Re: PhD.

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I'm graduate of a Master Degree in Ecology, Evolution, Biometry at the University of Lyon (France) and currently looking for a PhD. I was working on a project for many months but for now, this one still doesn't have any subvention.

I'm writing you because I'm fond of mustelids for many years.

I followed a traditional study course at the university and during this one a real passion for biology borned. Passionated by the various theories of evolution and its application in ecology, population genetics, and conservation biology, I am also very interested by modelling and biostatistics which seem to me to be paramount tools for the wildlife followup. My passion for evolution biology gives me desire to look further on the matter. Moreover, I'm deeply passionated by mustelids family. I like to read works with regard to them that confers me a good bibliographical knowledge on the matter. I've many assets mainly on European and American Minks because it was the subject of a wide bibliographical work during my third school year at the university. Also am I on the Pine Marten because it was my studying subject during more than three months and half during my first year of Master training course.

My attraction for biology makes me constantly in search of bibliography, books or publications that give me strong foundations for new concepts apprehension. Thus at the time of my bibliographical searches, specially those ones which concern mustelids, I found your concern about otter on the otter specialist group. Thus I'm highly motivated for a PhD placement in your organisation because I want to work on this kind of animal and I feel that I would be able to make a useful contribution as well as benefiting personally from the valuable experience it would provide. I carried out seven training courses during these three past years, which represents more than two years of cumulated experience in laboratory or in the wild. One of these training courses led to the drafting of a publication (in progress) where I appear as a second author and I'm currently writing an article that deals with mating choice in the European Polecat. My various track records consolidate me in my wish to continue in research. This is why I hope my candidature will hold your attention and I will be able to integrate your research team.

I am available for an interview at your convenience and ready to begin position as soon as possible.

Best regards

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