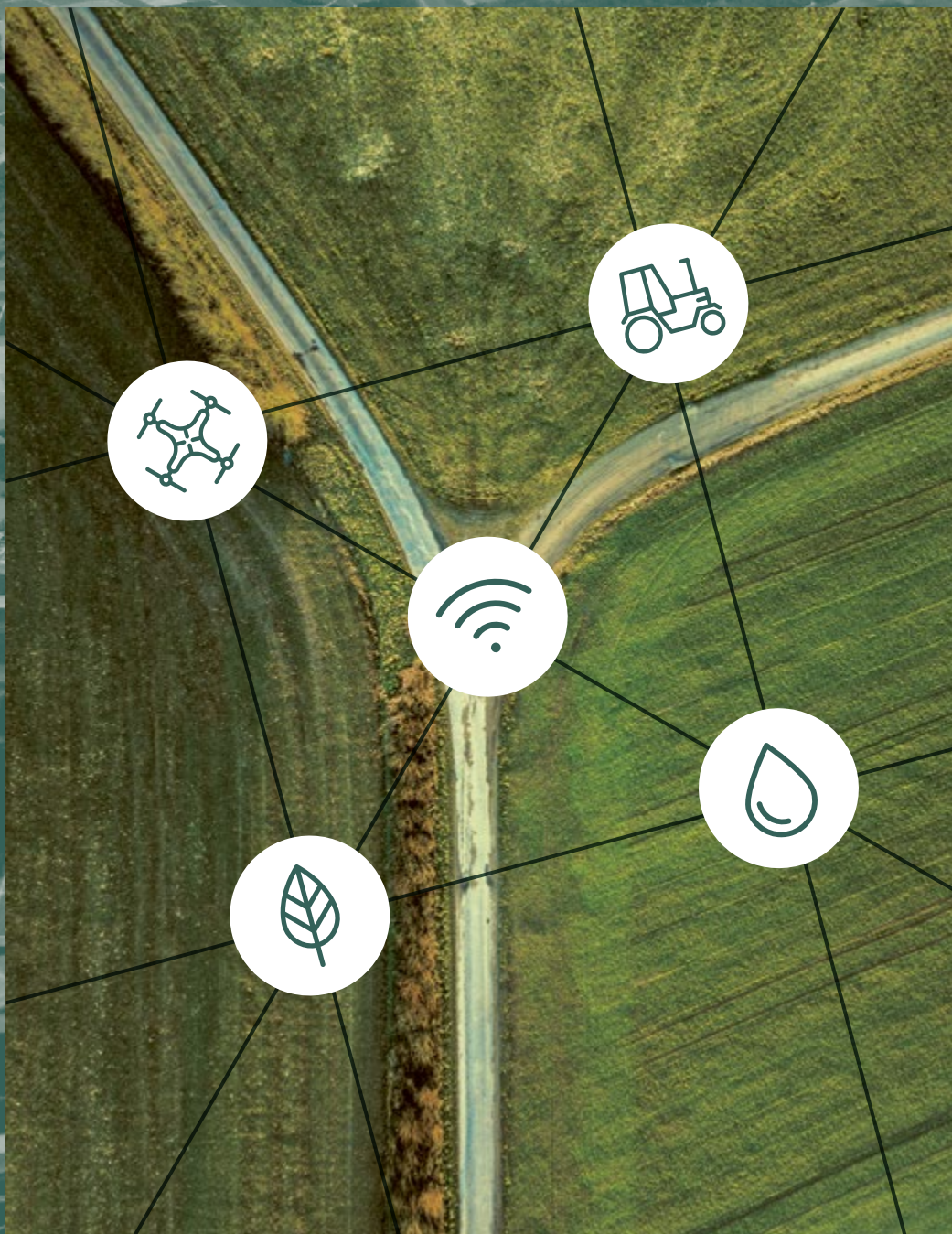


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PREFACE

In 2017 we celebrated our 25th anniversary and took the opportunity to look back on a quarter-century of agricultural landscape research at ZALF. Despite many societal developments and changes, we believe that our research direction adopted in 1992, when ZALF was founded, is as relevant and important as it was 25 years ago. As stated in the founding document, »ZALF develops sustainable land use systems in agricultural landscapes that meet the diverse interests of society«. Over the years, these interests have become even more diverse and sustainable land use systems must meet the huge challenges agriculture is facing: the sustainable use of natural resources, the minimization of environmental risks, adaptation to climate change and climate protection and the preservation of biodiversity while simultaneously ensuring food security. The complexity of these challenges requires integrated solutions at the landscape level. This is where ZALF comes in with its research, development and implementation support.



Prof. Dr. Frank A. Ewert has been the Scientific Director of ZALF since 1st March 2016.

Like other sectors, agricultural production is subject to the opportunities and risks of an increasingly globalized world. Our research is therefore inevitably international and closely aligned with the sustainable development goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015. We maintain and enlarge a wide cooperation network with partners in Germany, Europe and the world and integrate knowledge and stakeholders from all relevant parts of society. ZALF plays a leading role in agricultural landscape research and we expand our engagement in national and international research activities and projects.

This annual report provides a view on some of our ongoing research activities. For example, our climate change related research includes both, studies related to climate protection, particularly on the role of soil erosion for achieving the 4per1000 target, but also on adaptation strategies of agriculture to climate change. In order to transfer knowledge about soil and plant-specific processes to the landscape level, we are investigating and developing new approaches for quantifying and modelling spatial and temporal variabilities in agricultural landscapes. We are also studying how agriculture can continue to maintain or improve the provisioning of public goods in the future. In this context, tools for innovations for sustainable land management play an important role, as do collaborations and networks between public and private institutions.

In a series of new projects, we are investigating new crop species for Germany, such as soybean, environmental risks due to antibiotic resistance, questions of landscape genetics in forest ground vegetation, the quantification of soil structure properties and the sustainable use of grasslands on drained peatland soils. In addition to many national and European studies, we also address important research questions in other regions of the world, such as land use change in different biomes in South America.

I cordially invite you to learn more about these and other topics on the following pages.

PROF. DR. FRANK A. EWERT
Scientific Director

CORE TOPICS



SOLUTIONS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES—CORE TOPICS

ZALF FEATURES A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF EXPERTISE IN NATURAL, ENGINEERING, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. FOCUSING ON THREE CORE TOPICS, RESEARCH QUESTIONS OF HIGH RELEVANCE TO SOCIETY CAN THUS BE STUDIED AT DIFFERENT SCALES.

Considering societal problems as a starting point for identifying research questions, ZALF derives its research topics mainly from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations (UN) as well as the Grand Societal Challenges formulated by the Wissenschaftsrat (German Council of Science and Humanities), and in consideration of societal developments and relevant discussions in science policy.

Agricultural landscape research at ZALF focuses on the sustainable agricultural intensification as a contribution to food security and to the production of biomass for material and energetic use. Associated with these production-oriented aspects are research activities aiming for sustainable resource and water management, the improvement of ecosystem services as well as the maintenance and promotion of biodiversity in agriculturally used landscapes. The impacts of

climate change on agricultural landscapes and the development of adequate adaption measures are our overarching research topics. The development of ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable land use concepts requires the consideration of the complex natural scientific mechanisms as well as relevant stakeholders and the socio-economic and institutional context.

ZALF's main task is therefore to combine natural, engineering, and social research in transdisciplinary approaches in order to develop solutions and recommendations for the sustainable use and development of agricultural landscapes. Research at ZALF is organised in three core topics, which focus on different characteristics and interdependencies of the overall system: natural sciences (Core Topic I), land use-related aspects (Core Topic II), and socio-economic research (Core Topic III).



CORE TOPIC I

»LANDSCAPE FUNCTIONING«



CORE TOPIC II

»LAND USE AND IMPACTS«



CORE TOPIC III

»LAND USE CONFLICTS
AND GOVERNANCE«

CORE TOPIC I »LANDSCAPE FUNCTIONING«



Core Topic I focusses on studying the natural science basis of the »functioning« of spatio-temporally differentiated landscape processes, aiming to improve the understanding of all relevant processes as well as their interdependencies and interactions within the landscape.

Core Topic I constantly derives new problem-oriented data and knowledge from basic research, which are then transferred to Core Topics II and III. This includes, for example, statements on the environmental impact of land use systems as well as recommendations regarding the optimisation of water and nutrient utilisation and the reduction of land use-related environmental impacts.

PROJECTS OF CORE TOPIC I (SELECTED)

- CarboZALF—Carbon dynamics of arable landscapes under climate change, BMEL, MWFK (p. 20)
- I4S—Intelligence for Soil: Integrated system for site-specific soil fertility management, BMBF (p. 21)
- StaPlaRes—Nitrogen stabilization and subsurface placement as innovative technologies enhancing the resource efficiency of fertilized urea, BMEL
- pETchy—Patterns of evapotranspiration changing throughout the year, DFG
- SOARiAL—Spread of antibiotic resistance in an agrarian landscape, Leibniz-Gemeinschaft (SAW) (p. 12)
- SOMATRA—Solute mass transfer through the macropore-matrix interface during preferential flow in structured soils: model development, DFG
- Small Scale II—Quantification of small-scale physicochemical and microbiological properties of intact macropore surfaces in structured soils, DFG (p. 13)

CORE TOPIC II »LAND USE AND IMPACTS«



Core Topic II deals with agricultural production in a landscape context, with explicit consideration and utilisation of the diverse feedback mechanisms operating on various spatial and temporal scales in agricultural landscapes.

Based on the natural science basis (Core Topic I), management measures and their role as controlling factors in the interaction of land use and ecosystems are the objects of investigation in Core Topic II. Climate change, trends in prices, changes in demand, and the governance of agricultural landscape use as well as technical developments and other socio-economic trends are considered as exogenous driving forces. Agricultural and forest land use is shaped by these drivers and at the same time interacts with ecosystems and the entire landscape. Indicator systems are developed for impact assessment and the evaluation of land use changes. These indicator systems aggregate individual analytical results into knowledge relevant for action and decision-making.

PROJECTS OF CORE TOPIC II (SELECTED)

- Climate-CAFÉ—Climate change adaptability of cropping and farming systems for Europe, Workpackage B: Economic evaluation of climate adaptation strategies, EU FACCE-JPI/ERA-NET (BMBF) (p. 22)
 - PROVIDE—Providing smart delivery of public goods by EU agriculture and forestry, EU Horizon 2020 (p. 23)
 - MACSUR II—A detailed climate change risk assessment for European agriculture and food security, Subproject: Impact of adaption szenarios on soil and ecosystem services, EU FACCE-JPI (BMBF)
 - BioMove—Subproject 10: Interactions within communities of microorganisms may affect dispersal of phytopathogenic fungi in the phyllosphere of host plants
 - WAYS—CLIENT China Joint Project: Sustainable technologies and services for water and resource management at the upper Yangste River, Sichuan Province, China, Subproject A, BMBF
 - INNISOY—Innovation network to improve soybean production under the global change, BMBF (p. 14)
 - Meta-analysis of the benefits of organic farming for the environment and society, BMEL
 - Landscape genetics of insect-pollinated forest herbs in changing agricultural landscapes, DFG (p. 15)
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CORE TOPIC III »LAND USE CONFLICTS AND GOVERNANCE«



Core Topic III focuses on the preferences of various land users and stakeholders and the resulting land use conflicts at the landscape level.

