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25 Years ZALF: Scientific Symposium and Opening Ceremony in Müncheberg

On 22nd June 2017 the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research celebrated its 25th Anniversary together with around 250 guests from research, politics and the professional world. During midmorning, a scientific symposium took place on the campus in Müncheberg. Additionally, projects, laboratories and technology were presented as part of a campus tour. In the afternoon, co-workers, sponsors and partners with the ZALF executive board and guests viewed a revue of 25 years of agricultural landscape research during the festive opening ceremony in the ZALF greenhouse and looked together into the future of the research site.

At 10 a.m. Professor Dr. Frank Ewert, ZALF Scientific Director, and Carsten Feller, Department Head of Science and Research at the Ministry for Science, Research and Culture of Brandenburg, opened the gala for the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Müncheberg Research centres. The day began with a scientific symposium on the topic "Agricultural landscape research in the context of the Sustainability Goals" in addition to a poster session. Collectively with the participants it was discussed how research can contribute to global challenges in the areas of climate, nutrition, land use and water as well as innovations.

Among the speakers was Professor Dr. Wolfgang Lucht from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Professor Dr. Matin Qaim, from the University of Göttingen, Professor Dr. Ulrich Bathmann, Director of the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde IOW as well as Professor Cyrill Stachniss from the University of Bonn.

Subsequently, activities continued outside of the lecture halls on the ZALF campus: At 11 stands, ZALF scientists presented their research projects, laboratories and technology and highlighted solutions to climate change questions, sustainable land use, Landscape 4.0 as well as food and nutrition security. The Mosquito Atlas,

the climate chambers and a stand on the history of the research site Müncheberg attracted interest as well.

In the afternoon, Cornelia Rosenberg, Administrative Director, and Professor Frank Ewert, Scientific Director, welcomed the guests of the celebrating opening ceremony in the ZALF greenhouses as special event location. After welcoming words from Jörg Vogelsänger, Minister for Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture of the State of Brandenburg, and Gernot Schmidt, District Administrator of the district Märkisch-Oderland, the ceremonial address was jointly given by the Federal Minister of Education and Research, Professor Dr. Johanna Wanka, and Clemens Neumann of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. All four speakers congratulated ZALF for its 25 years of successful research and emphasised its practical relevance.

A keynote, which the subsequent podium of partners confirmed: Henrik Wendorff, President of the State Farmers' Association of Brandenburg, Ludolf von Maltzan, Executive Director of Ecovillage Brodowin, Anita Beblek, agrathaer GmbH as well as Dr. Wolfgang Kasten, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) reported from the outside perspective of the collaborative project work with ZALF and praised the successful transfer of knowledge in society, politics and practice.



The speakers of the scientific symposium as well as the ZALF executive board (f.r.t.l.): Prof. Cyrill Stachniss, Prof. Frank Ewert, Cornelia Rosenberg, Carsten Feller, Prof. Ulrich Bathmann, Prof. Wolfgang Lucht. Not pictured because of early departure, speaker: Prof. Matin Qaim. | Source: © Thomas Uhlemann/ZALF | Photo source in colour and print quality: <http://www.zalf.de/de/aktuelles>



The opening ceremony speakers (f.l.t.r.): Min. Dir. Clemens Neumann, Henrik Wendorff, Cornelia Rosenberg, Jörg Vogelsänger, Prof. Johanna Wanka, Gernot Schmidt, Ludolf von Maltzan, Dr. Wolfgang Kasten, Prof. Frank Ewert. Not pictured, speaker: Anita Beblek. | Source: © Thomas Uhlemann/ZALF | Photo source in colour and print quality: <http://www.zalf.de/de/aktuelles>



ZALF Campus Tour: One of the eleven stations focused on the topic Landscape 4.0. | Source: © Thomas Uhlemann/ZALF | Photo source in colour and print quality: <http://www.zalf.de/de/aktuelles>

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About the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) e.V. in Müncheberg, member of the Leibniz Association:

The mission of ZALF is to explain causal relationships in agricultural landscapes and to provide society with sound information for the sustainable use of agricultural landscapes through excellent interdisciplinary research.

Agricultural landscapes in comparison to natural landscapes are shaped by their use and their users. The research at ZALF therefore also covers societal demands on agricultural landscapes and the effect of their use. In its research, ZALF increasingly addresses major societal challenges in the context of agricultural landscapes including climate change, food and nutrition security and biodiversity.