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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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the Volkswagen Foundation has announced this year's Schumpeter Fellows, one of them is IAMO researcher Vladislav Valentinov. His project on the role of third sector organisations for rural development is granted 548.000 for the next five years. For IAMO this also honours the institute's approach to combine scientific expertise with the promotion of young academics. You will also read about programme highlights of the IAMO Forum 2010, the Call for Papers of the HAWEPA workshop, new research projects and recent publications. We hope you will enjoy reading.

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Vladislav Valentinov. Photo:
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IAMO researcher wins Schumpeter Fellowship of the Volkswagen Foundation

Vladislav Valentinov, researcher at IAMO, successfully applied for a [Schumpeter Fellowship](#) of the Volkswagen Foundation. Since 2006 the foundation supports with this fellowship projects in economics, the social sciences and law which break through the boundaries of the respective discipline or depart from the mainstream by realizing collaboration beyond traditional subject combinations. All in all 32 researchers applied in 2009 for the fellowship. In the end Valentinov's project **Third sector organizations in rural development: a theoretical and empirical analysis** was one of eight projects chosen for funding. With the granted 548,000 EUR Valentinov will over the next five years formulate and empirically test an economic theory of the third sector, the rurality theory. His general hypothesis is that rurality-specific transaction costs give rise to the emergence of rural third sector organisations. With this project Valentinov, who is working at IAMO since 2003, continues his research in the field of institutional economics. Already in 2005 he won a Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowship.

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Representatives of IFPRI, Florida State University and the European Commission to be keynote speakers at the IAMO Forum 2010

The **IAMO Forum 2010 "Institutions in Transition – Challenges for New Modes of Governance"** takes place from **June 16-18, 2010, in Halle (Saale), Germany**. In three plenary sessions the international conference will highlight the issues governance in natural resource management, formulation and design of policies and new theoretical developments in analysing rural institutions. Parallels session with paper and poster presentations complete the programme. The scientific programme will close with a panel discussion raising the question how the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union is adapted to the specific conditions of the new member countries. Among the keynote speakers of the IAMO Forum 2010 are Regina Birner, IFPRI - The International Food Policy Research Institute, Eric A. Coleman, The Florida State University, Emil Erjavec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Konrad Hagedorn, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Tassos Haniotis, European Commission. **Until May 14 early bird registration** for the conference is available: with a conference fee of **180 EUR** (dayticket 90 EUR). For more information please have a look at <http://forum2010.iamo.de>.

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Call for Papers: HAWEPA Workshop 2010

The **3rd Halle Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis (HAWEPA)** will take place at IAMO on **June 28-29, 2010**. Aim of the workshop, organised by IAMO and the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), is to address new developments in theoretical and empirical research in productivity and efficiency measurement. Papers on the theory of productivity and efficiency measurement as well as on all fields of empirical application, including agriculture, regulation, health economics, production, environmental economics, government and industry are welcome. You are invited to **submit an elaborate abstract** of up to 800 words **until April 10, 2010 to hockmann@iamo.de**. For more information please see the [workshop website](#), where you can also register for the workshop. The registration fee is 40 EUR.

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Deadline for paper submission extended: 118th EAAE seminar

Papers for the **118th EAAE seminar "Rural development: governance, policy design and delivery"** (August 25-27, 2010, Ljubljana, Slovenia) are now **invited until March 15, 2010**. The seminar is organised by the University of Ljubljana and IAMO. For more information please see <http://www.118-eaae-ruraldevelopment.org>.

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CuiMu Zhen elementary boarding school in the province Shaanxi. Photo: Kelly Labar

IAMO joins REAP project

End of December 2009 IAMO has officially joined the project consortium of the **Rural Education and Action Project (REAP)**. Project partners are researchers of Stanford University, the Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy at the Chinese Academy of Science CCAP, and the Northwest University in Xi'an. REAP aims at **making education in rural China more accessible, affordable and of higher quality**. The Chinese government has identified schools as a promising option to sustainably foster the development of rural regions. For example the latest published REAP-"Policy Brief" on anemia has been accepted by Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao and Li Keqiang, Vice Premier of Education, as a basis for future policy decisions. From December 13-20, 2009, Stephan Brosig and Kelly Labar have been in China. There they met the project partners and visited amongst others an elementary boarding school in the province of Shaanxi. From IAMO, furthermore Thomas Glauben and Martin Petrick are involved in the project.

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Co-operation for prospering landscapes. Photo: Britta Paasche

Scientific expertise for twinning project with Bulgaria

New EU Member States are assisted via twinning projects in adopting the collected body of EU law and building the necessary administrative capacities. Under the authority of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection the federal German state **Lower Saxony** at the moment runs a **twinning project with Bulgaria**. Lower Saxony collaborates with the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food in **implementing a Farm Advisory System (FAS)**. As scientific expert IAMO researcher Kelly Labar has recently joined the project. From January 25-29, together with Hans Burose from the Chamber of Agriculture Lower Saxony, she has been in Sofia. There they met amongst others representatives of the Bulgarian Ministry, the Director of the National Agricultural Advisory Service and the Dean of the Faculty of Agronomy of the University of Forestry. Objective of the visit to Sofia was to inform the Bulgarian partners about the system existing in Lower Saxony and to clarify the status quo of the preparations and implementation which have taken place in Bulgaria so far. As a next step the twinning partners agreed upon visits of experts from Bulgaria to Lower Saxony.