Based on the analysis and evaluation of existing governance methods and instruments, scientists investigate the instruments and institutions required to achieve sustainable land use and the stakeholders which are relevant for the development and implementation of institutional solutions. The inclusion of stakeholders that are relevant for agricultural landscape use as well as their interests and logic of action are prerequisites for adapting and newly developing governance approaches at regional, national, and international levels.

PROJECTS OF CORE TOPIC III (SELECTED)

- Innovation group ginkoo—Designing integrative innovation processes: New institutional and regional forms of coordination for sustainable land management, Subproject 4, BMBF (p. 24)
 - cp³—Civil-Public-Private-Partnerships (cp³): collaborative governance approaches for policy innovation to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services delivery in agricultural landscapes, Subproject: Coordination - Production practices and governance recommendations, BMBF / ERA-NET (p. 25)
 - AgoraNatura—NaturMarkt, BMBF, BMUB
 - FuFoCo—Future Food Commons: Sharing Economy in food sector - New models of consumer-producer interaction in urban food supply, trends and impacts, BMBF
 - DBV-Evaluation—Living agricultural landscapes – farmers create diversity! Subproject: evaluation of the main project, BfN
 - SuLu2—Land use change in savannahs and grasslands - solutions through political commitment, land use planning and best management practices, BMUB (p. 16)
 - ORDIAmur—Overcoming replant disease by an integrated approach, BMBF
 - Innovation groups scientific coordination project, BMBF
 - PEATWISE—Wise use of drained peatlands in a bio-based economy, BMEL / ERA-GAS (p. 17)
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NEW PROJECTS



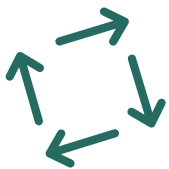
THE SPREAD OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE IN AN AGRARIAN LANDSCAPE

ROGER FUNK, STEFFEN MÜNCH, NATALIE PAPKE



Measurement of dust emissions during tillage directly after manure application

About half of the antibiotics used in Germany are administered in livestock farming, resulting in high rates of antibiotic resistance. The use of farmyard manure or slurry as organic fertilizers in agriculture establishes a new pathway for antibiotic-resistant bacteria to spread in the environment. It is the objective of the project SOARiAL to investigate the risk of the atmospheric, dust-associated spread of antibiotic resistances in the environment.



The dispersal of antibiotic resistances is a major concern for public health, particularly resistances against antibiotics that are considered as drugs of last resort in human medicine. In order to maintain their effectiveness, their usage should be limited to selected serious cases.

Due to the use of antibiotics of last resort in livestock farming, resistances are also developing in stables. The transmission of these antibiotic-resistant bacteria to humans has already been confirmed for two pathways: direct contact to animals and via the food chain. The faeces of pigs and chicken can also be contaminated with abundant antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The use of farmyard manure or slurry as organic fertilizer therefore opens up new possibilities for these resistances to spread in the environment. The project especially focusses on the atmospheric dispersal via the dust fraction, because bacteria can travel long distances and fast and easily cross ecosystem boundaries via this pathway.

The project SOARiAL, funded by the Leibniz Association, has the objective to investigate how antibiotic-resistant pathogens are spread by the wind. Emphasis is placed on identifying and quantifying the dust-associated spread from arable land depending on the pretreatment of the organic manure, soil properties and tillage operations. Based on measured data, emission and dispersal will be modelled, the risk of the dust-associated transmission will be estimated, and reduction or prevention measures will be derived. To reach these objectives, four Leibniz Institutes and the Institute for Animal

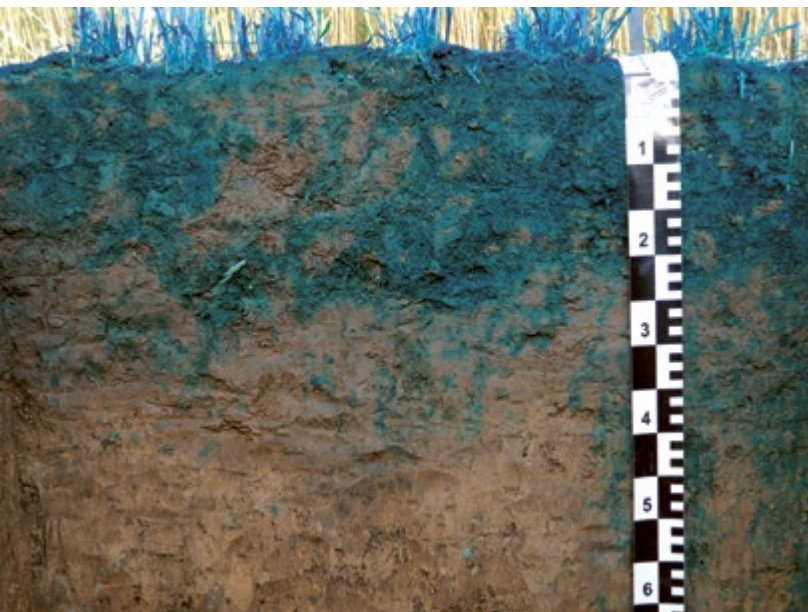
Hygiene and Environmental Health of the FU Berlin cooperate in this interdisciplinary project consortium.

Within the project, ZALF is responsible for characterizing the conditions favoring dust emissions during wind erosion and tillage operations, as well as for quantifying and classifying the emitted dust regarding particle size and composition. The ZALF project team will conduct field and wind tunnel experiments with different soil types, organic fertilizers and application methods, in order to determine the dependency of dust emissions on soil type and tillage operations. Based on particle sizes and the relative share of mineral and organic compounds, conclusions on suspension and dispersal behavior can be drawn, which can be then used in modelling approaches.

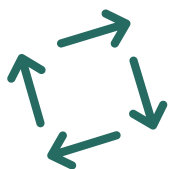
Project: Spread of antibiotic resistance in an agrarian landscape (SOARiAL) **Term:** 2017–2020 **Funding:** Leibniz Association **Lead at ZALF:** R. Funk (rfunk@zalf.de) **Partners:** DSZM Braunschweig (project coordination), ATB Potsdam, TROPOS Leipzig, FU Berlin **ZALF contribution:** BLF

QUANTIFICATION OF MACROPORE PROPERTIES IN LUVISOLS

MARTIN LEUE



Luvisol developed on Loess: Visualization of preferential flow paths in macropores by colour tracer



In structured soils, water and reactive solutes can preferentially move through a macropore network consisting of larger inter-aggregate pores, cracks, and biopores.

The surfaces of these structures are often coated by soil organic matter (SOM) and clayey material and can be colonized by microorganisms, which promote turnover processes such as carbon release from subsoils. The physico-chemical and geometrical properties of these structural surfaces influence the preferential flow through soils as well as the water and mass exchange between the different flow domains (macropores and soil matrix). The vulnerability and structural complexity of these surfaces complicates the parametrization of their properties. To date, parameters of intact structural surfaces were only obtained concerning the potential wettability of SOM and the roughness of the structures. It is the idea of this project to extrapolate the two-dimensionally determined properties of the structural surfaces to entire soil horizons by means of three-dimensional analyses of the spatial arrangement of these macropore structures. Thus, the effects of structural surface properties on preferential flow and turnover processes in Bt-Horizons are to be estimated.

The objective of this project extension is the quantification of small-scale physico-chemical and microbial properties of intact structural surfaces from Bt-horizons of Luvisols developed on loess and glacial till. The project extension features the following work packages:

In structured soils with complex macropore networks, large amounts of water and reactive solutes can be preferentially transported during rainstorm events. This effect is relevant from the pore to the landscape scale. It is the objective of this project extension to quantify the properties of intact macropore surfaces using the example of Bt-horizons from Luvisols. The project focusses on microbiological and geometrical properties. The obtained data will contribute to a more precise modelling of mass transport and turnover in agricultural landscapes.

1) The entire macropore system potentially and actually (active during specific flow events) available during preferential flow will be three-dimensionally quantified using x-ray computer tomography (μ CT) dye tracer experiments, respectively, in order to assess the spatial relevance of surface structures for preferential flow. The combination of μ CT measurements of small- and large-sized samples will ensure the consideration of all macropore sizes.

2) The physico-chemical properties of intact structural surfaces (OC content, SOM composition, CEC, microbial activity) will be two-dimensionally quantified using infrared spectroscopy in the diffuse reflectance mode (DRIFT mapping).

3) The characterization of the spatial distribution of soil microorganisms and their abundance and activity by means of zymography and DRIFT mapping aims to identify microbial hot spots, to explain local small-scale differences in SOM composition, and to assess the relevance of structural surfaces with respect to carbon turnover in subsoils.

Project: Quantification of small-scale physico-chemical and microbiological properties in structured soils (Small Scale II) **Term:** 2017–2019 **Funding:** DFG **Lead at ZALF:** M. Leue (Martin.Leue@zalf.de) **Partners:** Univ. Kassel-Witzenhausen, Univ. Prague **ZALF contribution:** BLF

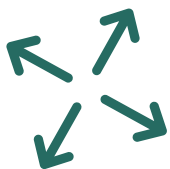
INNOVATION NETWORK TO IMPROVE SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UNDER GLOBAL CHANGE

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Experts from Japan, France and Germany inspect soybean plants on a farm field in Brandenburg, Germany, during the kick-off-meeting on July 27 and 28, 2017.

Soybeans are an important source of protein for food and feed due to their high protein content and the high quality of the amino acid content. The symbiotic nitrogen fixation (SNF) of the rhizobium bacteria living in symbiosis with the soybean roots contributes 60–80 % of the total plant nitrogen uptake and is thus one of the most important factors influencing the nitrogen supply of the soybean plant. The SNF activity is the result of multiple symbiotic interactions among the soybean cultivar, the strain of rhizobium, environmental conditions and crop management. SNF is the key to a successful cultivation of soybeans.

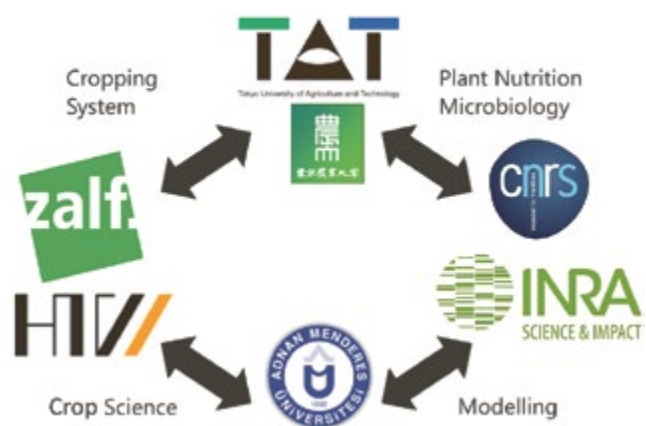


The establishment of a stable SNF in soybean is subject to globally diverse, site-specific challenges. In Japan, high levels of precipitation lead to oxygen deficiency and inhibited root growth on loamy soils. In contrast, water shortage is the biggest limitation for soybean cultivation in parts of Europe. While sulfur deficiency becomes more and more common in European soils, the volcanic soils of Japan feature high amounts of natural sulfur. Nitrogenase, the main enzyme of the SNF, is especially sensitive with respect to sulfur deficiency. Sulfur availability in soils is therefore of major importance for a sustainable soybean cultivation.

