The Biology department of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Bonn, and the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig – Leibniz Institute for Animal Biodiversity (Bonn) are calling for a

**Director of the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig**
associated with a professorship (W3) for Animal Taxonomy and Systematics at the University of Bonn

to be appointed on 1st of August 2019.

The mission of the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig (ZFMK) is to contribute to the exploration and conservation of global species diversity, to promote taxonomy and molecular biodiversity research, to develop tools required for biodiversity monitoring, the documentation and analysis of ecological and evolutionary biodiversity changes, and to promote knowledge transfer. Further on, ZFMK is a museum with significant public exhibitions on animals and habitats. ZMFK is a public foundation and member of the Leibniz community. ZFMK is an internationally recognized research institution for terrestrial and freshwater zoology and a nationally unique center for molecular biodiversity research.

We are seeking an exceptional, visionary and integrative leader and scientist for the position of director of this institution, able to foster the ongoing development of the ZFMK as a globally leading institute for biodiversity research and biodiversity monitoring. This process requires establishing research strategies in consultation with the Scientific Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees. Applicants should have experience in leading a research institution and fulfill the formal requirements for holding a professorial chair. Scientific excellence of candidates includes outstanding contributions in the fields of zoological taxonomy, phylogenetics, phylogenomics and its algorithmics, species-based and molecular biodiversity research as well as successful fundraising. Applicants must be familiar with collection-based research and collection management and must have taxonomic expertise. They should also have excellent communication and negotiation skills and speak the German language fluently (CEF-level C2). The professorship is a permanent position, approbation as director will initially be for 5 years; as a rule, approbation will be extended.

The Biology department and especially the zoological sciences cooperate closely with the ZFMK. Cooperative research aims at analyzing interdependencies between environment, phenotype and genome as basis for sustainable biodiversity management. For this purpose, prospective appointments of professorships should strengthen integrative evolutionary research and nature conservation in terms of an applied and species-based ecological research. The director will simultaneously hold a Chair for Animal Taxonomy and Systematics at the Institute of Evolutionary Biology and Ecology of the University of Bonn; the formal appointment follows either according to the “Jülicher Modell.” The teaching duties will be reduced to 2 SWS; lectures and courses should be part of the international master program MSc. OEP Biology. For detailed information see www.zfmk.de, www.biologie.uni-bonn.de and www.oep-bio.uni-bonn.de.

Formal requirements for employments are regulated by the standards for appointments in leading scientific positions within the Leibniz Association and by § 36 Hochschulgesetz NRW.

The Leibniz Association and the University of Bonn are committed to diversity and equal opportunities. The University of Bonn is certified as a family-friendly university and has a dual career service. It aims to increase the proportion of women in areas where women are under-represented and to promote their careers in particular. It therefore strongly encourages women with relevant qualifications to apply. Applications will be handled in accordance with the Landesgleichstellungs-gesetz (State Equality Act). Applications from suitable individuals with a certified serious disability and those of equal status are particularly welcome.

Applications in English, accompanied by supporting documentation (CV, certificates, lists of publications and funding, teaching activities and copies of certificates) and a concept for developing the museum and university cooperation should be submitted until **31st of March 2019** in electronic form to the **Head of the Biology Department, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Endenicher Allee 11-13. 53115 Bonn, Germany (E-Mail: biologie@uni-bonn.de).**