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Project presentation in the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Saxony-Anhalt, Photo: Alfons Balmann

## +++ TOP NEWS +++ Structural change in agriculture in developed economies

**DFG grants 700.000 Euro for IAMO research projects which are part of the research unit "Structural change in agriculture"**. Since 2008 the research unit "Structural change in agriculture" SiAg is funded by the DFG (German Research Foundation). Now funds for a further three years period are granted. Three of the in total eleven research projects are supervised and carried out by IAMO researchers.

In the project "Market structure and organization in agri-food value chains: An application to the German dairy sector" Heinrich Hockmann and Vanessa von Schlippenbach (DIW) analyse structural changes and competitive positions in the dairy supply chain. Alfons Balmann and Karin Larsén will take a closer look on structural change and path dependence in the dairy sector in their submitted project "Between Path Dependence and Path Creation: The Impact of Farmers' Behavior and Policies on Structural Change in Agriculture". Focus of the project "Econometric evaluation of CAP impacts in Germany" managed by Martin Petrick is the analysis of agricultural policy actions and actions for rural regions.

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**growth" is the theme of the next IAMO Forum.** It will take place in Halle 23 - 24 June 2011. The Forum is organized by the IAMO in cooperation with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Emerging economies, headed by the BRIC-states Brasilia, Russia, India and China are well on their way to global economic leadership. But do they have the capacity to accelerate technological change and to stabilize the world economy? Today, it is clear that the large emerging economies will have a deep impact on global agricultural development. Their top priority is the liberalisation of international agricultural trade. The crucial question is which reforms the BRICs will need in order to meet the growing demands for agricultural resources in sustainable ways. Closing date for paper submission is January 28, 2011. For further information see [forum2011.iamo.de](http://forum2011.iamo.de).

**IAMO Forum 2011**  
**Will the 'BRICs Decade' continue? – Prospects for trade and growth**  
**23-24 June 2011, Halle (Saale)**

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Agricultural University,  
Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Photo:  
Violeta Dimiranova

**Collectively used resources: First Call for Papers**

**The International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) invites suggestions for the conference of their European Section in September 2011 in Bulgaria.** Topic of the event, which will be partly organised by IAMO, is "Shared Resources in a Rapidly Changing World". Public goods (like for example natural resources, social capital, knowledge) are collectively used by many people, often beyond geographic borders. Problems arise if such goods are overused or if they are not allocated in sufficient amounts. Therefore, the management of such collective goods is extremely complicated – as the international climate policy shows – and has to involve all the affected actors. Focus of the conference will be how the shared management of collective goods in a rapidly changing world can be made more efficient and sustainable and how these processes can be scientifically analysed. Suggestions for thematically relevant presentations and for working sessions are welcome until February 18, 2011. For more information please see <http://www.iasc-europe2011.de>.

**IASC European Meeting**  
**14-17 September 2011, Plovdiv, Bulgaria**

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Presentation of the SCARLED results in Brussels. Photo: Judith Möllers

## Livelihoods in rural regions

**A final workshop especially designed for political decision makers in Brussels successfully closed the international research project SCARLED (Sustainable Livelihoods in Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods), which was coordinated by IAMO.** Officers of the Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development and of the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission were invited to the workshop. Project results were lively discussed by the group of all in all 20 participants. It became obvious that the project had dealt with topics and gained results which form a relevant base for future political decisions. A further dissemination of the policy relevant results within the Commission was suggested by the participants. Project co-ordinators Judith Möllers and Gertrud Buchenrieder highlighted, that the involved researchers would be interested in the SCARLED topics beyond the official project ending in September. Also they would be available to the Commission for further discussions. The SCARLED project had focused on structural change in agriculture and the dramatic changes caused in the working and living conditions in rural regions of the new EU Member States. For more information on the research results please see [scarled.eu](http://scarled.eu).