It is the objective of this international project supported by the »European Interest Group CONCERT-Japan« to create an innovative network linking soybean research in Japan, Germany, Turkey and France. The network particularly aims to clarify the impact of different environmental factors, especially water and sulfur supply, on the SNF and soybean yield, and to calibrate and test dynamic models for the prediction of soybean growth under different soil and environmental conditions. The project consists of three interlinked work packages: 1) analysis of soybean growth, 2) investigation of SNF under different environmental conditions, and 3) modelling of soybean growth based on a dynamic crop growth model.

Innovative soybean cropping methods will be developed based on the combination of results from field and pot experiments

with site-specific modelling of soybean growth at various locations globally. Project results will contribute to the establishment of sustainable soybean cultivation under the challenge of global change.



Partners of the INNISOY Research Network

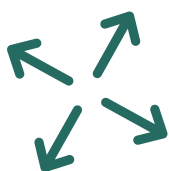
Project: Innovation Network to Improve Soybean Production under Global Change (INNISOY) **Term:** 2017–2020
Funding: BMBF **Lead at ZALF:** S. D. Bellingrath-Kimura (belks@zalf.de) **Partners:** Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Tokyo Agriculture University, National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), INRA France, Adnan Menderes University, HTW Dresden **ZALF contribution:** LSE, LSA

LANDSCAPE GENETICS OF INSECT-POLLINATED FOREST HERBS

TOBIAS NAAF



Forest fragments in an agricultural landscape (Prignitz, NW Brandenburg)



The gene flow among spatially isolated plant populations occurs via seed and pollen dispersal. In case of most forest herbs it therefore depends on seed- or pollen-dispersing animals. These animals must cross the agricultural landscape between the forest fragments, likely resulting in impacts of the landscape structure on animal behaviour and thus on the gene flow among plant populations.

This project will not only investigate the regional population genetic structure of forest herbs, but also of their associated pollinator species. Therefore, the project has been developed together with the colleagues Dr. Stephanie Holzhauer (head of the ecology section) and Dr. Katja Kramp (head of the molecular laboratory) from the Senckenberg German Entomological Institute (SDEI). The project has three main objectives:

- 1) to elucidate the role of the herbs' mating strategy in shaping the regional population genetic structure (selfing vs. outcrossing; short vs. long forage distance of the associated pollinator species);
- 2) to determine the effects of the landscape matrix on the regional population genetic structure, With a particular focus on the role of selected crop species (maize, oilseed rape), corridors (e.g., hedgerows) and barriers (e.g., roads); and
- 3) to detect legacies of the past in present-day plant population genetic structures. Here, we expect the current population genetic structure to better reflect the landscape structure of some decades ago than the current landscape structure.

Most of the biodiversity in agricultural landscapes can be found in small fragments of semi-natural habitats. However, many species are not adapted to live in small habitat islands. For instance, typical deciduous forest herbs evolved during times when the landscape was more or less continuously forested. In this project, population genetic and landscape ecological approaches will be combined to gain insights into the forest herbs' ability to build a regional population structure (e.g., a metapopulation), which is necessary for a long-term survival in habitat fragments. Here, we focus on the role of insect pollinators for the gene flow among plant populations.

The research project will focus on three forest herb species, which will be surveyed in collaboration with colleagues from the FLEUR network (www.fleur.ugent.be) in seven different agricultural landscapes distributed throughout Northwestern Europe. In addition, the population genetic structure of two associated pollinator species, a bumblebee and a hoverfly species, will be studied in three of the selected landscapes.



Hoverfly feeding on pollen of wood anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*)

Project: Landscape genetics of insect-pollinated forest herbs in changing agricultural landscapes **Term:** 2017–2021 **Funding:** DFG **Lead at ZALF:** T. Naaf (naaf@zalf.de) **Partners:** SDEI, FLEUR **ZALF contribution:** LSE

LAND-USE CHANGE IN SAVANNAHS AND GRASSLANDS OF SOUTH AMERICA

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Dry savannah in Paraguay

South American savannas and grasslands represent one of the most threatened biomes worldwide. Yet, they are habitat for numerous plants and animals adapted to their unique hydrologic regimes and soil conditions and provide important ecosystem services, such as climate regulation or water purification. However, this ecosystem service provisioning is less valued than for other ecosystems like tropical forests. While the total economic value of other biomes, such as rain forests, appears to be relatively well understood, no empirical valuation research addressing intact grasslands and wetlands can be found to date.



As a result, grasslands likely represent the least understood biome in the world in terms of their true value to sustainable economic use and the provisioning of sociocultural and ecosystem goods and services contributing to human health and well-being. Against this

background, only a very small percentage of both the Colombian Orinoquia and the Paraguayan Pantanal benefit from legal or state protection, although both regions are at risk for being converted into land for intensive and unsustainable use. The WWF SuLu2 project aims to implement climate-smart land-use zoning and management for savannas and grasslands in Colombia's Llanos (Orinoquia) and Paraguay's Pantanal in order to maintain carbon, biodiversity and water regimes, and to contribute to sustainable agricultural production.

Within this context, the research axis of the SuLu2 project is built upon a program in Agricultural Sciences at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, focussing on the development of an analytical governance framework to implement sustainable land-use and conservation programmes: the enhancement of community approaches in South America.

The objectives of the program are to (1) identify the most adequate governance models for grasslands and savannas in Paraguay and Colombia, (2) analyse the main successful experiences across governance groups, (3) evaluate effective strategies in order to derive recommendations for policy and society, and furthermore, to (4) finally develop an analytical governance framework to implement sustainable land-use and conservation programs.

Hence, the range of community-based governance models will be identified, assessed and evaluated, and the applied methods will be enhanced within the framework of political ecology. Overall, recommendations and guiding principles to enhance conservation policies and communal strategies of grasslands and savannas will be identified and tailored to international platforms and negotiation scenarios.

Project: Land-use change in Savannas and Grasslands of South America (SuLu2) **Term:** 2016–2019 **Funding:** BMUB, under the International Climate Initiative Programme (IKI) **Lead at ZALF:** L. Eufemia (Luca.Eufemia@zalf.de) **Partners:** WWF Germany, WWF Colombia, WWF Paraguay **ZALF contribution:** SO
<https://globallandusechange.org/en/projects/land-use-change-in-savannas-and-grasslands/why-sulu2/>

WISE USE OF DRAINED PEATLANDS IN A BIO-BASED ECONOMY

BETTINA MATZDORF, LASSE LOFT



Measuring GHG fluxes of agriculturally used fen peatlands in Brandenburg



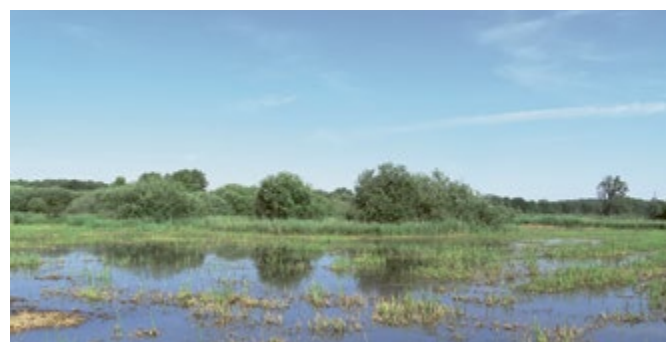
Approximately one third of the global soil carbon stocks is stored in pristine peatlands. As a result of peatland drainage, the stored carbon is released resulting in tremendous amounts of GHG emissions. The EU member states are globally the second largest producer of such emissions. Under the prevailing societal conditions, peatland management innovations that allow for biomass production while minimizing GHG emissions are of high importance. In order to mainstream such innovations, a targeted climate policy and appropriate governance models are needed.

On the other hand, climate policy can only take up these climate-friendly land use options if suitable methods are available to measure and account for GHG emissions of different peatland use regimes. PEATWISE therefore deals with relevant peatland management options as well as with the quantification of associated GHG emissions in comparison to reference scenarios. The emission data can then be used to design incentive-based policies and private sector initiatives to foster the corresponding land use options. However, in addition to the reduction of GHG emissions, the provisioning of ecosystem services and biodiversity associated with different land use regimes is also of importance for the design of such management instruments.

Research institutions from six different countries will collaborate in the PEATWISE project to identify and assess relevant peatland use options. Furthermore, they will work on the quantification of GHG emissions of different peatland management

Drained peatlands are a considerable source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Comprehensive rewetting, however, is hardly feasible under the current societal set-up. There is a need to identify climate-smart management options for peatlands and measures for their promotion. Their integration into climate policy requires an improved knowledge of GHG fluxes and methods for measuring emissions of various peatland management regimes. Incentive-based governmental policy instruments and private sector initiatives are considered particularly relevant for administrating sound peatland management. The PEATWISE project will analyze such incentive-based policies and related actors in Europe and New Zealand.

regimes and develop climate policies and private initiatives to promote these climate-smart land use types. While including the most relevant actors, ZALF will take the lead in analyzing existing governmental incentive-based policy instruments in Europe and New Zealand and draw conclusions for the design of innovative climate policies in the context of peatlands. Results will be discussed with stakeholders in workshops in at least three EU countries.



Agriculturally used and rewetted grassland on fen peat soils

Project: PEATWISE—Wise use of drained peatlands in a bio-based economy **Term:** 2017–2020 **Funding:** ERA-GAS, BMEL **Lead at ZALF:** B. Matzdorf (matzdorf@zalf.de) **Partners:** Norwegian Bioeconomy Res. Inst., Swedish Univ. of Agricultural Sciences, Aarhus Univ., Radboud Univ. Nijmegen, Univ. of Eastern Finland, Univ. of Oulu, Univ. of Waikato **ZALF contribution:** SO

CURRENT PROJECTS

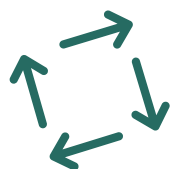


THE 4PER1000 INITIATIVE—WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE EROSION-CARBON NEXUS?

MICHAEL SOMMER, JÜRGEN AUGUSTIN



The CarboZALF experimental site near Dedelow (NE Germany)



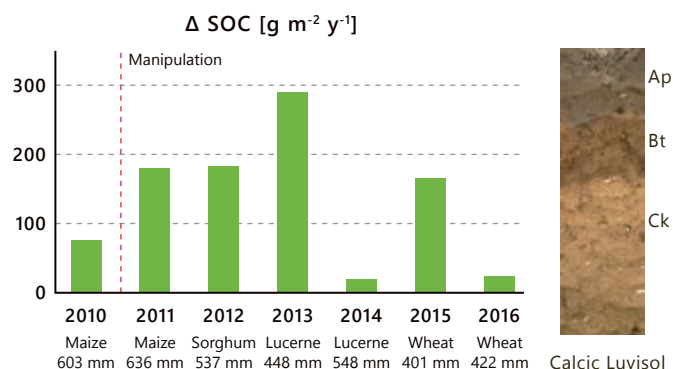
Basic principles of an enhanced carbon sequestration in carbon-(C)-unsaturated mineral soils can be tested in soils affected by soil erosion, since this process brings C-unsaturated subsoil to the surface.

