The Department of Plant-Microbe Interactions (http://www.mpipz.mpg.de/10563/pmi-dpt) at the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (MPIPZ) in Cologne invites applications for a

**Junior Group Leader**

**Multitrophic Plant-Microbe Interactions**

The successful applicant will be expected to develop a research programme on mechanisms underlying the establishment and functions of multitrophic plant-microbe interactions. Applicants are also expected to establish collaborative work with departmental project leaders.

We seek a creative and motivated candidate with a PhD and at least 2 years postdoctoral training in plant and microbial sciences. Candidates will have an internationally competitive and proven record of research accomplishments. Experience in microbial ecology and analysis of plant-associated communities, including bacteria and fungi, is an advantage.

The position (payment according to public service regulation TVÖD) will be for 5 years as of September 2016 with the possibility of extension. Additional funding will be provided for a technical assistant and a PhD student within the group.

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

The Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such qualified individuals. Furthermore, 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 use our online application platform: https://s-lotus.gwdg.de/mpg/mkzf/pmi-jgl0416.nsf/Bewerbungen and apply by **May 13, 2016** (application deadline).

Interviews with shortlisted candidates will be held on **June 6, 2016**.