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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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in the context of a study IAMO researchers are working on for The World Bank Dr. Holger Kray, Lead Operations Officer of The World Bank, visited IAMO at the beginning of February. The study will provide information for the policy dialogue and the cooperation of The World Bank with the European Commission and the governments of Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia. This and further news as well as an overview of recent publications of IAMO researchers you will find in the following newsletter.

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Dr. Holger Kray (2nd from left) in conversation with IAMO researchers. Photo: Britta Paasche

IAMO researchers are working on study for The World Bank

At the moment two researcher teams of IAMO are working on a study for The World Bank. On the one hand they analyse – using the example of fruit and vegetable in Croatia, beef in Bulgaria and milk in Romania – the chances and risks of structured finance and innovative risk management instruments for the integration of small farmers in selected high-value food chains. On the other hand they examine how effective and efficient the services of the agricultural administrations in Bulgaria and Romania are working. For example they look how the Common Agricultural Policy funds are distributed. The whole study will provide information for the policy dialogue and the cooperation of The World Bank with the European Commission and the governments of Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia. At the beginning of February Dr. Holger Kray, Lead Operations Officer of The World Bank in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development and responsible for Europe and Central Asia Region, visited IAMO, to discuss the project. At the end of March the study will be submitted to The World Bank.

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Rice harvest by hand in China. Photo: Amanda Sahrbacher

Land and Labour Institutions and China's Rural Development

In cooperation with the Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy, the International Food Policy Research Institute, the Universities Michigan State and Stanford, and The World Bank IAMO researchers Dr. Xiaobing Wang and Prof. Dr. Thomas Glauben are working on „Land and Labour Institutions and China's Rural Development“. The research project is a follow-up project to a study published in 2000, which collected representative data on the situation of rural communities and households of 60 villages in six different provinces of rural China. Now again a representative data set shall be collected. On the basis of both data sets the researchers will then analyse the changes in land and labour institutions, to identify the effects on rural households, and to establish predictions on future developments as an input into policy decisions that are currently on the agenda. In the last nine years for instance changes in China's taxation and diverse investments in the local infrastructure have been taken place. Also the Chinese labor market underwent huge changes since 2000. Currently, the researchers are preparing the questionnaire, which will be used for collecting the data in the next months.

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Impression of the IAMO Forum 2008. Photo: Sibylle Mundt

IAMO Forum 2009: 17-19 June, Halle

From 17th till 19th June IAMO hosts the 2009 IAMO Forum. Topic of the international conference will be "20 Years of Transition in Agriculture: What has been achieved? Where are we heading?". 20 years after the Berlin Wall came down and massive transition processes started to change the economical and the political systems in Eastern and Central Europe we want to take stock of these processes and reflect on the developments which also lead to structural changes in the agri-food sector and the rural areas. At the same time we want to look ahead and spot and discuss future trends and developments. We would like to invite you to bring your views and experiences to the debates. **When registering till 15th May 2009 the conference fee will be 150 EUR**, single day tickets are available for 75 EUR. The conference will be combined with a Special Session organised by the European Review of Agricultural Economics (ERAE) and the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE). The special session will comprise three to four invited papers, which will be published in a Special Issue of the ERAE together with a selection of the best papers presented at the conference that fall within the area covered by the ERAE. For more information on the IAMO Forum 2009 see [here](#) to register online click [here](#).

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Call for Papers for special issue of „German Journal of Agricultural Economics“

In cooperation with IAMO the "German Journal of Agricultural Economics" will publish a **special issue on "20 Years of Transition in the Agri-Food Sector – Analyses of Trade, Markets and Policy"** at the end of 2009. Authors can apply with their papers till **1st May 2009**. Papers should have not been published so far and should be no longer than 25 pages. They can be submitted to specialissue@iamo.de. Besides overview articles on transition processes in Eastern and Central Europe, the editors are especially interested in papers which draw economic, agricultural, and policy conclusions regarding the agri-food sector. For more information see [here](#).

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Axel Wolz and Astrid Rewerts. Photos: Agnieszka Borkowski und Amanda Sahrbacher

Our colleagues at the BMELV

Presently, two IAMO researchers are delegated for several months to work at the The Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV). Since January Dr. Axel Wolz is working at the department 623: Relations to non-European developed countries, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia and Oceania. During the International Green Week he was for instance responsible for taking care of the Indonesian Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Anton Apriyantono. Now he is preparing the travels of the Parliamentary Secretary Dr. Gerd Müller to Vietnam and Japan. Besides him Dr. Astrid Rewerts is now working in the capital. The researcher who just recently finished her PhD on "Motives at wine consumption – Differences between German and Ukrainian Consumers" works since mid-February at the BMELV Department 624: International Projects, Coordination of Export Affairs. Here she deals first of all with promotion of exports.



Theory and praxis I: SEAMLESS training course in Nové Hradý

SEAMLESS stands for "System for Environmental and Agricultural Modelling – Linking European Science and Society". From 1st till 6th February a training course on „Integrated Assessment of Agriculture and Sustainable Development in Central and Eastern European Countries" was held as part of the project which is running since 2005 and is funded by the EU Framework Programme 6 (Global Change and Ecosystems). On invitation of IAMO, the Division of Resource Economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the Institute of Systems Biology and Ecology at the Department of Landscape Ecology at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic 15 participants and eight lecturers met in Czech Nové Hradý. In a intense working atmosphere the participants gained theoretical understanding of the methods, models and tools used in integrated assessment of agricultural systems. In practical exercises they have also got an impression how to use integrated assessment and modelling for their own research. Together, participants and lecturers discussed the potentials but also the limits and problems of integrated assessment. SEAMLESS aims at providing a basis to assess and compare, ex-ante, alternative agricultural and environmental policy options. For more information check the [SEAMLESS website](#).

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Graduate School Workshop.
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Theory and praxis II: IAMO Graduate School research workshop in Karpacz

From 16th till 20th February the first IAMO Graduate School Research Workshop was held in Karpacz (Poland). Organised mainly by eight PhD students the workshop innovatively combined theoretical and practical aspects of scientific work. The PhD students used the opportunity to elaborately discuss their own research work with the four Postdocs who were accompanying them in Karpacz. Under expert guidance of Mareike Wolter they tested their moderation skills and checked out various methods of group work. One highlight of the workshop was a half day excursion to a rural development cooperation [Ducha Gór](#) (spirit of the mountain). This association of several municipalities, organisations and private persons is funded by the LEADER programme of the European Union. It aims among other things to tap new income resources for the local small-scale farmers. By this, the excursion has been directly linked to the main topic of the Graduate School: "Prospects for small-scale farm structures in the new

Member States of the European Union". For more information on the IAMO Graduate School check [here](#).

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Recent Publications

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