At the CarboZALF-D experimental site near Dedelow (NE Germany), the magnitude, rates and mechanisms of soil C sequestration are quantified under controlled field conditions. A long-term manipulation experiment started in autumn 2010 with an artificial soil displacement in sloping terrain. Since 2010, all C fluxes needed to derive a full C balance have been measured for representative soil types. This includes a continuous CO₂ flux monitoring (net ecosystem exchange, NEE), a quantification of C exports by crop harvest as well as solute transports of organic (DOC) and inorganic carbon (DIC). Summing up all fluxes yields soil-specific full C balances corresponding to the change in SOC over time ($= \Delta \text{SOC}$). After 6 years, the SOC stock of the artificially eroded site (Calcic Luvisol) has increased by 0.9 kg C m⁻² in total. This effect has been described as »dynamic replacement« in scientific literature. We observed surprisingly high mean annual C sequestration rates (144 g C m⁻² y⁻¹) - comparable to natural peatlands.

To further unravel the mechanisms of plant C transfer into the topsoil we set up a tracer study (¹⁴CO₂ pulse labelling) for an eroded and non-eroded site, both grown with maize. The lab experiment revealed a very fast and surprisingly high transfer of plant C into the protected soil organic matter fraction (eroded ~2x non-eroded soil).

At the climate conference in Paris 2015 (COP21), an initiative was launched to reduce atmospheric CO₂ by means of an enhanced carbon sequestration into soils—the »4per1000 initiative: Soils for Food Security and Climate«. The basic idea behind this initiative is that a global increase in soil organic carbon (SOC) stocks by just 4 per mill (per year) will compensate for 80 % of the annual CO₂ increase in the atmosphere. A significant and sustainable increase of soil organic carbon, e.g. by management practices or amelioration, can only be achieved in soil systems far from equilibrium conditions, such as rewetted, formerly drained peatlands or carbon-unsaturated mineral soils

Our study proved the concept of a high, fast and sustainable C sequestration in mineral soils showing a high C saturation deficit. Of course, inducing soil erosion is not a reasonable measure to sequester CO₂-C. However, due to our new mechanistic understanding, we postulate the same effect for a controlled admixture of subsoil material into the plough (Ap) horizons. For this purpose, we will develop and test specific tillage systems to achieve a fast, considerable, and sustainable CO₂-C sequestration without a loss of soil fertility.



Dynamics of soil organic carbon (SOC) stocks at an eroded Luvisol from the CarboZALF experimental site

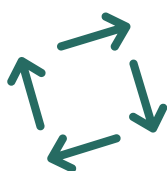
Project: CarboZALF **Term:** 2010–2025 **Funding:** BMEL, MWFK **Lead at ZALF:** J. Augustin (jaug@zalf.de) & M. Sommer (sommer@zalf.de) **Partners:** Oregon State University, Univ. Kassel, Univ. Catholique de Louvain **ZALF contribution:** BLF, LBG

SOIL STATE VARIABLES IN SPACE AND TIME—COMBINING SENSING AND MODELING

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Aerial view of the experimental field at Görzig, Halle, including a spatial pattern generated by proximal soil sensing (here: electrical conductivity)



The high small-scale spatial variability of soil properties requires an adjusted site-specific agricultural management to avoid wasting resources, environmental pollution and decreasing soil fertility.

With proximal soil sensing, we are able to generate highly resolved soil information (e.g. soil texture, soil organic carbon) at field scale and to depict their within-field variability. The combination of sensor information with dynamic soil-crop models facilitates the derivation of spatial information relevant for site-specific management (e.g. yield, biomass production, nutrient leaching). The interpreted, spatially highly resolved sensor output allows to drive the models simulating the spatio-temporal dynamic of soil state variables and to actualize simulated states, such as water and nutrient availability throughout different crop growing phases.

ZALF is contributing to different work packages within the I4S joint research project, which combines the scientific expertise of ten institutions. In the work package »soil sensors«, ZALF participates in field campaigns at different test sites all over Germany that are characterised by variable soil and site conditions. The aim of these campaigns is to apply and test new and existing on-the-go sensors and to simultaneously investigate the distribution of soil conditions with conventional methods. ZALF is responsible for collecting and analysing reference soil samples and for comparing different sensor outputs with analytical results using suitable statistical approaches.

The lack of affordable methods for mapping relevant soil attributes is a fundamental problem in precision agriculture. It restricts the development and application of advanced models and algorithms for decision making. The project »I4S—Integrated System for Site-Specific Soil Fertility Management« combines new sensing technologies with dynamic soil-crop models. By using sensors with different measuring principles the estimation of soil fertility variables such as plant available nutrients, water, organic matter and soil texture can be improved. Choosing the appropriate set of sensors will become an important aspect of decision making in precision agriculture.

In the work package »models«, ZALF is testing the applicability of the models HERMES and MONICA regarding their response to within-field variability in site conditions. As a first step, this includes the retrospective simulation of long-term field trials focussing on the species-specific crop development in relation to the site-specific water and nitrogen (N) use efficiency. Secondly, newly established field trials are the basis for improving the N modelling algorithms, which estimate soil nitrogen availability as well as the N demand of different crops. To this end, essential crop and soil variables are monitored regularly during each growing season (e.g. biomass, N in crop and soil, phenology).

The valid N algorithms are then applied as real-time simulations and model-based recommendations for selected test sites and the site-specific resource savings are assessed. In the upcoming funding period, this approach will be expanded to other nutrients like phosphorous, potassium and magnesium. The presented sensor-model system will finally be integrated into a decision support system for site-specific precision agriculture.

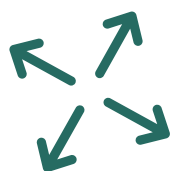
Project: Integrated System for Site-Specific Soil Fertility Management (I4S) **Term:** 2015–2018 **Funding:** BMBF **Lead at ZALF:** K. C. Kersebaum (ckersebaum@zalf.de) **Partners:** ATB, BAM, FBH, Hahn Schickard, TUM, Univ. Bonn, Univ. Halle, Univ. Potsdam **ZALF contribution:** LSA <https://www.bonares.de/i4s-de>

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: MODEL-BASED CO-DESIGN OF CROPPING SYSTEMS

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Field experiment with organic soybeans directly sown into crimped winter rye at Müncheberg research station.



The aim of the project Climate-CAFE was to evaluate different adaptation strategies based on participatory research by mobilizing 10 »adaptation pilots« (groups of farmers and other actors of the agricultural sector). These pilot studies were distributed throughout

various European pedo-climatic regions covering the wide range of agricultural conditions from Finland to Spain and Scotland to Eastern Germany. MACSUR was a network of more than 300 scientists in 18 countries, aiming to improve and integrate models of crop and livestock production, farms, as well as national and international agri-food markets through interdisciplinary collaboration. Furthermore, it focused on the analysis of the effects of climate change on major farming systems in Europe. ZALF contributed to these projects with the models HERMES, MODAM and ROTOR as well as with impact assessment studies.

The adaptation of agricultural systems to the effects of climate change requires region-specific adaptive measures. Such measures were identified and tested within a farmers-network in the German federal state of Brandenburg. Agricultural practices such as reduced tillage, intercropping and crop diversification were identified as the main adaptation strategies, while irrigation, timing of drilling and mixed cropping were considered less relevant or feasible.

Based on these results, new soybean cropping systems were tested as adaption measures by conducting on-farm and on-station experiments. By evaluating and adjusting these experiments, the team aimed at increasing diversification and

Several studies have shown that climate change will also affect European agriculture, with varying implications in different European countries and geographical regions. The projects MACSUR and Climate-CAFÉ developed methodologies to assess how food can be sustainably produced in Europe under conditions of climate change and how European cropping systems can be adapted to climate change. Researchers from the Institutes of Land Use Systems and Socio-Economics have contributed with field experiments and modeling expertise to these two projects, which were funded under the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI).

decreasing risks in farming practices. The above picture shows that e. g. winter rye was successfully used as winter catch crop and mulch for soy bean production.

Together with researchers from Wageningen University (WUR) and the French National Institute of Agriculture Research (INRA), ZALF also studied the effects of climate change on a typical arable farm in Southern France by applying two bio-economic farm models (MODAM and FarmDESIGN). Both models adjusted crop choice and cropping area to find optimal solutions for a set of objectives (profit, soil organic matter, labour use). The results show that little adaptation is needed to sustain stable profits, soil organic matter balance and labour use if irrigation water remains available. In case of water shortage, lower yields were expected with decreasing profits and soil organic matter balance.

The findings show that adaptation to climate change affects the entire farming system and requires further research from field to regional level. The results also help to sensitize stakeholders with respect to the necessary efforts for adapting to climate change.

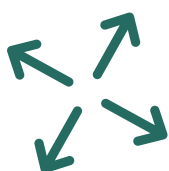
Projects: Modelling European Agriculture with Climate Change for Food Security (MACSUR); Climate Change Adaptability of cropping and Farming systems for Europe (Climate-CAFÉ). **Term:** 2012–2017; 2015–2018, **Funding:** FACCE-JPI **Lead at ZALF:** P. Zander (zander@zalf.de) **Partners:** INRA, WUR, SRUC among others **ZALF contribution:** LSE, SO

SMART DELIVERY OF PUBLIC GOODS THROUGH AGRICULTURE

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3,000 farms in Northern Germany received the questionnaire, which was also available online. We received 465 replies with 155 completely filled out Discrete Choice question sets.



Agri-environmental measures (AEM) are an appropriate and well-accepted instrument to promote the provision of public goods. Farmers receive compensatory payments for defined adjustments to their landscape management. The efficiency of an AEM,

i.e. the achievement of its environmental objective, can often be improved through cooperation. A new AEM, aiming to promote public goods such as climate stability, biodiversity and water resources by increasing the water level in peatland areas, is the »Moorschönende Stauhaltung« (peatland conservation management), which has been introduced in Brandenburg in 2016.

In PROVIDE, we identify the factors that determine the willingness of farmers to participate in this AEM, thus providing explanatory approaches to the complex motivations and conditions of land use decisions in spatial contexts. Using an approach from experimental economics, the »Discrete Choice Experiment«, farmers were asked about their relative preference for the design of the AEM, taking into account various contractual conditions. The result showed that a 35 % higher compensation payment was necessary. Alternatively, the willingness to participate would be significantly increased if as well coordinative support for cooperation with neighbouring land users by the Water and Soil Association was to be provided as if options for processing or disposing biomass residues no longer suitable as feed were ensured.

Landscape, biodiversity, water quality, climate stability, soil and flood protection and viable rural areas are just a few examples of the public goods that agriculture provides for society. However, as there is no market for such goods, there is the risk that they are provided in a quantity lower than socially optimal or not in a sufficiently long term. The EU project PROVIDE is looking for intelligent ways to eliminate this risk. This includes the exchange between actors and stakeholders across sectoral and disciplinary boundaries and levels, as well as the analysis and further development of new or improved incentives, policy instruments and implementation tools.

This result from Northern Germany is included in the EU project alongside a variety of other analyses, maps and examples of successful practice from thirteen countries on the future of public goods from agriculture. The development of a toolbox, the systematic collection and provision of these facts, data, methods, analyses and discussion contributions is a further focus. In a multi-stage process, together with regional users and EU policy makers, we identify the type of tool and information content required for knowledge transfer, align it with the project results and convert it into appropriate formats such as information graphics, maps and example descriptions.

