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Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF)

Personnel change in the Executive Board:

Martin Jank is the new Administrative Director of ZALF

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Effective March 1, 2021, Martin Jank will assume the position of Administrative Director on the Executive Board of the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF). With his appointment, he replaces Cornelia Rosenberg, who has held this position since January 2015. Most recently, Martin Jank was chancellor of the Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF Film University. Prof. Frank Ewert remains as Scientific Director on the ZALF Executive Board.

As Administrative Director, Martin Jank's responsibilities include Administration and related services, which include Human Resources, Finance and Controlling, Grants Management, Information Technology, and other structural units of ZALF.

Most recently, Martin Jank led the administration and technical areas of the Babelsberg Konrad Wolf Film University as chancellor. From 2012 to 2015, he was Head of Administration in the Faculty of "Computing, Communication and Business" at the Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft - University of Applied Sciences, Berlin.

Enabling research

The new Administrative Director intends to use his key position at ZALF to provide the best possible support for research: "At the universities, I particularly enjoyed working with the research departments. With a great deal of creativity, I would like to create the best possible framework conditions for research and thus contribute to the overall success of research. This is why I hope I can make a big difference at ZALF." It is also a personal concern of Jank's to promote ZALF's research on sustainability topics through his work. He emphasizes: "Basically, it is important to

me to pursue an activity which has social relevance. I very much hope that I can help here to make the world a little better for the generations to come.”

Martin Jank studied Industrial Education (diploma) and Business Law (LL.M.), has additional qualifications in Project and Improvement Management and is a certified mediator.

Further information:



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ZALF conducts research on the economically, ecologically and socially sustainable agriculture of the future – together with stakeholders from science, politics and practice.

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As a contribution to addressing global societal challenges such as climate change, food security, biodiversity conservation and resource scarcity, we develop and design cropping systems in a landscape context that combine the need for crop production with sustainability. To do this, we combine complex landscape data with a unique set of experimental methods, new technologies, computer-based models and socio-economic approaches.

ZALF research is systems research: from processes in soils, plants and water, to interrelationships at the field and landscape level, to global impacts and the consideration of complex interactions between landscape, society and economy.

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