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New projects and more capital



Dear ladies and gentlemen,

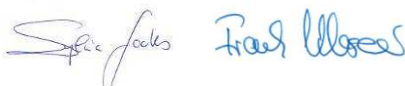
a very practical information at the very beginning: the publication of the Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2017 has just started. Until 2nd June students may send us their applications. Further details can be taken from our website claas-foundation.com. Please draw potential candidates' attention to this worthwhile scholarship.

We are also looking forward to many other projects and initiatives in the coming months. This is possible thanks to one of the highlights from the last year. In July, the capital of the CLAAS Foundation was increased by € 2.7 million to € 10 million, which ensures our financial scope even in times of low interest rates.

The year 2016 was an exciting year. For example, there was the student event "Field Robot Event" at Gut Mariaburghausen in Haßfurt, Germany or the "Day of agricultural engineering" for high school students, aged 13 – 15 years. On this day we could tell the young talents of tomorrow about the world of agricultural engineering in Harsewinkel. Also last year, pupils from the Student Research Center in South-Wuerttemberg proved how internationally-minded they are as young scientists: They received an award in Abu Dhabi and traveled there to receive this prestigious award.

But read for yourself...

Yours sincerely



Sylvia Looks Frank Klüsener

Executive Board CLAAS Foundation



The prizewinners of 2016, the Board of Trustees and the jury.

Helmut Claas-Scholarships and prizes of over 45,000 euros

Young stars from seven countries awarded

The CLAAS Foundation in Harsewinkel awarded scholarships and other prizes to bright young stars in the fields of agricultural sciences, engineering and business management.

Prizes at a total value of more than 45,000 euros went to students from Bulgaria, Germany, England, the Netherlands, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania.

The winners and teachers at the partner universities came together on the eve of the ceremony to socialize and to meet young scientists from other countries. 'These informal get-togethers are hugely important for us as a charitable foundation, as they help us to continue expanding our international network of universities and cooperation partners,' says Sylvia Looks from the Executive Board of the CLAAS Foundation.

The nominees held talks on the bachelor theses they submitted, but did not find out which prize they had actually won until they took possession of the certificate. Helmut Claas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the CLAAS Foundations, personally handed over the certificates and congratulated the winners.

The following individual prizes were awarded:

Scholarships:

Helmut Claas scholarships support students in the general engineering disciplines and those completing business management degrees.

The first prize, a scholarship worth 7,200 euros, went to Philip Schierning, student of organic agricultural sciences at the University of Kassel, Witzenhausen. His bachelor thesis investigated how various wheat mixtures can be used to optimize baking quality



Philip Schierning accepts his first prize from Helmut Claas.

International Student Prizes

The CLAAS Foundation presents the International Student Prizes to students from Eastern Europe coming to a value of € 4,500 per nation.

These were awarded to students at the Banat University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Timisoara (Romania), the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (Hungary), Wageningen University (the Netherlands), the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (Slovakia) and the 'Angel Kanchev' University of Ruse (Bulgaria).



Frank Klüsener (left) welcomes Prof. Sorin Bungescu (middle) and prize winner Daniel Husu of the University in Timisoara (Romania).

Also Helmut Claas received an award: Prof. Vladimir Rataj of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (Slovakia) presented a medal thanking him for his engagement in the promotion of ag engineering.



Weihenstephan-Triesdorf

International MBA „Agricultural management“ accredited

The International MBA Agricultural Management (IMA) of the University of Applied Science Weihenstephan-Triesdorf at the agricultural faculty was accredited for the second time towards the end of the year 2016. At present, there are around 700 - 800 students who are member of the „International Network Agricultural Management“, of which about 150 students of 13 Eastern European countries attend lectures and take part in practical experience programmes.

The International MBA Agricultural Management and the University of Applied Science Weihenstephan-Triesdorf continue the mission of extending international cooperations with great diligence and engagement and this way expand the international network of Bavarian universities.

The CLAAS Foundation maintains very close links with Weihenstephan-Triesdorf and supports yearly two students with a scholarship.



The MBA Ag Management students celebrating the variety of cultures at Weihenstephan-Triesdorf.

Student Research Centre Süd-Württemberg: Energy Prize and new branch

Zayed Future Energy Prize for Bad Saulgau



Award Ceremony in Abu Dhabi.

The Student Research Centre (SRC) Süd-Württemberg received the renowned Zayed Future Energy Prize for its project idea on the energy transition. The prize money of 100,000 USD helps to more rapidly put the idea of the production of regenerative energy as well as the solutions for storage and distribution options into practice. Head of the SRC Tobias Beck and the SRC students Julian Haasis and Jonas Wörner personally accepted the prize in Abu Dhabi.



At the Summer Event of the SRC Osnabrück the researchers' enthusiasm was plain to see.

Why does only one side of a pickled cucumber light up when electricity is sent through it?

This and other questions are tackled in the new SRC branch in Eningen, which was officially opened last year. Also this new branch will be able to carry out a number of exciting and thrilling projects, also thanks to the continuous support of the CLAAS Foundation.

In a nutshell

Prof. Dr. Thomas Herlitzius of the Technical University of Dresden is the new member of the CLAAS Foundation Jury. The Professor for Agricultural Systems Engineering is since 2016 also director of the new Institute of Natural Product Technology at the TU Dresden. He succeeds Prof. Dr. Marcus Geimer, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, who left the jury after five engaging and valuable years of cooperation.



Prof. Dr. Thomas Herlitzius