



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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**IAMO's second Newsletter of 2006 documents the invigorated position of the institute in the international research community. We are especially delighted to announce that Professor Ulrich Koester and Professor Johann Swinnen, two internationally-renowned researchers, have joined the Institute's scientific advisory board. We consider their acceptance as appreciation for our past work as well as a commitment for the future.**

Sincerely,  
Prof. Dr. Alfons Balmann  
(Geschäftsführender Direktor)

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### **1st Halle Efficiency and Productivity Analysis Workshop – HEPAW, June 20th – 21st**

The *1st Halle Efficiency and Productivity Analysis Workshop – HEPAW* will take place at the Halle Institute of Economic Research (IWH), June 20-21. The objective of the workshop, organized by IWH and IAMO, is to address theoretical and empirical research in productivity and efficiency measurement in economics, agricultural economics, management science, operations research and related fields. The workshop is intended to bring together the German productivity measurement community from all related fields, but is certainly open to any interested researchers. We are pleased to announce keynote lectures by Tim Coelli and Subal Kumbhakar. For further information, see our [homepage](#) .

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### **IAMO Forum 2006, June 29th – July 1st**

This year`s IAMO Forum, *Agriculture In The Face Of Changing Markets, Institutions And Policies - Challenges and Strategies* , will be held from June 29 th to July 1 st. Approximately 200 guests are expected from more than 25 countries. On the first day, 40 researchers will present their work. On the second day, experts from the business community, associations and federations, politics and science will discuss agriculture in an enlarged EU, as well as strategies for agricultural enterprises under changing frameworks. For further information, see our [homepage](#).

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### **Summer School "Agriculture in Transition", Minsk, Belarus, July 17th – 28th**

The fifth annual summer school *Agriculture in Transition* for young enterprise and administration leaders will be held from July 17 th - 28 th in Minsk. A follow-up excursion to Germany is included in the program. The summer school is organised by Prof. Dr. Michael Grings and Dr. Jürgen Wandel of the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Rural Landscape Planning (IAA) in the faculty of agriculture, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, and by IAMO. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) grants financial support to the program. The centre for agricultural economics in Minsk also provides valuable support.

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### **"European Summer School 2006" in Prague (EGATE), July 31st – August 11th**

The Institute of Agricultural Economics Prague (VÚZE), IAMO and the Czech Agricultural University in Prague (CZU) are organising the "European Summer School 2006": *Efficiency and Growth in the Agriculture of Transition Economies (EGATE)* which will take place from July 31 st to August 11 th in Prague. The EGATE summer school is the first summer school of the EU-financed Marie-Curie Conferences and Training Courses Series, *Modern Agriculture in Central and Eastern Europe: Tools for the Analysis and Management of Rural Change (MACE)*. EGATE aims to provide young scholars with an introduction to the essential concepts and methods of efficiency and productivity theory, such as Data Envelopment Analysis and Stochastic Frontier Analysis, and to facilitate their empirical application through practical exercises. Extensive time will be provided for discussions among participants. For further information, see our [homepage](#) .

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### **4th Young Scientists Workshop on Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, September 4th – 6th**

From September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Young Scientists Workshop on *Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe* will take place at IAMO. For more information on this workshop, please contact our [homepage](#) .

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### **Professor Ulrich Koester and Professor Johann Swinnen join the scientific advisory board**

On April 1st, 2006, Professor Ulrich Koester and Professor Johann Swinnen joined IAMO's scientific advisory board. Previously, Prof. Koester held the Chair for Agricultural Market Analysis at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agricultural Science, Christian-Albrechts University of Kiel, Germany, until 2003. Prof. Swinnen currently holds the Chair of Development Economics and leads the LICOS – Center for Transition Economics, both at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. IAMO is very proud to have such internationally-recognised scientists join its scientific advisory board.



### **Long-standing members of the IAMO Foundation Board depart**

Dr. Jörg Wendisch and Dr. Manfred Lückemeyer from the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection have resigned from their positions as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the IAMO foundation board due to new duties and responsibilities. Dr. Wendisch, who was one of the founders of IAMO, was a member of the foundation board since 1996, whereas Dr. Lückemeyer was on the foundation board since 1999. During these years, they both supported the development of the institute and enhanced the work undertaken by IAMO with helpful advice. IAMO would like to thank Dr. Wendisch and Dr. Lückemeyer for their long-standing and exceptional commitment.

Along these lines, IAMO would like to welcome their replacements from the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection: Dr. Rudolf Wendt and Dr. Ulrich Neubauer will be joining the board.

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### **China project funding awarded**

The "Stifterverband der Deutschen Wissenschaft" (Foundation for German Science) recently granted EUR 25,000 for two outstanding projects in the field of agricultural sciences. One of the selected projects, "Transition of Agricultural Households in the People's Republic of China", headed by Professor Thomas Glauben, has been awarded EUR 12,500. The project aims to analyse the economic adjustment behaviour of agricultural households during the course of the drastic economic and agricultural policy reforms in China.

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## Recent Publications

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### IAMO Discussion Papers

GRAMZOW, A. (2005): Local partnership as an incubator for rural development: The case of Dębrzno, North-West Poland, *IAMO Discussion Paper No. 90*, Halle (Saale). [[download](#)]

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