



## **EXECUTIVE SEARCH**

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| <b><u>Client Company:</u></b>         | Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN) Website: <a href="https://www.crnusa.org">https://www.crnusa.org</a>   |
| <b><u>Position:</u></b>               | Senior Vice President, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs   |
| <b><u>Reports to:</u></b>             | President & CEO, Council for Responsible Nutrition   |
| <b><u>Location:</u></b>               | Washington, D.C.   |
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### **Company Overview:**

The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), founded in 1973 and based in Washington, D.C., is the leading trade association representing dietary supplement and functional food manufacturers and ingredient suppliers. CRN companies produce a large portion of the dietary supplements marketed in the United States and globally. CRN's mission is to sustain and enhance a climate for our members to responsibly develop, manufacture and market dietary supplements, functional food and their nutritional ingredients.

CRN's member companies manufacture popular national brands as well as the store brands marketed by major supermarkets, drug stores and discount chains. These products also include those marketed through natural food stores and mainstream direct selling companies.

CRN represents more than 150 companies that manufacture dietary ingredients and/or dietary supplements, or supply services to those suppliers and manufacturers. Our member companies are expected to comply with a host of federal and state regulations governing dietary supplements in the areas of manufacturing, marketing, quality control and safety.

### **Position Objective:**

To increase the awareness of the evolving scientific resource base that supports an appropriate role for dietary supplements and functional food and to use that science as the basis for responding to and influencing regulatory and legislative initiatives, activities and media coverage of dietary supplements and functional food.

To act as the head of the CRN Scientific and Regulatory department.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide scientific expertise in nutrition, botanical medicine, and Integrative Healthcare for evaluating proposed government or industry actions;
- Build rapport with scientific and healthcare community on issues and identify experts who can provide assistance to CRN on matters of concern;
- Develop CRN position statements on scientific issues pertaining to the benefit and safety of nutritional and botanical supplements and functional food and submit comments to government agencies on proposed regulatory actions;
- Ensure that CRN's legislative or other policy positions are based on a sound scientific rationale. Analyze emerging research results and put new data into perspective for CRN members, for regulators and legislators, for the media, and for the public;
- Build cooperative and productive relationships with other trade, professional, and consumer organizations with an interest in dietary supplements and functional food and seek to develop harmonious approaches on issues of mutual interest;
- Support CRN self-regulatory initiatives by providing sound scientific support and judgment;
- Monitor regulatory proposals and prepare comprehensive comments or other responses that reflect CRN members' views;
- Manage CRN member input on pending regulatory proposals by providing information, communicating effectively, and providing the opportunity for feedback from CRN members;
- Provide formal and informal input based on science and CRN member viewpoints to regulators on issues affecting the industry;
- Establish ongoing effective networks with regulatory officials to facilitate communication. Ensure that CRN members are fully aware of regulatory developments and that they are provided with an opportunity for input.
- Serve as a resource for CRN members on the current status of regulations and proposals, and on the interpretation of regulations, seek input from regulatory officials or from counsel as appropriate;
- Respond to CRN member requests for information and guidance on technical, regulatory, or scientific issues in biochemistry, botanical medicine, nutrition, pharmacology, pharmacognosy or regulatory issues as they relate to dietary supplements and functional food;
- Organize and provide staff support for CRN member working groups and coordinate topics and speakers on science and regulatory topics for the CRN Annual Conference, The Workshop and other CRN-sponsored events;
- Work with the CRN communications staff to heighten the visibility of positive information on the safety and benefits of dietary supplements and functional food. Serve as a credible spokesperson for CRN and the industry on relevant issues. Oversees the administrative aspects of the Scientific and Regulatory department and has supervisory responsibility over several direct reports.

## **Qualifications and Technical Skills:**

- Doctorate degree from a recognized institution (MD, PhD, ND, etc.) in a relevant discipline (e.g. nutrition, biochemistry, organic chemistry, natural products chemistry, etc.) with minimum five years' experience in some combination of an industry, academic or government setting.
- Familiarity with current federal regulation of dietary supplements and conventional food and previous dietary supplement or food industry or FDA experience is preferred.
- Specific: Knowledge of relevant government and non-government departments and staff structure (e.g. FDA, FTC, NIH, USDA, IOM, etc...); knowledge of relevant international policies, regulations and related institutions and authoritative bodies.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills are required with some history of publication in peer-reviewed journals. Must have the ability to multi-task and work in collegial, fast-paced, fluid environment as a team player with other staff and with member company representatives.

**Applicant Submission:**

Qualified applicants wishing to be considered for this role should submit their resume / CV to their U.S.-based executive search firm partner Global Recruiters of Madison and Project Lead Brian Stuesser, President, at [bstuesser@grnmadison.com](mailto:bstuesser@grnmadison.com)