



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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This Newsletter contains the first call for papers for the **IAMO Forum 2007, *Sustainable rural development: What is the role of the agri-food sector?*** Also, we are especially delighted that **Kathrin Happe**, a member of the IAMO research staff, has been nominated for the prize for distinguished academic work by young scientists employed at Institutes of the Leibniz Association. She was nominated by **Section B, *Economics, Social Sciences, Space Research*** of the Leibniz Association. Furthermore, the newsletter will provide you with updates on news, events, publications, and other topics related to the scientific work of the Institute.

Sincerely,  
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(Managing Director)

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### Call for Papers for the IAMO Forum 2007

The IAMO Forum 2007 will take place in Halle (Saale) from June 27- 29. The topic of the conference will be *Sustainable rural development: What is the role of the agri-food sector?* Proposals for contributions can be submitted as a two-page summary until 1 st December 2006, to [forum2007@iamo.de](mailto:forum2007@iamo.de) . A [call for papers](#) and further information can be found on the [conference website](#) .

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### IAMO at Green Week 2007: Bio-energy and European Agriculture

During Green Week 2007, the 14 th East-West Agricultural Forum on European agriculture and Bio-energy will take place. Together with other international scientists, IAMO will organise a symposium regarding the question of whether or not bio-energy is a strategic alternative for European farmers. On Friday 19 th January 2007, the one-day symposium

will start at 09:30 in Hall 9, ICC Berlin. The focus of the symposium will be on the potential of European agriculture to extract bio-energy and which prospects, risks and expectations are bound to bio-energy.

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### **Kathrin Happe nominated for the young scientist price of the Leibniz Association**

The Leibniz Association yearly awards a prize for the best academic work of young scientists employed at Institutes of the Leibniz Association. A distinguished dissertation from a member institute of the Leibniz Association shall be honoured with this prize. First, each of the five sections of the Leibniz Association elects one candidate from all proposals submitted. In a second step, the grand jury appoints a winner. This year the Section B *Economics, Social Sciences, Space Research* of the Leibniz Association, which contains 17 institutes, has nominated the dissertation of Kathrin Happe, titled „Structural, efficiency, and income effects of agricultural policies – an agent based analysis of the region Hohenlohe in Southwest Germany“. This study has already won the GEWISOLA prize for best dissertation in 2005. GEWISOLA is the Association of German agricultural economists.

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### **New DFG-project on social capital acquired**

Last August, the German Research Foundation (DFG) approved a funding proposal for the research project *Social capital and informal social networks in a changing natural and institutional environment*. A team coordinated by Gertrud Buchenrieder, head of IAMO's agricultural policy department, prepared the proposal. The project aims to enhance understanding of the role of social capital and social networks in rural households' economic behaviour. Household surveys in Vietnam and Thailand will be conducted to compile data sets for econometric analyses and particularly inter-country comparisons. The collaborative project will involve partners from the Hanoi Agricultural University and the Kasetsart University, Bangkok.

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### **New EU-Project acquired: addressing rural structural change (SCARLED)**

The project proposal *Structural change in agriculture and rural livelihoods* (SCARLED) for the 6th framework program of the EU, written under the leadership of Gertrud Buchenrieder, has been accepted. Ten partners from eight countries are cooperating in this project, with IAMO's Department of Agricultural Policy coordinating. The aims of the project are twofold. On the one hand, the focus is on analyzing the restructuring process in the agricultural sector and the socio-economic transformation of rural areas in

the new member states. On the other hand, the analogous processes in prior accession rounds of the old EU-15 will be analyzed in order to find some lessons for the new member states.

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### **IAMO researchers contribute to the Worldbank's World Development Report 2008**

Following an invitation of InWEnt gGmbH, researchers from IAMO joined the preparations for the World Development Report 2008 *Agriculture for Development* of the Worldbank. Martin Petrick and Axel Wolz took part in an international policy workshop in early September, where Martin Petrick gave a presentation on decentralisation and local governance in Polish rural development. His results will be incorporated into the World Development Report and will be published in the Worldbank's and InWEnt gGmbH's *Berlin Workshop Series*. Further information can be obtained from the [Worldbank](#) and the [InWEnt gGmbH](#).

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### **Staff matters**

Dr. Peter Weingarten has been offered the position of director of the Institute of Rural Studies at the Federal Agricultural Research Centre (FAL).



### **Recent Publications**

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

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