Project: PROVIDE — Providing smart delivery of public goods by EU agriculture and forestry **Term:** 2015–2018
Funding: EU Horizon 2020 **Lead at ZALF:** A. Pierr (apierr@zalf.de) **Partners:** Univ. Bologna, BOKU Wien, Univ. Córdoba, INRA, VU Amsterdam and 7 other institutions **ZALF contribution:** SO

TOOLS FOR INNOVATIONS IN SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT

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Riverside meadow in the Spreewald



Open and species-rich wetland meadows are characteristic of the cultural landscape of the Spreewald region and are taken for granted by tourists. However, the traditional use of biomass from wetland meadows as fodder and bedding for livestock is becoming less practicable and profitable.

In consequence, the management of small-scale and very wet meadows is often discontinued. This development threatens an important characteristic of the Spreewald region and decreases both the biodiversity and attractiveness of the landscape. In order to jointly develop approaches for the valorisation of wetland meadows, ginkoo brought together farmers, tourist agents, affected municipalities, land owners and conservationists. One specific solution is the thermal use of the biomass from wetland meadows, which is tested in a pilot project by a regional agricultural enterprise running a novel thermal plant.

The ginkoo project aims to integrate additional innovative ideas for an ideally holistic landscape conservation concept for the meadows of Spreewald region. ZALF scientists investigate the farmers' acceptance of such solutions and develop a tool for strategically increasing their acceptance. A second working package focusses on developing a criteria-based tool for sustainability assessment.

The dual-purpose chicken project »Naturland« (»ei care«) depicts an alternative to current practices in poultry farming in order to avoid negative ecological and ethical effects such as the mass killing of male chicks, which is a common practice in egg production.

Stakeholders and researchers jointly develop tools for the management of sustainable innovations for land management in two case studies, in order to increase the significance of existing niche solutions. The project ginkoo deals with specific problems of stakeholders and their innovative ideas. In the first case study, solutions for the valorization of small-scale wetlands in the Spreewald area are developed. A second regional case study called »Naturland« (ei care) points out and counteracts recent ethical problems in poultry production by rearing dual-purpose chicken.

With support of the ginkoo project, the market presence of »ei care« is to be improved. In addition, ginkoo aims to develop »ei care« into a feasible solution for small agricultural enterprises as part of integrated material cycles.

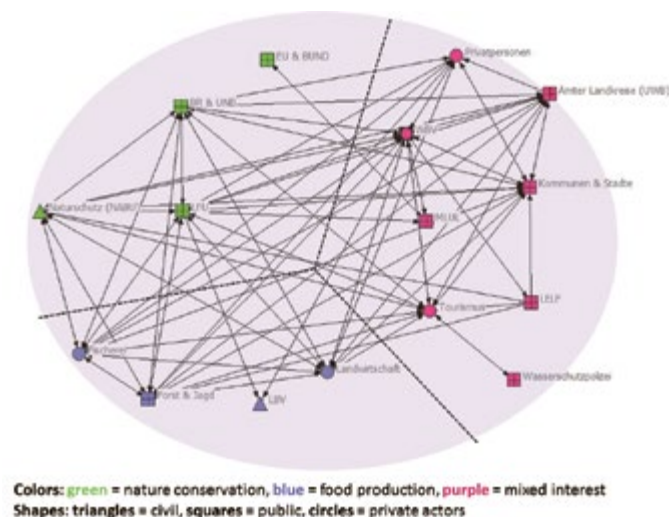
Within the »acceptance« work package, ZALF conducted a representative survey with 1,000 consumers from Berlin and Brandenburg. It focused on consumer attitudes regarding the ethical aspects of poultry farming and on the assessment of dual-purpose chicken. The survey results were used to design and implement measures for increasing acceptance, such as the involvement of customers and shop managers.

Project: Innovation partnership ginkoo: Designing integrative innovation processes: New institutional and regional forms of coordination for sustainable land management

Term: 2014–2019 **Funding:** BMBF **Lead at ZALF:** R. Siebert (rsiebert@zalf.de) **Partners:** UNESCO Biosphärenreservat Spreewald, Marktgesellschaft der Naturland Bauern AG, Technische Universität Berlin / Zentrum für Technik und Gesellschaft (ZTG), agrathaer GmbH, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / IRI THESys **ZALF contribution:** SO <http://www.ginkoo-projekt.de/en/>

NETWORKING FOR THE LANDSCAPE: CIVIL-PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIPS

CLAUDIA SATTLER, BARBARA SCHRÖTER



Water board »Oberspreewald«: The network of public, private and civil society actors on both sides of the »producing food vs. nature conservation boundary« creating a space for dialogue



We were particularly interested in how existing boundaries along the divide in viewpoints and opinions between public actors like the protection area administration and other environmental agencies, private actors like farmers and other land users, as well as

civil society actors like environmental NGOs could be overcome. It was assumed that farmers are primarily interested in provisioning ecosystem services, i.e. the production of »food«, while environmental public agencies and NGOs are mostly concerned with securing regulating, supporting and cultural ecosystem services (e.g. water regulation, biodiversity, landscape aesthetics) for producing »nature conservation«.

The project employed the concept of boundary organizations (BOs), understood as governance arrangements which create strategic bridges between actors positioned on different sides of a »boundary«, to analyze if the selected collaborative governance approaches displayed the typical structural and procedural features of BOs. Structural features relate to institutional aspects for allowing participation, adaptation, reconciliation of interests, or reaching accountability and durability. Procedural features relate to established routines for convening events, translating between different knowledge types, building trust, or mediating conflict.

The analysis was based on empirical research conducted in the biosphere reserve Spreewald for two collaborative governance approaches: a citizen foundation and a water management board. For data analysis, we used social network

Environmental problems often call for the collaboration of all concerned actors, since individual actors cannot address and solve these problems on their own. However, whenever multiple actors are involved, their interests can deviate substantially. Nevertheless, successful examples of collaborative governance show that boundaries between actors can be overcome and that collaboration can lead to an improved provisioning of ecosystem services at the landscape scale. The cp³ project analyzed several successful examples of collaborative governance for protected area management, based on networks between public, private and civil society actors.

analysis (Net-Map tool) based on personal interviews with governance actors.

Both governance arrangements displayed at least some of the structural and procedural features typical of BOs. The approaches allowed actors situated on different sides of the »producing food vs. nature conservation boundary« to negotiate common goals in favour of improved ecosystem service provisioning. This was possible because, in addition to self-serving interests, actors motives also included general public interests such as preserving the landscape as part of their mutual cultural heritage. Only by pooling the specific knowledge and resources of all actors they were able to address problematic issues at landscape scale, which they could not address individually. Both approaches helped to create a space for actors to engage in dialogue and to debate different viewpoints while at the same time ensuring that all actors could remain within their original professional boundaries.

Project: Civil-public-private-partnerships (cp³): collaborative governance approaches for policy innovation to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services delivery in agricultural landscapes **Term:** 2015–2018 **Funding:** Biodiv ERsA/FACCE-JPI, BMBF, FWF and NWO **Lead at ZALF:** C. Sattler (csattler@zalf.de) **Partners:** IDC, WUR **ZALF contribution:** SO, LSE <http://www.cp3-project.eu>

THE YEAR



1ST HYDROLOGY IN BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH

In the new DFG project »Patterns of Evapotranspiration Changing throughout the Year«, a frequently postulated positive effect of high biodiversity is being examined. The concept of the »complementary use of ecological niches« states that plant stands with high biodiversity can better adapt to non-favourable environmental conditions such as less rainfall by compensating through better adapted or less demanding species. With regard to the water consumption of grassland sites, this hypothesis is examined using drone technology.

1ST HELPING TO SHAPE EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL POLICY

30 international researchers discussed at ZALF how the availability of »public goods«, such as biodiversity or clean drinking water, can be improved through policy measures. In the EU project »PROVIDE«, 14 European universities and research institutions are working on solutions. Initial results on the economic evaluation in 13 investigated European case study regions were presented at the project meeting and their use for comprehensive models and policy mechanisms were discussed.



1ST LEIBNIZ COMPETITION

The research project »SOARiAL« was selected for funding from a total of 83 entries in the Leibniz Competition 2017. ZALF, three other Leibniz Institutes, and the Berlin Free University will be studying the spread of antibiotic-resistant germs in agrarian landscapes over the next three years. The main focus is on the atmospheric transport pathway.

JANUARY



11TH NEW GERMAN SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The relaunch of the Federal Government's sustainability strategy is explicitly aligned with the United Nations' Agenda 2030. Science is identified as an important player in the implementation of the strategy. In the area of soil fertility and as a contribution to food security, the joint research project »BonaRes« is cited as an important building block in which ZALF is involved.

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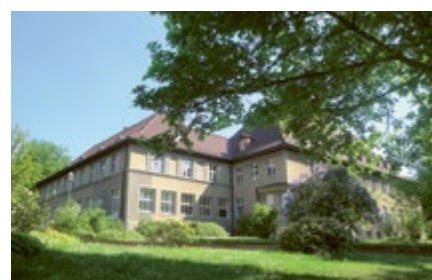
21–25TH CONFERENCE IN INDIA

Prof. Frank A. Ewert, Scientific Director of ZALF and Professor of Crop Production at the University of Bonn, spoke at the »Inter-Drought-V« in Hyderabad (India) to around 950 participants from more than 300 organisations and 55 countries. He emphasised the need for an integrated cross-scale research approach to reduce the risks of drought stress on yields and food security.



MARCH

9TH EVALUATION The Senate of the Leibniz Association recommended to the Federal Government and the State of Brandenburg that the joint funding of ZALF be continued for the next seven years. Since the last evaluation in 2013, ZALF has been able to demonstrate significant improvements in important evaluation criteria, for example in scientific publications, the enhancement and reorientation of its strategic and thematic profile and in the restructuring of its administration, according to the Senate's statement.



IN RETROSPECT



12TH DOCUMENTING AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES WITH THE SMARTPHONE

The presentation of a »Nature Conservation App« (»NatApp«) for agricultural workers and administrations

2ND ONLINE OVERVIEW MAP OF LONG-TERM FIELD TRIALS IN GERMANY

The BonaRes Centre has bundled freely available metadata on long-term field trials in Germany and compiled this into an interactive online overview map. Its goal is to give the long-term field trials greater visibility



22ND CELEBRATION OF 25

YEARS OF ZALF ZALF celebrated its 25th anniversary with around 300 invited guests from science, politics and practice: in the morning with a scientific symposium on »Agricultural landscape research in the context of sustainability goals«, in the afternoon with companions, sponsors and partners during a festive ceremony. Among the guests of honor was the Federal Minister of Education and Research, Prof. Johanna Wanka.

APRIL

by ZALF and the German Farmers' Association (DBV) aroused great interest. EU Commission officials met in Brussels to find out how the prototype works and also discussed the potential for a noticeable simplification of EU agricultural support. The transfer of the »NatApp« into practice will be supervised by ZALF. The project is sponsored by the German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU). The DBV and HELM-Software are project partners.

www.naturschutz-app.de

MAY

and to make information about them more accessible to the public.



The interactive online map offers various search and display options.

https://b-web-e.bonares.de/uebersichtskarteDFV_en/

JUNE



25TH OPEN DAY Under the motto »The future? Agriculture!«, more than 2250 young and old guests informed themselves at more than 35 stations about soil, water, and wind as well as flora and fauna. A campus rallye with a quiz invited visitors to join in the quest for knowledge. A balloon on a crane lifted guests up into the air and provided a rare view of the ZALF campus and the district of Maerkisch-Oderland. A diverse stage programme of research, culture and music also awaited the guests. Among other events, Dr. Christiane Peter was awarded the Research Prize of the town of Muencheberg.

