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we are delighted to send you the Second Edition of the Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe Newsletter. The newsletter will inform you about news, events, publications, and other topics related to the scientific work of the institute.

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10 Years of IAMO

The Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe celebrated its 10th anniversary on 5th November 2004. During a commemorative event in Halle, numerous high-ranking representatives from policy, science, and administration recognised the merits and achievements of IAMO. Further information on the event is available in a [press release](#) (in German).



IAMO Forum 2004

IAMO's annual conference IAMO Forum took place from 4th - 6th November 2004 in Halle. This year's topic was "The Role of Agriculture in Central and Eastern European Development: Engine of Change or Social Buffer?" More than 160 experts from about 25 countries, among them many prominent representatives from science and policy attended the IAMO Forum 2004. You are welcome to download the [proceedings](#) from our homepage.

IAMO Forum 2005

How Effective is the Invisible Hand?
Agricultural and Food Markets in Central and Eastern Europe
16 - 18 June 2005
IAMO Forum 2005 will deal with markets in the food chain. We will discuss the conditions in CEEC and the resulting opportunities and challenges for input suppliers, farmers, processors, retailers and consumers. Please submit abstracts for contributed papers and posters before December 1, 2004.
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Award for Sabine Baum and Peter Weingarten

Two IAMO researchers were recognized at the recent 44th Annual Meeting of the German Association of Agricultural Economists (Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften des Landbaues), which explored the topic "Environmental and Product Quality in Agriculture", and took place in Berlin from 27th to 29th September 2004. The contribution "Interregionale Disparitäten und Entwicklung ländlicher Räume als regionalpolitische Herausforderung für die neuen EU-Mitgliedstaaten" (Interregional disparities and rural development as challenges for regional policy in the new EU member states) by Sabine Baum and Peter Weingarten was selected for the plenary session as one of the three best contributed papers. An extended version of this paper with the same title is available as IAMO [Discussion Paper No. 61](#) and can be downloaded from the IAMO homepage.

New EU project FOODCOMM

IAMO is a partner in the EU-funded project "*Key factors influencing economic relationships and communication in European food chains*" (FOODCOMM). FOODCOMM aim to describe and assess communication channels in selected food chains. In addition, recommendations for improving information transfer are expected. The project is conducted against the background of reduced policy intervention into the value chains. This, in turn, increases the responsibilities of other actors regarding the transmission of information and the exchange of products in order to improve competitiveness of the food chains, stabilize markets, and to assure the provision of non-hazardous food. Prof. Dr. Monika Hartmann from Bonn University co-ordinates the research consortium, which consists of colleagues from Finland, Ireland, Scotland, Poland, and Spain.

Study on future potential of Saxon agriculture

In September IAMO presented the results of a study prepared for the Saxon Ministry of Agriculture. The main issues were the opportunities and challenges arising from the EU accession of the Czech Republic and Poland for and the impacts of the EU agricultural policy on the Saxon agri-food sector. According to the results, the CAP reform and the ongoing liberalisation on the world markets will influence the Saxon agri-food sector much more than the eastward enlargement of the EU. Regarding the competitiveness of the Saxon farms, lower factor prices for labour and land in the New Member States are offset by high labour productivity and a favourable farm structure in Saxony. The study will soon be published in the series of the Saxon Regional Office for Agriculture. A preliminary version of the study is available on the IAMO website.

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Agricultural Policy Symposium "Rural Areas in Central and Eastern Europe - Opportunities and Challenges"

IAMO is organizing a symposium under this topic which will take place in the context of the annual East-West-Forum of Green Week. In light of the reformed CAP the role of agriculture for the future development of rural areas becomes more and more a key topic of the European agricultural policy. Structural changes and the transformation to market economies raised the fundamental question about a "redefinition" of the role of agriculture in rural areas. In their contributions, Professor Csaba Csaki, Corvinus University of Budapest and long-term official of the World Bank, Dr. Gerhard K. Heilig, Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg,

Austria, Urszula Budzich-Szukala, Professor Jerzy Wilkin, Warsaw University and Professor Alexander V. Petrikov, Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences will present current agricultural, economic and social aspects of rural development in Central and Eastern Europe.

Time: Friday, 20th January 2005, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Place: International Congress Center (ICC), Berlin, hall 9

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Future potentials for agribusiness and rural areas in Kazakhstan

A further event in the framework of the 12th East-West-Forum IAMO is organising in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) is a forum for debate about "Future potentials for agribusiness and rural areas in Kazakhstan". Well-known speakers from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture, the Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, GTZ and IAMO will participate.

Time: Thursday, 20th January 2005, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Place: GTZ-Haus, Reichpietschufer 20, 10785 Berlin

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New Publications

[all IAMO publications](#)

Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Central and Eastern Europe

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