The Genome Centre Cologne at the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (MPIPZ) in Cologne is seeking a

**Head of Genome Centre**

to lead the genomics service group. The successful applicant will be responsible for providing state of the art next generation DNA sequencing technology and related genomics methods to scientists at the MPIPZ and partner Max Planck Institutes. Responsibilities include managing support staff working in the laboratories, bioinformatics and robotics to provide high-quality DNA sequencing, updating the service as new technologies become available and proposing non-standard solutions to genomics-related problems. In addition, the successful applicant is expected to show excellent communication skills in order to interact with the many users of the Genome Centre at the MPIPZ and other Max Planck Institutes. Fluent written and spoken communication in English is essential, and German would be advantageous.

We seek a creative, flexible and highly motivated candidate with a PhD in the life sciences and postdoctoral experience of genomics. Previous experience of working with plants is not required, but prior experience in the operation of a sequencing facility or other high-throughput service centre would be advantageous. The position is available for 4 years initially with an approximate starting date of January 2017. The successful applicant will work together with the existing Head of Genome Centre (Dr Richard Reinhardt) until his retirement in December 2017. Payment and benefits are according to German TVöD.

The Max Planck Institute of Plant Breeding Research (MPIPZ) (http://www.mpipz.mpg.de) is one of the world’s premier sites committed to research of fundamental processes and training in plant biology. There are four science departments, the Genome Centre Cologne, three independent research groups and specialist support, totaling ~ 400 staff including externally funded positions.

The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more handicapped individuals and especially encourages them to apply. The Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.

Please send your application including CV and name of at least two academic referees latest by **August 25th, 2016** via e-mail to:

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