THE YEAR



2ND SPECIES PROTECTION

BENEFITS ALL Agricultural intensification is threatening more and more plant and animal species. The »Agriculture for Biodiversity« project aims to change this with the help of a nature conservation certificate. The project, which was scientifically accompanied by ZALF, has been processed by Detektor FM in images, sound and text.

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24–26TH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The Land Use Systems Department at the Albrecht-Daniel-Thaer-Institute of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, in cooperation with the Institute for Land Use Systems of ZALF, hosted the 61st Annual Conference of the Working Group Grassland and Fodder Production of the Society for Crop Production Sciences in Berlin / Paulinenaue. The main topic of the conference was »Sustainable grassland management on moorland sites«. The conference was attended by 115

7–8TH COMMITTED IN THE PHD NETWORK

Since its foundation in September 2016, the »Leibniz PhD Network« has been working for an improved exchange between doctoral researchers and a better representation of their interests within the Leibniz Association. At the annual general assembly, seven doctoral candidates were elected as the new steering

JULY



7TH UNDERSTANDING CHANGE OF AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

The results of the research project »Future | Food | Commons« were summarized in two brochures and presented in Berlin's Prinzessinnengärten in July. The practice brochure »Alternative food networks« and the policy brochure »Alternative food networks: Fields of action for producers, consumers, policy-makers and administration« are available for download on the project website.

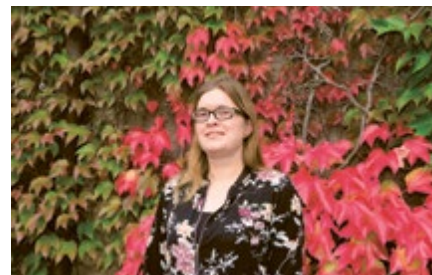
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AUGUST

participants from the fields of agricultural and environmental sciences, consulting and practice in Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Poland and Belgium.



SEPTEMBER



committee. Meike Weltin, a researcher in the EU project VITAL at ZALF, was elected as the new spokeswoman for the Environmental Sciences Section.

IN RETROSPECT



18TH AWARD Inspired by a famous study by the economist Stephen Ziliak and Deirdre McCloskey, Meike Weltin and Jens Rommel from the Institute of Socioeconomics at ZALF presented an initial diagnosis of the misinterpretation of statistical significance in agricultural economic research and teaching. Their contribution was awarded the prize for the best presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Economic and Social Sciences in Agriculture (GEWISOLA).

21ST FIRST SCIENCE DAY AT ZALF With a combination of scientific lectures and discussion rounds, the new internal format is intended to promote a lively scientific exchange. The positive feedback of the more than 100 participants results in the establishment of the Science Day as one of several regular scientific ZALF events.

24TH BONARES EVALUATION An international panel of experts confirmed that the BonaRes Centre has had a very successful start-up phase and that the partners involved have been successfully integrated into a virtual centre that is ideally equipped for the ambitious goal of providing scientific foundations for sustainable land use.



4–5TH IDEAS FOR THE LAND Land is essential. As a habitat, economic good and part of our culture. However, land is also at the centre of distribution conflicts between agriculture, energy supply, (housing) industry, tourism or transport. In order to find solutions for a responsible, forward-looking use of the resource land, nine teams of scientists and

OCTOBER

28TH A GUIDE TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS Collaborative projects are time-limited, complex systems; they are designed and carried out by larger research consortia; they have a predominantly interdisciplinary orientation and require close cooperation between international researchers, particularly in the field of sustainable development. Conflicts can easily arise that delay or jeopardize the success of a project. This is where conflict prevention and conflict management systems (CPM) can help. Together with researchers from the Institute for Conflict Management at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), a CPM system was developed and tested in the Transsec project coordinated by ZALF. The guide is available for download.

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NOVEMBER



22ND ZALF AT THE COP23 ZALF was part of the German delegation to the 23rd UN Climate Change Conference »COP23« in Bonn and took part in expert discussions between politics, industry and business. ZALF is also actively involved in the »4per1000« initiative, which was the subject of a symposium at COP23.

www.4per1000.org

Video interview of Prof. Ewert:
<http://bit.ly/2iW5rzu>

DECEMBER



practitioners are working in the funding measure »Innovation Groups for Sustainable Land Management«. At a status conference, they met with other partners and sponsors and discussed proposed solutions. Initial results with an exemplary character for regions throughout Germany were made tangible with the aid of an interactive map.

www.ideen-fuer-das-land.de



25 YEARS OF ZALF: RESEARCH CENTRE CELEBRATES ITS ANNIVERSARY

JANINA FAGO, HENDRIK SCHNEIDER

On 22 June 2017, the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) celebrated its 25th anniversary with around 300 invited guests from the fields of science, politics and practice. A scientific symposium was held in the morning on the topic of »Agricultural landscape research in the context of sustainability goals« on the campus in Muencheberg. In the afternoon companions, sponsors and partners, along with the ZALF Executive Board and their guests reviewed 25 years of agricultural landscape research during a festive ceremony.



Muencheberg: A research site with a long tradition

ZALF – the Centre for Agricultural Landscape and Land Use Research – was founded as a »Blue List« institution in Muencheberg in 1992. Research at the site is based on a long tradition: as early as 1928, the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Plant Breeding Research was founded by its first director Erwin Baur. Following its relocation in 1945, the Institute was re-opened shortly afterwards as the Central Research Institute for Plant Breeding, then from 1952 it became the Institute for Arable Farming and Crop Breeding with a new focus and new director: Prof. Dr. Ruebensam. In 1970, both its name as well as its mission were changed: the Muencheberg Research Centre for Soil Fertility (FZB) focused on the industrial-scale intensification of crop production. From 1987, its research was extended further to cover ecologically and economically balanced land management. The FZB was formally dissolved in 1991. Upon the recommendation of the German Council of Science and Humanities, the birth of today's Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) was approaching.

The development of ZALF: Excellence and internationalization with a wealth of data

With the establishment of ZALF in Muencheberg in 1992, the research focus on site changed direction from maximizing production to environmentally friendly land use as well as the integration of complex relationships in agriculturally used areas. Existing research data, such as the GDR-wide soil evaluation data, were and are the basis of a trove of data that is still growing today. Local and regional knowledge have been gradually extended to an international level. The initial governing body of ZALF was the »Blue List Working Committee«, which was jointly financed by the Federal Government and the states. In 1995, this became the »Scientific Community Blue List« (WBL) and from 1997, the »Wissenschaftsgemeinschaft Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz« (WGL), or »Leibniz Association« for short. Thus, a powerful umbrella association with an international focus on scientific excellence was established, which would have a formative effect on ZALF. A further landmark decision for the Muencheberg Research Centre came to pass in 2006: the transfer of the responsibility for funding federal states from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of Science and thus a broadening of the focus on research — from the doorstep into the whole world.

Research with a focus on transfer as well as inter- and transdisciplinarity

The research results from ZALF are today not only received in professional circles, but through a strong focus on transfer are also presented to the general public. ZALF uses very different formats for this: from a digital online game on the subject of water management, to panel discussions with stakeholders from many parts of society, up to smartphone apps for agriculture, the spectrum is varied. Regular field days in agriculture allow for a lively exchange of insights relating to the production of agricultural products while facing regional challenges, such as climate change, and are thus an excellent connection to practice.

The problems facing farmers, but also other relevant actors from industry, politics and public administration, characterize the research at ZALF. Actors from a wide variety of disciplines and social groups have been successively incorporated into the research and the transfer of knowledge under the heading of »transdisciplinarity«. The starting point was the »GRANO« joint research project which was launched in 1997. Transdisciplinary research was carried out systematically at ZALF for the first time: through GRANO, landscape planners, scientists, farmers and government representatives jointly pursued the objective of exploring the conditions required for sustainable agricultural landscape development in selected regions of Brandenburg. Obstacles, but above all ways of converting environmental knowledge into practical action were identified.



Ingrid Onasch, technical staff member at ZALF, analyzing a soil sample

The involvement of the general public in the research efforts of ZALF has today led to one of the most successful citizen science projects in Germany: Researchers map mosquitoes with the help of the population in their mosquito atlas.

Natural and social scientists on an international mission

The more intensive inter- and transdisciplinary research orientation is due not least to a speciality at ZALF: the linking of scientific phenomena with economic and social aspects. Research topics with increasingly global weighting established themselves from the very beginning with the founding of the Institute of Socio-Economics: Food security, landscape functioning, ecosystem services and impact research are but a few of the keywords here.

The renowned expert conference »Tropentag« (»Tropics Day«) was a milestone in the internationalization strategy. Jointly with the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in 2015, ZALF brought the largest Convention on International Agricultural Research back to Berlin after eleven years. More than 1,000 participants from around 80 countries met to discuss strategies for food security, a more equitable use of resources and the fight against poverty. In the same year, ZALF, together with the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), took over the coordination of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research »BonaRes« program (Soil as a sustainable resource for the bioeconomy). The research consortium, comprising a total of ten interdisciplinary collaborative research projects, has set itself the task of building up a worldwide unique virtual center in order to collect, to network and to make available knowledge of soil functions.

Data collection and data usage: Research on the scales of space and time

In order to develop concrete tools for the complex change processes in agricultural landscapes, it is essential to have data in different time and space scales: ZALF has a unique variety of long-term relevant data as well as experience in handling this. The ZALF research station with a total area of 150 ha and three different locations plays a special role here. The test areas in Muencheberg are characterized by a sandy landscape. The widespread dry and sandy soils in Brandenburg provide ideal conditions for research trials with a particular focus on aspects of climate change. The Paulinenaue site in turn is characterized by wet soil conditions — among other

things, extensive grazing management in moor and grassland regions is tested here. The third site in the catchment area of the Quillow river in the Uckermark region is distinguished by relatively good soil and is characteristic of large parts of Central Europe. The »AgroScapeLab Quillow« here is ZALF's landscape laboratory: various measurement techniques are bundled together and geo-information is recorded and stored with measurement data in different dimensions from the soil, ground water or from the air. This »treasure trove of data« has grown over more than 25 years, and the research questions are as diverse as the data itself: from the intensive use and non-use of land, different tillage intensities, to the cultivation of various forms of crop rotation and accompanying vegetation, up to their impacts for example on erosion or the carbon balance of agricultural landscapes.

Digitalization and Agriculture 4.0

Through progressive digitization and developments in the field of »Big Data«, completely new opportunities are opening up under the heading »Agriculture 4.0« for the use, processing and provision of these complex data sets: in experiments in the laboratory, in climatic chambers or at the research station on a field and a landscape scale, ZALF generates and cross-links data which feeds a further pet research project in Muencheberg: computer-aided modelling. Using this, the scientists are able to explain the interactions between individual processes right up to the landscape level—and thereby also transfer research results to other regions and sections of the landscape.

With more than 163 partners in 18 countries in the meantime, ZALF is not only active in domestic agriculture today, but in a global context is also contributing to solving the challenges of the future at the landscape level.

The opening ceremony speakers (f.l.t.r.):
Min. Dir. Clemens Neumann, Henrik Wendorff, Cornelia Rosenberg, State Minister Jörg Vogelsänger, former Federal Minister Prof. Johanna Wanka, Gernot Schmidt, Ludolf von Maltzan, Dr. Wolfgang Kasten, Prof. Frank A. Ewert. Not pictured speaker: Anita Beblek.



