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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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As a result of its second intensive evaluation of the institute, the Senate of the Leibniz Association has recommended the further unrestricted funding of IAMO by the German Federal Government and the Federal States. In other news, we are especially delighted that for a second time a member of the IAMO research staff, Xiaobing Wang, has been nominated for the prize for distinguished academic work by young scientists employed at Leibniz Association Institutes. Furthermore, the newsletter will provide you with updates on news, events, publications, and other topics related to the scientific work of the institute.

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IAMO Forum 2009 - 20 Years of Transition in Agriculture

With an eye to the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the 2009 IAMO Forum will highlight the economic and political developments in the various agri-food sectors, as well as changes in rural society and natural resource management in the CEECs during the last 20 years. Moreover, implications for theory building and research perspectives will be addressed. The Forum 2009 will be combined with a special session organized by the *European Review of Agricultural Economics (ERAE)* and the *European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE)*. The special session will comprise 3-4 invited papers, which will be published in a Special Issue of the ERAE, together with a selection of the best papers presented at the IAMO Forum 2009 that fall within the area covered by the ERAE. Date of the Forum: 17-19 June, 2009. Venue: IAMO, Halle (Saale), Germany. You can find more information [here](#).

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Coming up: Conference for junior researchers in Berlin, January 2009

IAMO and its partners will conduct the Third Green Week Scientific Conference titled Multi-Level Processes of Integration and Disintegration, on

the 14th and 15th of January 2009 in Berlin. We invite junior researchers engaged in post-graduate or post-doctoral studies from the EU and its Associated States, as well as other countries, to present and discuss their research projects and findings. Young scientists from Central and Eastern European countries are particularly encouraged to apply. Abstracts must be electronically submitted by October 15th. You can find further information [here](#).

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IAMO successfully evaluated

The 82 research institutions of the Leibniz-Gemeinschaft are comprehensively evaluated by external third-party reviewers at least every seven years; IAMO was first evaluated in 2000. The result of IAMO's second evaluation, in December 2007, are now publicly available. In a statement given on July 9, 2008, the Senate of the Leibniz-Gemeinschaft recommends that the Federal Government of Germany and the Federal State Governments should continue funding IAMO for the next seven years without restrictions of any kind.

IAMO's scientific performance was predominantly evaluated as very good, excellently in particular cases, and good otherwise. The Senate emphasizes the extremely positive development of IAMO within the last 7 years. In particular, IAMO has significantly increased the acquisition of external funds in reviewed processes, as well as the number of publications in international scientific journals.

Also, the Senate pointed out IAMO's outstanding commitment to transferring benefits to the research community in Central and Eastern European countries, especially the advancement of young scientific researchers. Further details of the Senate's statement, you can find [here](#) (in German).

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Xiaobing Wang nominated for the Leibniz Association's Young Scientists Prize

Every year the Leibniz Association awards a prize for the best academic work of young scientists employed at its institutes. Particularly, it honors a distinguished dissertation from a member institute of the *Leibniz Association*. This year Section B, *Economics, Social Sciences, Space Research of the Leibniz-Association*, which contains 16 institutes, has nominated the dissertation written by Xiaobing Wang, titled "Labour market behaviour of Chinese rural households during transition". You can download the study, which was published in 2007, from [our homepage](#).

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IAMO joins large-scale project "REAP" on rural education in China

The *Rural Education Action Project (REAP)* is a unique large-scale project characterized as "action-oriented research" that aims to fill the large knowledge gaps in rural education and to help thousands of poor Chinese

people living in underdeveloped rural regions to access higher education. The major partners in this newly-launched project are the *Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies*, the *School of Education* (both of Stanford University), the *Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP)* of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the *Northwest Social-Economic Development Research Center* (Xi'an, Shaanxi) and the *Tsinghua University* (Beijing). IAMO will undertake research tasks in the subproject titled "Getting Poor Students 'Over the University Hurdle'". The aim of this research is to gain knowledge on the effectiveness of the actions taken by the [REAP](#)-programme.

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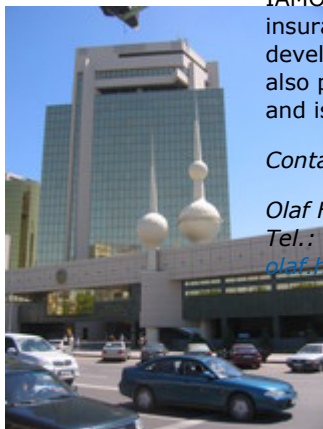


Project report delivered to the Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture

Dr. Olaf Heidelberg, a former IAMO researcher, delivered 200 copies of a Russian-language project report on 'Crop Insurance in Kazakhstan – An Analysis of Effective Risk Management Instruments' to the Kazakh Ministry of Agriculture on June 17, 2008. This report summarizes the results of a research project funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and implemented at IAMO from 2003-2006. Prepared for policy-makers in agricultural and insurance industries, the report makes a major contribution to the further development of the crop insurance system in Kazakhstan. The report was also published in 2007 as the 37th volume of the IAMO monograph series and is available on our [homepage](#).

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Recent Publications

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