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The 118th Seminar of the European Association of Agricultural Economists took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Photo: Martin Petrick

## Rural development

**More than 120 researchers and representatives of public institutions from 21 countries all over the world took part at the 118th EAAE Seminar "Rural development: government, policy design and delivery". The seminar was held from August, 25 – 27 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.** Aim was to present up to date research results on social, economic and political aspects of rural development and at the same time to provide a forum for researchers and practicing experts in this field to exchange opinions and experiences. In altogether nine contributions central results of the SCARLED project were presented. On the first seminar day Gertrud Buchenrieder held a plenary presentation in which she referred to the project. The 118th EAAE Seminar was jointly organised by the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, IAMO, and the Slovene Association of Agricultural Economists. For the programme and all presentations please see [www.118-eaae-ruraldevelopment.org](http://www.118-eaae-ruraldevelopment.org).

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In Seoul, IAMO scientists spoke about the transformation of the East German agricultural

## Structural change of Korea's agriculture

**IAMO researchers held keynote speeches at the conference "Agricultural Reform in Former East German Region After Unification and Its Implications" on September 14, 2010 in Seoul, South Korea.** More than 70 participants from research, administration and non-government institutions discussed the transformation experiences of the East German agricultural sector. They analysed the question if the policies could be useful for a potential reunification of the two Korean states. The symposium was organised by the Korea Rural Economics Institute, the Kangwon National University, the National Agricultural Cooperatives Federation and the South Korean Ministry of Agriculture. Because of its long-time experiences in the analysis of structural change in East Germany

structure.

and Central and Eastern Europe IAMO had been chosen as a project partner. Keynote speeches were held among others by former IAMO director Klaus Froberg and Ulrich Koester, Professor (emeritus) of the Department of Agricultural Economics of Kiel University. The German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection funded the trip. Froberg and Koester had been invited by the Kangwon National University.

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In future, the conference "Large Farm Management" shall be converted into a periodic event.

### Agroholdings

**On the 16th September, 2010 the conference „Large Farm Management“ took place in Kiev.** It was organized by the Ukrainian Club of Agribusiness (UCAB), the Eastern Committee of the German economy and the IAMO, and supported by the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, the German Embassy in Ukraine, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine as well as numerous sponsors from the business sector. The significance of large agrarian enterprises in the Ukrainian economy is considerably high. Thus the 60 biggest Ukrainian agroholdings cultivate more than 4 Mio. hectares of land, in some regions up to 60 percent of the entire agricultural crop land. Essential subjects of the conference were actual trends and developments in Ukraine and worldwide, financing possibilities, productiveness and efficiency of agrarian enterprises, efficiency increase, production management in crisis periods, sales and logistics structures as well as vertical coordination in the agrarian sector. Missing continuity and sustainability of planning, financing and production processes, high labour fluctuation and shortage of skilled labour were identified as the main challenges at the enterprise level. In view of the great success of the conference it shall be developed to a periodic event in the coming years.

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### Food Chain Management

**The EU Leonardo da Vinci Project "Food Chain Management - European Experiences and Local Solutions" (FEELS) was finished successfully.** Current trends like globalization of markets and increasing competition, the ongoing structural change in the agricultural sector or the growing importance of vertical coordination but also the lack of institutional and methodical support especially for young businesses and young entrepreneurs shed light on the importance of an improved knowledge transfer and learning between practitioners and researchers. The FEELS project was financed by the EU Leonardo da Vinci Partnerships Programme. It aimed to strengthen the links among partner institutions with the overall target to improve the quality of vocational education and training and to tailor the corresponding activities according to the specific needs of the agri-food sector.

Coordinated by the Young Farmers Association of Slovakia, the project partners included beside IAMO the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, University of Vaasa, FH Joanneum of Applied Sciences and the Association of Hungarian Young Farmers. Over the project duration from 2008-2010 various workshops, seminars, field trips were conducted for an improved knowledge transfer between research and

practice. Students from the Institute of Agricultural and Food Sciences of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg as well as young researchers from IAMO participated actively in the partnership programme.

