

## 40 Years of Farming Systems Research for Food Security

40 years ago, in November 1971, Hans Ruthenberg at that time professor at the University of Hohenheim, published the first edition of "Farming systems in the tropics", developing a functional and acceptable classification of various types of farms, farm households and their decision-making in tropical and subtropical agriculture. With his book he contributed significantly to the on-going systems research in agricultural development research. This year's World Food Day Colloquium will discuss the farming systems approach under the aspect of its contribution to food security in the past 40 years and its future contribution to research and global food security as well as the necessity of a renewal of the farming systems perspective in light of the new challenges.

Venue  
Universität Hohenheim  
Schloss Hohenheim,  
Balkonsaal



Schloss Mittelbau  
1. Obergeschoss,  
Nummer 121

### Journey

#### Description

By public transport  
from the central railway  
station of Stuttgart:  
City railway no. U7  
(low-level station)  
towards "Ostfildern"

until station "Ruhbank (Fernsehturm)", then transfer  
into city bus no. 70 towards "Plieningen" until the bus  
stop "Universität Hohenheim". Pass the mensa by foot  
and then you will see the Schloss Hohenheim.



Food Security Center  
University of Hohenheim  
D-70593 Stuttgart | Germany  
Phone +49 (0)711-459-24455 | Fax +49 (0)711-459-24456  
Email: [fsc@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:fsc@uni-hohenheim.de) | [www.foodsecurity.de](http://www.foodsecurity.de)

**Please be so kind as to inform us about  
your participation via email!**



Institute of Agricultural  
Economics and Social  
Sciences in the Tropics  
and Subtropics

## World Food Day Colloquium

### 40 Years of Farming Systems Research for Food Security

Incl. Justus von  
Liebig Award for  
World Nutrition 2011

Sponsored by:  
Foundation  
fiat panis



**Friday, November 11, 2011  
09:00 – 18:00**

**Schloss Hohenheim,  
Stuttgart**

## PROGRAM

World Food Day Colloquium  
*40 Years of Farming Systems Research  
for Food Security*

Friday, November 11, 2011

09:00-10:00 Foyer

### Arrival & Registration

10:00-10:30 Balkonsaal

### Opening Session

Chair: Martina Brockmeier  
*Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social  
Sciences in the Tropics and Subtropics,  
Center for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics,  
University of Hohenheim*

### Welcome Address

Rector, University of Hohenheim

### Program Presentation

Detlef Virchow  
*Food Security Center,  
University of Hohenheim*

### Memorial Dr. Dr. h.c. Hermann Eiselen

Thomas Berger  
*Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the  
Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim*

10:30-11:15 Balkonsaal

### Keynote Speech Agricultural Renaissance: making agriculture part of sustainable development

Prabhu Pingali  
*Agricultural Development  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*

## PROGRAM

11:15-11:45 Foyer

### Coffee Break

11:45-12:45 Balkonsaal

### Award Ceremony Justus von Liebig Award for World Nutrition 2011 to: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Joachim von Braun ZEF-Bonn, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn

### Laudation

Franz Heidhues  
*Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the  
Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim*

### Speech of the laureate

12:45-13:45 Foyer

### Lunch Break

13:45-14:45 Balkonsaal

### View points of young scientists: The role of Farming Systems Research in future research challenges

Chair: Alwin Keil  
*Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the  
Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim*

Alisher Mirzabeav  
*PhD student, ZEF (Uzbekistan and Central Asia)*

Joseph Kugbe  
*PhD student, ZEF (Ghana)*

John Ilukor  
*PhD student, University of Hohenheim (Uganda, Kenya)*

Tesfamicheal Wossen  
*PhD student, University of Hohenheim (Ethiopia)*

## PROGRAM

14:45-15:15 Balkonsaal

### Coffee Break

15:15-16:45 Balkonsaal

### Panel Future contribution of Farming Systems Research to global food security

Chair: Regina Birner  
*Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the  
Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim*

Werner Doppler  
*Institute of Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences in the  
Tropics and Subtropics, University of Hohenheim*

Stein Terje Holden  
*Department of Economics and Resource Management,  
Norwegian University of Life Sciences*

John Dixon  
*Cropping Systems and Economics, Australian Centre for  
International Agricultural Research (tbc)*

Colin Thirtle  
*Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London*

Leslie Lipper  
*Economic and Social Development Department, FAO (tbc)*

16:45-17:00 Balkonsaal

### Closing

Andrea Fadani  
*Foundation fiat panis, Ulm*

18:00 Foyer

### 40 years Hans Ruthenberg`s „Farming Systems in the tropics“ - Reason for celebration!