



## Internal Information for ZEF Staff and Guests

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### NEWS about STAFF AND GUESTS

Irit Eguavoen (ZEFa) presented a paper at the 33rd WEDC (Water, Engineering and Development Centre) International Conference "Access to Sanitation and Safe Water: Global Partnerships and Local Actions" in Accra/ Ghana. She talked about "Drinking Water Policy, Water Rights and Allocation Practice in Rural Northern Ghana".

Franz Gatzweiler (ZEFc) presented a poster on "Resilience of Food Systems" at the international conference on Global Environmental Change and Food Systems in Oxford, April 2-4 2008, <http://www.foodsecurity.elsevier.com/>.

From Feb 20-22 2008 Franz Gatzweiler (ZEFc) participated in a workshop on "Financing Mechanisms for Coffee Protected Areas in Ethiopia" and gave a presentation on "Customizing Incentives for Biodiversity Conservation". The workshop was organized by the Ethiopian Coffee Forest Forum, the Ethiopian Institute for Biodiversity Conservation, ZEF Bonn and Beta consult, the Netherlands.

Stefan A. Haffner (ZEFConsult) presented a concept for a NRW-Ghana-Gateway-Homepage at Capacity Building International, Germany (InWEnt) on March 2 2008. The presentation is a part of the current ZEFConsult NRW-Ghana-Gateway pilot study on behalf of the government of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW).

Hartmut Ihne (ZEFConsult) gave a lecture on Development and Human Security at the University for Applied Sciences Wilhelmshaven on March 22 2008.

Hartmut Ihne (ZEFConsult) represented the BIGS-DR at the Meeting of the German Association of Postgraduate Programmes with special relevance to developing countries (AGEP) which took place in Giessen on April 3 2008.

On April 1 2008, Hartmut Ihne (ZEFConsult) became a new member of the Board of the International Programs of the Church Development Service (EED).

Ahmad Manschadi and John Lamers (ZEFc) participated in an international two-day conference on "Problems of Aral: Impact on the Gene pool of Population, Flora and Fauna and International Cooperation for Mitigating Consequences". It was organized by the government of Uzbekistan from March 12-13, 2008 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and attended by more than 250 invited participants from 20 nations including high-ranking Uzbek policy-makers and representatives of



international organizations and financial institutions. John Lamers' presentation on the ZEF project in Khorezm, Uzbekistan, highlighting the project's great potential of innovative technologies (e.g. laser levelling, conservation agriculture, crop diversification, and livestock husbandry) for follow-up projects, was very well received by the audience.

Günther Manske (BIGS-DR) was in China from March 25 to April 9 2008. He visited the Hubei University in Wuhan and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science (CAAS), the Chinese Academy of Social Science (CASS) and the Remnim University in Beijing. At the Hubei University, he met Prof. Zhaohua Li and at CAAS, Dr. Wensheng Wang. Both are alumni of ZEF. At CASS, he met Mr. Chian-Woei Shyu, a current ZEFa doctoral student, who has conducted field research on renewable energies in remote villages in Tibet and Quinhai. Mr. Chian-Woei Shyu will return to ZEF in May.

Günther Manske (BIGS-DR) attended this year General Assembly of NATURA held in Leuven, Belgium, on April 17th. NATURA is the Network of European Agricultural (Tropically and Sub-tropically oriented) Universities and Scientific Complexes Related with Agricultural Development. NATURA has 26 members from 16 European countries including ZEF. NATURA is a non-profit organization that aims at developing concerted actions towards poverty reduction and sustainable rural development.

On March 07 2008, Conrad Schetter (ZEFa) presented a paper on "Die politische Rolle Deutschlands und aus afghanischer und zentralasiatischer Sicht" at the Conference „Deutschland aus internationaler Sicht“ organized by the Gesellschaft für Deutschlandforschung at the Elisabeth Lüders Haus in Berlin.

Conrad Schetter (ZEFa) participated in a panel discussion on "Gewaltkonflikte und Probleme des Wiederaufbaus in Afghanistan. Ziele und Herausforderungen der deutschen Entwicklungspolitik" organized by the Institut für Entwicklung und Frieden (INEF), University of Duisburg/Essen on April 15 2008.

Conrad Schetter (ZEFa) presented a paper on "Was bedeutet eigentlich Entwicklung" in the Lecture Series "Das Internationale Bonn – Migration, Integration und Entwicklung" organized by BIMUN (Bonn International Model United Nations) on April 16 2008.

Conrad Schetter (ZEFa) will give a course in the Department of Political Science of the University of Bonn during the coming summer semester on: „Auf der Suche nach einem »neuen Nomos der Erde« – Carl Schmitt und die Debatte um die Internationalen Beziehungen“.