ANNEX



FACTS & FIGURES



325

Employees
(among them 159 scientists)



5160

Newspaper articles



6.4 million €

Total amount of
third party money

4905

Visitors

211

Peer-reviewed publications

21.5 million €

Basic funding

27

Employees doing
academic teaching



27.9 million €

Total budget

56

Tasks and offices in
scientific boards and bodies

71

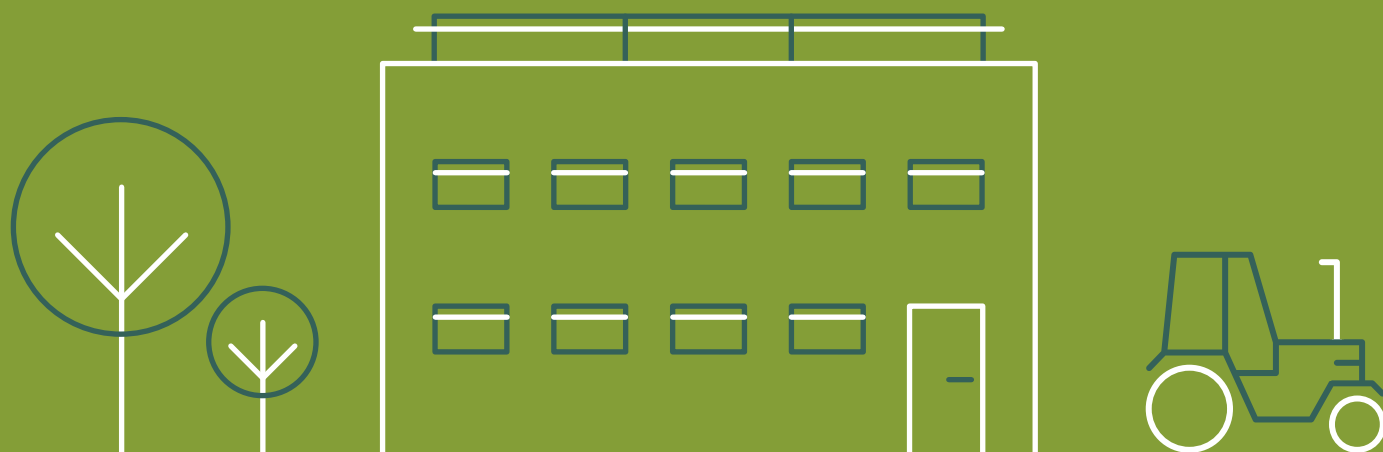
Scientific conferences
and workshops

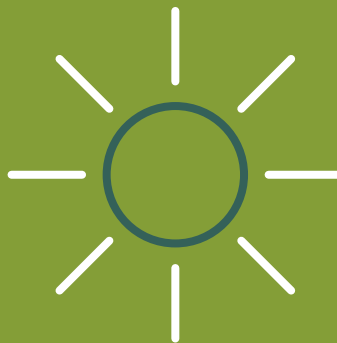
23%

Percentage of third party money

42

Colloquia



**11**

New doctoral researchers

**27**

Newly started projects

**1**

Patent

Lysimeter flow rate control
(patent holder: ZALF & UGT GmbH)**14**

Completed doctoral theses

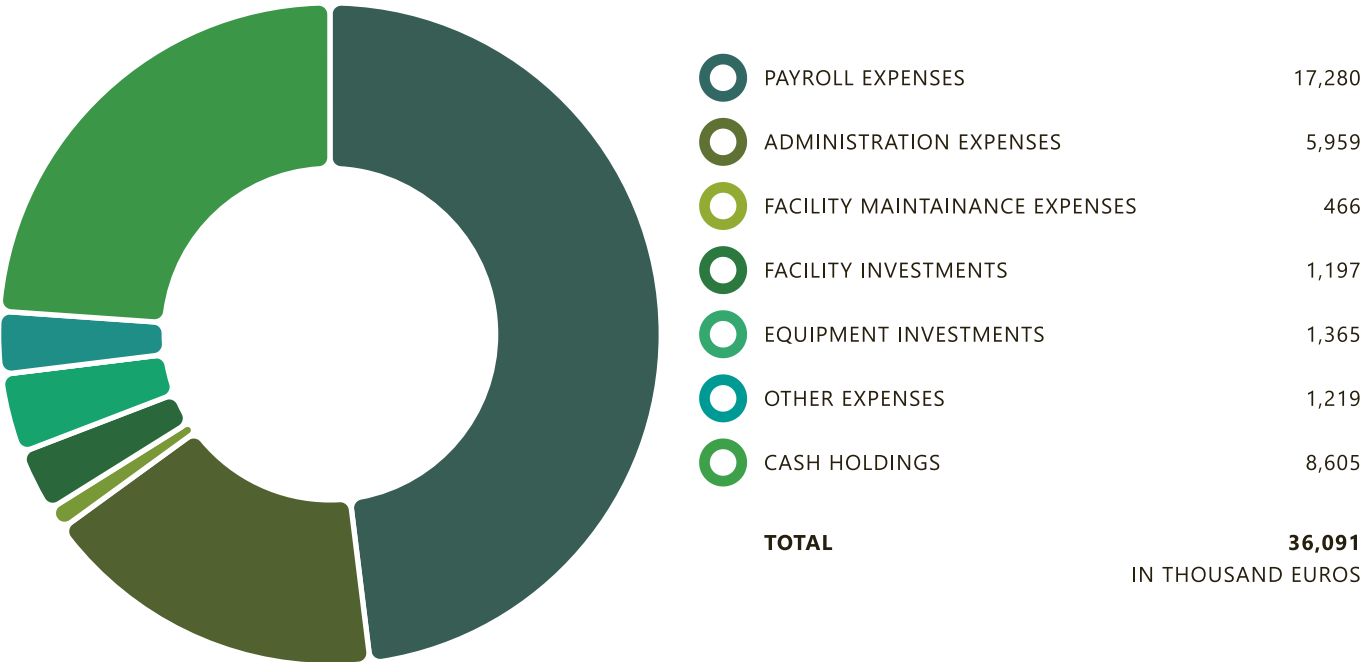
163Cooperating partners
in 18 countries**1**

Spin-off

29Diplomas, master theses,
bachelor theses**150**Hectares of ZALF
experimental sites

FINANCES

EXPENSES DURING BUDGET YEAR 2017*



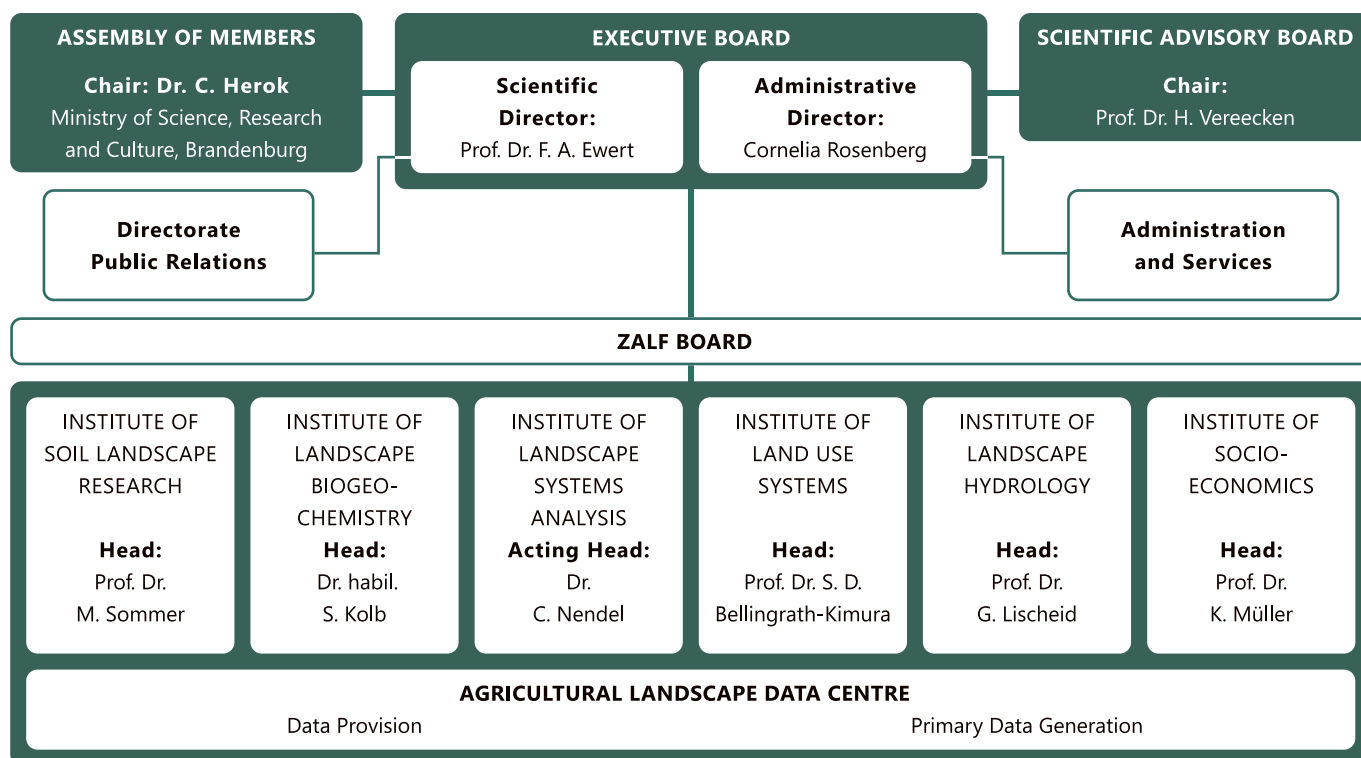
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIRD PARTIES IN BUDGET YEAR 2017*	GRF	449	PRIVATE COMPANIES	273
	FEDERAL FINANCED PROJECTS	4,204	SAW	125
	STATE FINANCED PROJECTS	138	OTHERS	242
	EU	542	FOUNDATIONS	142
	ERANET	258	IN THOURSAND EUROS	



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› Head of Institute: Prof. Dr. Michael Sommer

LBG The **Institute of Landscape Biogeochemistry (LBG)** investigates principles of C and N cycles in agricultural landscapes and their influences on the responses of landscape processes to climate change and land use management. Drivers and regulators of landscape processes are microbiomes, plants, and plant-soil-biome interactions, which are studied at the laboratory, greenhouse and landscape level.

› Head of Institute: PD Dr. Steffen Kolb

LSA The **Institute of Landscape Systems Analysis (LSA)** explores ecosystem functions and services of agricultural landscapes. Methods and models for analysis and assessment purposes are developed to facilitate a better understanding and evaluation of relevant processes. These are the foundation for an integrated sustainability impact assessment of climate change, policy making and societal demands on agricultural landscapes.

› Acting Head of Institute: Dr. Claas Nendel

LSE The **Institute of Land Use Systems (LSE)** develops sustainable land use systems and studies their contributions to the provision of ecosystem services in a landscape context. New assessment tools and indicators are created that can be used for simulation models as well as new governance approaches.