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IAMO advises Saxony-Anhalt at LEADER project

In the framework of the International Green Week in Berlin bilateral meetings took place on January 15, 2010 between the **Minister of Agriculture and Environment of the German federal state Saxony-Anhalt, Hermann Onko Aeikens**, and the **Ministers of Agriculture of Estonia and Lithuania, Helir-Valdor Seeder and Kazys Starkevicius**. **IAMO researchers Gertrud Buchenrieder and Doris Marquardt** joined the meetings in their role of advisors of the Saxony-Anhalt ministry on the LEADER activities. Since the 1990s the EU has established LEADER (Liaison Entre les Actions de Développement de l' Economie Rurale) to develop rural regions. The programme supports rural regional development. Following a

bottom-up principle self organisation and engagement is supported. Public and private partners get organised in so called local action groups. Together they then work out strategies to develop their region. During the Berlin talks Saxony-Anhalt, where LEADER was successfully implemented some years ago, agreed with the both younger EU member states to exchange experiences with the programme. IAMO will assist the process. At IAMO there are at the moment two research projects dealing with [LEADER activities in Rumania](#) and in Poland.

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Edmund Rehwinkel Foundation supports research on the impacts of alternative CAP reform scenarios

In the context of its tender "The Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union after 2013" the Edmund Rehwinkel Foundation has selected a IAMO research project for funding. The foundation was established in 1974 by the Rentenbank, Germany's development agency for agribusiness, in honour of its long-term chairman of the administrative board Edmund Rehwinkel. For the IAMO project **Impacts of alternative reform scenarios of the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU after 2013** the foundation now grants 15,000 EUR. IAMO researchers Alfons Balmann, Amanda Sahrbacher and Christoph Sahrbacher will conduct the research. Based on the agent based model AgriPoliS (Agricultural Policy Simulator) they want to develop simulation analyses for selected regions in Germany, France and Czech Republic. The objective is to analyse and quantify possible adaptation processes and impacts of different policy options. In the end the research results shall make a contribution to the debates on the further development of the Common Agricultural Policy and shall provide information to farmers and other stakeholders.

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Dairy farm in Ostrau, Saxony-Anhalt. Photo: Britta Paasche

New IAMO research projects

Arlette Ostermeyer, Franziska Appel, Marten Graubner and Christoph Sahrbacher analyse **the competitive capacity of milk production and processing in Saxony-Anhalt**. Within the project, which is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Saxony-Anhalt, suitable policy measures and options in the context of the development programme for rural areas shall be identified. * Alfons Balmann, Gertrud Buchenrieder and Martin Petrick work on **development of factor markets for land, labour and capital in the European Union**. Given the fact that numerous EU policy measures use them as a starting point the researchers will take a closer look on the functioning and the impact of these factor markets. The project is financed within the Seventh Framework Programme FP7 of the European Commission. 15 European partner institutions are involved.

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IAMO joins GREENPILOT advisory board

IAMO researchers Thomas Glauben and Stephan Brosig are appointed members of the scientific advisory board of **GREENPILOT**. GREENPILOT concentrates scientific relevant **information on food science, environmental science and agricultural science** and offers them via a **central online portal** to its users. Thanks to the inclusion of several specific databases and due to a complex thesaurus a research in GREENPILOT returns more results than a research in general portals like for example Google-Scholar. GREENPILOT was launched in 2009 and already awarded "Landmark" in the campaign "Germany – Land of Ideas". The portal is run by Leibniz Association institute ZB MED, the central German library for medicine, health, nutrition, environment and agriculture. On February 17, 2010 the scientific advisory board met for the first time to discuss with initiators and staff members about future plans to further develop **GREENPILOT**. For example the research functions shall be optimised to fit even more to the needs of researchers.

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Rural China. Photo: Jana Fritzsich

German and Chinese Agricultural Scientists meet to exchange experiences and ideas

At the end of March representatives of the **German Association of Agricultural Economists (GeWiSoLa)** will meet with representatives of the **Chinese Association of Agricultural Economics (CAAE)** in Beijing for a three days workshop. IAMO and the University of Hohenheim are the German organisers. All in all 19 German researchers will travel to Beijing among them scientists from IAMO, Hohenheim, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, the Universities of Göttingen and Bonn, Leibniz University Hannover and German colleagues of the University of Manchester and Vienna. During the workshops one wants to intensively **exchange information and experiences** and to **identify opportunities for future co-operations**. Mutually they want to update each other on national research funding institutions. Presentations are planned by the Chinese Scholarship Council, the German Research Foundation DFG and the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD. The initiative is also paid heightened political attention: the Commercial Attaché of the German Embassy in Beijing has promised to join the event.

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Oscar Schmidt. Photo:
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IAMO PhD student receives Erhard Höpfner studies award

Since 2001 the **Erhard Höpfner Foundation in co-operation with the Berlin Scientific Society** donates a studies award to honour excellent master thesis' of students from universities and universities of applied sciences located in Berlin. The award ceremony of the 2009 awards took place on March 2, 2010. Scientific focus for the nominations has this time been environmental protection. Among the awardees is **IAMO PhD student Oscar Schmidt**. The researcher was **honoured for his master thesis "Challenges to collective action in a transitional Commons. An institutional analysis of local fishery at Lake Ohrid, Albania"**. The master thesis was supervised by Konrad Hagedorn from Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and IAMO researcher Insa Theesfeld.

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Vacancies

The Department "Agricultural Markets, Marketing and World Agricultural Trade" of the Leibniz Institute of the IAMO is seeking candidates for **Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Student Positions. Application deadline is April 30, 2010**. For the detailed job description please see here: <http://www.iamo.de/iamo/institut/stellenangebote.html>.

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