Paul Vlek (ZEFc) gave a presentation to the Science Council of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research during its bi-annual meeting in Nairobi based on the recently published CGIAR Discussion Paper "Land Decline in Land-Rich Africa - A Creeping Disaster in the Making." The Science Council called for a follow-up on the paper. An invitation was received from UNCCD to give the same presentation at the upcoming meeting of the UN Council for Sustainable Development on May 6 in New York.

Download of the paper at:

[http://www.zef.de/module/news/media/f6bd\\_Land%20decline%20in%20Land-Rich%20Africa.pdf](http://www.zef.de/module/news/media/f6bd_Land%20decline%20in%20Land-Rich%20Africa.pdf)



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## DOCTORAL PROGRAM

**Ermias Aynekulu** (ZEFc, Ethiopia) participated in the International Conference "Mountain Forests in a Changing World" held at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, April 2-5, 2008, and in the pre-conference training workshop in the time March 31 to April 1 2008. He presented a paper entitled: "Comparisons of Closed and Unclosed Forest Management Systems in Restoring Degraded Dry Afromontane Forest of Northern Ethiopia". The conference was organized by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

On April 7 2008, **Leonardo Bittner de Freitas** successfully defended his ARTS Master Thesis on "Land-Use Change, Biomass Stocks and Carbon Trading Potential of Babassu Palm (*Orbignya phalerata*) Agroforestry Systems, Eastern Amazon, Maranhão, Brazil". "ARTS" is a Master Studies Program of the Faculty of Agriculture of Bonn University. His supervisors were Dr. Denich (1<sup>st</sup> supervisor), Prof. Holm-Müller (2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor) and Prof. Becker (Chairman).

**Andrea Dörr** (ZEFb, Brazil), **Aziz Karimov** (ZEFb, Uzbekistan) and **Dahlia Sabri Hassan** (ZEFc, Egypt) participated in the International Model United Nations Conference at Münster University (MUIMUN) from April 1-5 2008. Their participation was financially supported by DAAD.

On March 25 2008, **Makarius Mdemu** (ZEFc, Tanzania) successfully defended his doctoral thesis on "Water Productivity in Medium and Small Reservoirs in the Upper East Region (UER) of Ghana". He received his doctoral degree from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Bonn. His supervisors were Prof. Vlek (represented by PD Dr. Burkhardt), 1<sup>st</sup> supervisor, Prof. Bogardi (2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor) and Prof. Jenssen (Chairman).

**Katja Mielke** (ZEFa, Germany) presented a paper on "Local Governance in Northeastern Afghanistan" at The Fifteenth Annual Central Eurasian Studies Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA, on March 23 2008.

**Katja Mielke** (ZEFa, Germany) gave a talk about "Pakistan zwischen Islamismus und Demokratie" at the Arbeitskreis Sicherheitspolitik in Idar Oberstein on March 27 2008.

**Katja Mielke** (ZEFa, Germany) lectured on the topic "Pakistan im Umbruch?" at Bonn University, organized by amnesty international (ai) Hochschulgruppe, on April 14 2008.

**Katja Mielke** (ZEFa, Germany) gave a lecture on „Pakistan und Afghanistan: Scheiternde Staaten? Zu religiösen Kräften und Ursachen von Instabilität“ at a seminar on ‚Internationale Konflikte und Umbrüche in Asien und Afrika‘ at the Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing, organized by the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung on April 15 2008.

On April 14 2008, **Miguel Ángel Alva** (ZEFb, Mexico) successfully defended his doctoral thesis on "Environmentally Unfriendly Consumption Behaviour: Theoretical and Empirical Evidence from Private Motorists in Mexico City". He received his doctoral degree from the Faculty of



Agriculture of the University of Bonn, Institute for Food and Resource Economics-Household and Consumption Economics. His supervisors were Prof. Burkhard Piorkowsky, Prof. Froberg (Co-Supervisor), Prof. Kutsch (Institute for Food and Resource Economics-Economic Sociology, Chairperson), Prof. Büscher (Institute of Agricultural Engineering-Livestock Technology, Chairperson) and Prof. Südekum (Institute of Animal Science-Animal Nutrition, Chairperson).

Alexander Stein (ZEFb, Germany) won this year "Prize for the best doctoral thesis at ZEF". The prize is awarded by the "Friends of ZEF", an association supporting ZEF's research and outreach activities. Mr. Stein won the prize for his thesis on "Micronutrient Malnutrition and the Impact of Modern Plant Breeding on Public Health in India: How Cost-Effective is Bio-Fortification? The prize will be awarded during a public ceremony on April 21 2008, 4 pm, ZEF conference room.

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## PUBLICATIONS

Manschadi A.M., Hammer G.L., Christopher J.T., de Voil P. (2008): "Genotypic Variation in Seedling Root Architectural Traits and Implications for Drought Adaptation in Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.)". *Plant and Soil*, 303: 115-129.

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