› Head of Institute: Prof. Dr. Sonoko D. Bellingrath-Kimura

LWH The **Institute of Landscape Hydrology (LWH)** develops methods for sustainable water management that simultaneously ensure agricultural production, maintain ecosystem services and protect biodiversity. The institute's work is based on a sound understanding of the interplay between hydrological, biogeochemical and biological processes including their interactions under changing environmental conditions.

› Head of Institute: Prof. Dr. Gunnar Lischeid

SO The **Institute of Socio-Economics (SO)** investigates economic, social and political aspects of the sustainable use of agricultural landscapes. Research questions address actor behavior, governance approaches as well as innovation processes. Due to the complexity of the research questions, disciplinary investigations are complemented by inter- and transdisciplinary approaches.

› Head of Institute: Prof. Dr. Klaus Müller

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Hampf, Anna C.	Germany	Landscape Systems Analysis	Heinrich-Böll Foundation
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Sustainability assessment of agro-bioenergy systems using energy efficiency indicators
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Multidimensional impacts of climate change and climate variability on farming systems in Pakistan: implications for adaptation and sustainable rural development
Supervisor at ZALF:
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The vulnerability of organic farming to climate change effects in the Federal State of Brandenburg, Germany
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Dealing with missing data in hydrology — Data analysis of discharge and groundwater time-series in Northeast Germany
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Sustainability Impact Assessment of land use scenarios in the area of tension between space production and re-production — Development of an analytical framework at the regional level
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Turning a problem into a solution: heterogeneities in soil hydrology
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Applying isotope geochemistry to identify mechanisms regulating the aquatic-terrestrial carbon and nitrogen dynamics across scales in a moraine landscape
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Modelling greenhouse gas emissions and cumulative energy demand of energy crops in rotation using the Life Cycle Assessment approach — Challenges and potential solutions
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Hydropedological analysis of erosion-affected soils in a hummocky ground-moraine landscape — Interactions of water flow, dissolved carbon and particle transport, crop growth, and pedogenesis
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Sustainability impact assessment for improved food security — The benefit of local stakeholder participation
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Inst. of Socio-Economics
The introduction and implementation of »zero-acreage farming« (ZFarming). Potentials, limitations, and acceptance
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Plant and soil microbial responses to drought stress in different ecosystems: the importance of maintaining the continuum
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Analysis of anthropogenic impacts on water resources in the Wami River basin, Tanzania
Supervisor at ZALF:
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Transdisciplinary research in the field of land use science: concepts, practice, and dimensions of success
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NEW THIRD PARTY FUNDED PROJECTS

Title	Duration	Funding	Institutes
Food, Natural, Manmade-Security Crisis and Driving Forces for Migration	January 2017–June 2018	Leibniz Research Alliance »Crises in a Globalised World«	Socio-Economics
Land use change in savannahs and grasslands—solutions through political commitment, land use planning and best management practices (SuLu2)	January 2017–August 2019	World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)	Socio-Economics
Patterns of evapotranspiration changing throughout the year (pETchy)	January 2017–December 2019	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Soil Landscape Research, Landscape Hydrology
Potential analysis of the cocoa value chain in Cameroon (IITA Value-CC)	January 2017–February 2019	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Cameroon	Socio-Economics
Development of a monitoring and risk assessment system for extreme weather events for providing decision support for extreme weather management in agriculture (EMRA)	February 2017–January 2020	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Soil Landscape Research
Spread of antibiotic resistance in an agrarian landscape (SOARiAL)	February 2017–January 2020	Leibniz Competition, Cooperative Excellence	Soil Landscape Research
Monitoring the temporal changes of surface properties regarding the PM-emission potentials in the mining area Nochten	April 2017–November 2018	Lausitz Energie Bergbau AG	Soil Landscape Research
Meta-analysis of the benefits of organic farming for environment and society	May 2017–March 2018	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Land Use Systems
Vegetation surveys on permanent plots in the lower Havel river valley	May 2017–December 2018	Landesamt für Umwelt, Brandenburg (LfU)	Land Use Systems
Development of a biological system controlling the causative agent of the ash dieback <i>Hymenoscyphus fraxineus</i> (Frax-ProMik)	June 2017–May 2020	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Landscape Biogeochemistry
Human-wildlife conflicts in agricultural landscapes of UNESCO-Biosphere reserves (LandSTRAT)	June 2017–May 2020	Marianne and Dr. Fritz Walter Fischer- Foundation	Land Use Systems
Innovation network to improve soybean production under the global change (INNISOY)	June 2017–May 2020	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	Land Use Systems, Landscape Systems Analysis
Biodiversity, interaction and nitrogen cycle in grassland soil (BE-Cult)	July 2017–December 2019	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Landscape Biogeochemistry
Land-use intensity effects on soil methane cycling microbes in grassland and forest soils	July 2017–December 2019	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Landscape Biogeochemistry
Solute mass transfer through the macropore-matrix interface during preferential flow in structured soils: model development (SoMaTra)	July 2017–June 2020	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Soil Landscape Research

Title	Duration	Funding	Institutes
Model based environmental impact assessment of the new energy crop Szarvasi grass in comparison to annual energy crops (BRAWU)	August 2017–January 2018	Landwirtschaftskammer NRW	Land Use Systems
Resource management in the salinized and drought stress-endangered irrigation areas of Central Asia for adapting to climate change (BioWAT I)	August 2017–July 2019	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	Landscape Hydrology
Developing and testing a process to increase and secure the quality of grass silage production	September 2017–December 2020	EU	Land Use Systems
Digital Agricultural Knowledge and Information System (DAKIS): Innovation integration for landscape smart agriculture	September 2017–February 2018	Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)	Land Use Systems, Landscape Systems Analysis, Socio-Economics
Investigation of an alternative cropping system on former arid and semi-arid rangelands in the Golestan province, Iran (ARIAN)	September 2017–August 2020	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Land Use Systems
Landscape genetics of insect-pollinated forest herbs in changing agricultural landscapes	November 2017–January 2021	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Land Use Systems
Quantification of small-scale physicochemical and microbiological properties of intact macropore surfaces in structured soils (InnoForEst)	November 2017–October 2019	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Soil Landscape Research, Landscape Biogeochemistry
Smart information, governance and business innovations for sustainable supply and payment mechanisms for forest ecosystem services	November 2017–October 2020	EU Horizon 2020	Socio-Economics
Wise use of drained peatlands in a bio-based economy: Development of improved assessment practices and sustainable techniques for mitigation of greenhouse gases (PEATWISE)	November 2017–November 2020	EU Horizon 2020	Socio-Economics
Meeting desired protein contents for malting barley (Barley-IT)	December 2017–November 2019	EU EIT Climate-Kic	Landscape Systems Analysis
Satellite-based Information for grassland management (SattGrün)	December 2017–November 2020	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)	Landscape Systems Analysis
Urban and peri-urban agriculture in the EU (UPUA)	December 2017–April 2018	EU	Socio-Economics

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- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Justus Liebig University Giessen
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
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- Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
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- University of Bonn
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- University of Hohenheim
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- University of Potsdam
- University of Rostock

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACTA	Association de Coordination Technique Agricole	FNR	Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe	LWH	Inst. für Landschaftswasserhaushalt/Inst. of Landscape Hydrology
AgMIP	Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project	FONA	Forschung für nachhaltige Entwicklung/Research for Sustainable Development	MACSUR	Modeling European Agriculture with Climate Change for Food Security
ARL	Akademie für Raumforschung und Landesplanung	FRCuma	Federation regionale des cooperatives d'utilisation de materiel agricole del ouest de la France DLO	MLUL	Ministerium für Umwelt, Gesundheit und Verbraucherschutz des Landes Brandenburg/Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture of the Federal State of Brandenburg
ATB	Leibniz-Inst. für Agrartechnik und Bioökonomie/Leibniz Inst. for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy	Oues	- Stichting Dienst Landbouwkundig Onderzoek	Brandenburg	
BAM	Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung/Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung	FU Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	MWFK	Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kultur des Landes Brandenburg
BLF	Inst. für Bodenlandschaftsforschung/Inst. of Soil Landscape Research	FZ Jülich	Forschungszentrum Jülich	Brandenburg	
BMF	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung/Federal Ministry of Education and Research	GRF	German Research Foundation	PIK	Potsdam-Inst. für Klimafolgenforschung/Potsdam Inst. for Climate Impact Research
BMEL	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft/Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture	HU Berlin	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	SAW	Senatsausschuss Wettbewerb der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft/The Senate Competition Committee of Leibniz Association
BVL	Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit/Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety	ICRAF	The International Council for Research in Agroforestry/World Agroforestry Centre	SDEI	Senckenberg Deutsches Entomologische Institut/ Senckenberg German Entomological Institute
CEMA	Comite Europeen des groupements de constructeurs du Machinisme Agricole	ICRISAT	Int. Crops Research Inst. for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Patancheru, India	SO	Inst. für Sozioökonomie/Inst. of Socio-Economics
COST	European Cooperation in Science and Technology	iCROP	International Crop Modelling Symposium	TP	Teilprojekt
Delphy	Delphy, Wageningen, Niederlande	IGB	Leibniz-Inst. für Gewässerökologie und Binnenfischerei/Leibniz-Inst. of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries	TROPOS	Leibniz-Institut für Troposphärenforschung Leipzig/Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research
DFG	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft	IHP	Leibniz-Inst. für innovative Mikroelektronik/Innovations for High Performance Microelectronics	TU Berlin	Technische Universität Berlin
DIN	Deutsches Inst. für Normung/German Inst. for Standardization	INI	Iniciativas Innovadoras SAL	TUM	Technische Universität München/Technical University of Munich
DIR	Direktorat/Directorate	INRA	L'Institut national de la recherche agronomique/French National Institute for Agricultural Research	UMSICHT	Fraunhofer-Institut für Umwelt-, Sicherheits-, und Energietechnik/Fraunhofer Inst. for Environmental, Safety, and Energy Technology
DLG	Deutsche Landwirtschaftsgesellschaft/German Agricultural Society	INTIA	Inst.o Navarro de Tecnologias e Infraestructuras Agroalimentarias	UN	Vereinte Nationen/United Nations
DSMZ	Leibniz-Institut DSMZ - Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH Braunschweig/ Leibniz Institute DSMZ - German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures	ISI	Fraunhofer-Inst. für System- und Innovationsforschung/Fraunhofer Inst. for Systems and Innovation Research	UVP-Ge-sellschaft	Gesellschaft für die Prüfung der Umweltverträglichkeit
EGU	European Geophysical Union	IZW	Leibniz-Inst. für Zoo- und Wildtierforschung/Leibniz Inst. for Zoo and Wildlife Research	WGL	Leibniz-Gemeinschaft/Leibniz Association
ERANET	European Research Area Network	JPI	Joint Programming Initiative	ZWM	Zentrum für Wissenschaftsmanagement/Center for Science and Research Management
FACCE	Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change	KIT-ITAS	Inst. für Technikfolgenabschätzung und Systemanalyse/Inst. for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis		
FBH	Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Leibniz-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik/Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Leibniz-Institut fuer Hoechstfrequenztechnik	LBG	Inst. für Landschaftsbiogeochemie/Inst. for Landscape Biogeochemistry		
FHG	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft	LSA	Inst. für Landschaftssystemanalyse/Inst. of Landscape Systems Analysis		
FLEUR	The Jülich FLAPW code family	LSE	Inst. für Landnutzungssysteme/Inst. of Land Use Systems		

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