.ib.uit.no/~sah001/index_files/BH.pdf). The Postdoctor will be a member of a strong project group with members from among others NINA, the Norwegian Polar Institute, Akvaplan-NIVA and the University of Tromsø as well as international Research Institutes/Universities. This exciting environment is ideally suited for research and researcher training. The candidate is expected to take an active part in planning and conducting the fieldwork during the project period.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Evolutionary Biology, Parasitology or Immunoecology. We are looking for a candidate with independent fieldwork experience and with good skills in molecular biology techniques (preferably both genetic and immunological). The ideal candidate will be creative, energetic and have excellent communication skills.

As NINA would like to increase the percentage of women in research positions women are encouraged to apply.

The position is remunerated at salary level 53 – 57 on the Norwegian State Salary scale, amounting to an annual gross salary (level 53) of NOK 383.000.

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Applications should contain a cover letter including a short summary of past accomplishments and future research interests, a CV, list of publications, PDFs of most relevant publications, and contact information of two referees.

Application deadline: **12 January 2007**. Applications should be sent by e-mail to Siri.a.svendsen@nina.no