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Bente Castro Campos during the Long Night of Science 2010 at the IAMO. Photo: Britta Paasche

### **Ethnic minorities and the labour market in rural China**

**IAMO PhD student researches in the Chinese province Guizhou for her thesis.** Until February 2011 Bente Castro Campos takes part at the Chinese language programme of the Guizhou University in the south Chinese city Guiyang. At the same time she works on her thesis on "Ethnic Minorities and Rural Employment in Guizhou". To support the labour market integration of ethnic minorities the Chinese government implemented since 1949 preferential policies towards them. Agriculture is, however, still the main occupation for all ethnic groups in rural areas in western and south-western China. In her thesis Castro Campos plans to analyse whether or not an ethnic minority status affects the access to certain occupations. During her six months stay in Guizhou she wants to speak to experts from the university and to study the literature. Her stay is funded by the Confucius Institute which – similar to the Goethe Institute for Germany – promotes the Chinese language and culture abroad.

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Agricultural Policy Forum 2009. Photo: Horst Wagner | InWent

### **Agricultural policy in South Eastern Europe**

**IAMO is co-organiser of the Agricultural Policy Forum 2010 on "Bridging the gap: Agricultural and rural development policies in South Eastern Europe facing the challenge of EU compliance".** Focal point will be those South Eastern European countries which are not yet member states of the EU. On the one hand they have made remarkable progress in their agricultural and rural development. On the other hand the perspective to join the EU challenges them immensely. This concerns for example the competitiveness of their agricultural sector, the state of economic underdevelopment in rural regions, and the administration of agricultural policy. The Forum aims at formulating recommendations for reformers who want to take up these challenges and to contribute to a better integration of South Eastern Europe's rural regions in the EU. The Forum is designed for political decision makers and representatives of government and non-government institutions in the agricultural sector of these regions. Interested participants from Germany and other countries are welcome as well. For more information and the registration please see: [www.gc21.inwent.org/eu-see/apf2010](http://www.gc21.inwent.org/eu-see/apf2010).

**Agricultural Policy Forum 2010**  
**27-30 October 2010 in Dresden-Radebeul**

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Cattle, EuroTier 2008,  
Photo: EuroTier

## Dairy farming in Central and Eastern Europe

**IAMO researchers give talks at the EuroTier 2010.** Main topic is "Competition or business market? Development of dairy farming in Central and Eastern Europe". IAMO researchers Oleksandr Perekhozhuk and Maryna Mykhalenko will give presentations on "Market structure and formation of prices on the raw milk markets in Central and Eastern Europe" and on "Vertical Coordination in the Ukrainian dairy sector". The fair EuroTier (16-19 November 2010) is organised by the DLG (Deutsche Landwirtschafts-Gesellschaft – German Agricultural Society). It is the world's leading exhibition for animal husbandry and management. Further information: [www.eurotier.de](http://www.eurotier.de).

**Competition or business market?  
Development of dairy farming in Central and Eastern Europe  
18 November 2010, 4 pm, at the EuroTier, Hannover  
Cattle Forum, Hall13, Booth C20**

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## Policy analysis and advisory services in the agricultural sector

**The 50th Annual Conference of the German Association of Agricultural Economists (GeWiSoLa) deals with "Opportunities for and constraints of scientific policy analysis"**. Focus lies on the agri-food business. IAMO researchers will present several papers. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary a festive gathering will complete the plenary sessions and workshops. The next annual conference in 2011 will be hosted in Halle (Saale) by IAMO and the Institute of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

**GeWiSoLa 2010  
29 September - 1 October 2010  
Johann-Heinrich von Thünen Institute (vTI), Braunschweig**  
<http://www.vti.bund.de/de/institute/lr/gewisola2010/>.

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IAMO building in Halle.  
Photo: Sibylle Mundt

## Vacancy

For the project "**Econometric evaluation of Common Agricultural Policy impacts in Germany**" IAMO is seeking for a Research Associate. Applications are welcome until October 31, 2010. [Please see here for a detailed job description.](#)

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## Recent publications

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