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### **51. BDO conference in Geisenheim**

On basis of a ten year co-operation with the Agricultural Institute in San Michele and the Faculty Geisenheim, current research works and wines will be presented by graduates possessing the German/Italian diploma in the course of the 51. BDO conference. BDO general meeting will take place from April 4 - 5, 2006.

### **German/Italian culinary delight in Schloss Vollrads on the occasion of 51. BDO conference**

During the 51. BDO conference a culinary evening will take place on April 4, 2006 at 19 p.m. in Schloss Vollrads, Oestrich-Winkel, Rheingau. Several meal courses will be accompanied by wine originating from Italy and the Rheingau. The commemorative speed will be held by Dr. Rudolf Nickenig, German viticulture federation. BDO-president Edmund Diesler is responsible for the presentation of evening. Registration fee of 55,- Euro/p. person (non-members are welcome) to be transferred on the BDO account 39853 at Rheingauer Volksbank (BLZ 510 915 00) with the keyword "Abendprogramm" until 25.03.06. Tickets will be deposited at the conference cash.

### **Wine tasting of Italian wines**

On occasion of the 51st BDO conference on April 4, 2006, a wine tasting with wines of graduates obtaining the double diploma in viticulture and oenology will take place. Müller-Thurgau, Gewürztraminer, Chianti Classico, Brunello as well as autochthon varieties from Trentino will be presented. Presentation is held by Prof. Dr. Spagnolli, Istituto Agrario di San Michele all'Adige as well as Prof. Dr. Christmann, Geisenheim research centre and University of applied Sciences Wiesbaden, department Geisenheim. Registration by transfer of 15,- Euro for non-members and 10,- Euro for members and students with indication of keyword "Weinprobe" to the BDO account 39853 at Rheingauer Volksbank (51091500) Geisenheim. Tickets will be deposited at the conference cash.

### **BDO-excursion to Portugal**

The specialized BDO-excursion of this year goes to Portugal from August, 20 to 25. Flight to Porto, Visit of growing areas in Minho-region (Vinho-Verde). Dourtal, Bairrada, Ribatejo as well as Fatima in Lisbon, return flight from Lisbon. Price/p.person : 1.150,- Euro/double room incl. flight and bus journey. Please address registration immediately to Bernhard Gaubatz Tel. 6722-502-147, Fax 06722-502-



### Film performance – WM-Wine and football world championship

From Robert Lönarz "Film off!" it means for the studying of the section International Wine Economy in Geisenheim: In order to train their medium authority, in the second term their time table will contain the production of short films about wine beyond the organization of internet sides. According to project manager Robert Lönarz the structure of a wide medium authority - for the bachelor studying in the section International Wine Economy - should be achieved. Birgit Ritter, managing director of Vinomedia.TV GmbH – innovative wine marketing and owner of a training order resumes that the idea of experiencing wine from the professional line of side bears a very special attraction. Naturally the topic this year is "Wine and WM 2006". At present no comparing other sport event takes more into the spell as the football world championship. Thanks to the efforts of the German Viticulture Federation and the German Wine Institute, also wines deriving from German wine regions will be represented as official licensed product of the FIFA during our domestic world championship. More than 40 producers present their WM-wines and are naturally target of the students medium organization. Many WM-wine licensees support the film teams with wines and information so that a successful production of the fastidious film scripts can be assured. ([www.wine-vision.de](http://www.wine-vision.de))



### German wine eleven on successful courses

A successful story continues. On May 9, 2005 the wine team succeeded against the national team of point cooks and restaurateurs (with Rolf Zacherl) and this only 4 days before the last home game of FC Bayern Munich at the historic sports facility of the Olympia stadium took place. Unforgettable moments for a new wine team having in its rows many illustre Global Player of the German wine scene. And today bearing the name -WEINELF Deutschland- and being an official registered association. Members of it are for example Philipp Wittmann, Jochen Dreißigacker, brothers Spreitzer and Stefan Knipser, as well as well known names in the wine scene as for example Armin Diel, Dr. Rowald Hepp and Joachim Heger. "The attraction of the team is the big variety of very interesting person's active in the whole German wine economy" responds Vice-president Robert Lönarz to the question about the sense of a football playing wine team. The team consists of wine journalists, as Rudi Knoll or Michael Hornickel, a master of wine-comics as Michael Apitz, wine scientists from Geisenheim as Prof. Dr. Schultz and Prof. Dr. Löhnertz, the president of the German Viticulture Federation, Norbert Weber, the managing director of the German wine institute Armin Göring and many other players who carry their effort for the well-being of the German wine economy. Base of the team is the "Eulenmühle" in Ingelheim, with its president Norbert Heine, boss of the project office "marketing services" who from there coordinates the various activities of the team. Intended for the next three years are games against high-carat opponents in the domestic and foreign country having the German wine in its communicative focus, this promises Norbert Heine to medium representatives. In this year the WEINELF plays against the organizing committee of the FIFA-WM 2006, against the German star cooks, the ZDF sport studio, the national team of Austrian wine makers as well as the German high aristocracy in favour of children in emergency. For the next year it is planned to play against the traditional team of Bayer Leverkusen, the German Bundestag, the German Federal Armed Forces of generals and the Cava institute in Barcelona. Owing to a multiplicity of sponsors unforgettable moments can be initiated with German wines far beyond the games and which

remain in memory. Every sponsor supporting this idea shall be welcome and supports i.e. the action "Wine saves Life" of the German wine economy.

### **The lawn for the football world championship 2006**

Event from cause of the football world championship 2006 in Germany, on April 10, 2006. Meeting site: University of Applied Science Wiesbaden, section Geisenheim, Villa Monrepos, Lecture Hall 10, Rüdeshheimer Straße, 65366 Geisenheim. Program: At 14:00: Greetings and introduction into the topic, Presentation: Prof. Dipl. Ing. W. Prollius, at 14:15: "A lawn will be prepared for the football world championship" by Dipl. Ing. E. Lehmacher, Authority team with the subject lawn of the German WM-organizing committee, at 15:15: "Lawn world champion – World champion lawn" rearing of the lawn – transfer of the lawn – play enterprise, Thomas Büchner, manufacturer of WM-lawn. At 16:15: Discussion. At 17:00: Gate-wall-shoot in Rheingau-Stadium. At 18:00: Football game with German wine eleven vs. team of Organizing Committee WM 2006 ([www.weinelf.de](http://www.weinelf.de)) University of applied Sciences Wiesbaden – Research Center Geisenheim – VEG Geisenheim Alumni. Tropic meeting Saturday, June 24, 2006, at 9:00 tropical meeting with lectures. At 15:00: Meeting of working group "succulent agricultural crop". At 16:00: Meeting of the executive committee and board of trustees of Paul Hoffmann fond. At 18:00: Evening event "the agriculturalists of tropical plants celebrate", Marienthal. Sunday, June 25, 2006: "Fair breakfast" in Marienthal, with One-World-Group Geisenheim

### **The section of Pomology is now directed by Dr. Peter Braun**

On February 15, 2006, Dr. Peter Braun has taken over the succession of Prof. Jacob in the Section of Pomology at the Geisenheim Research Center and with it the professorship in the Section of Pomology at the University of Applied Sciences Wiesbaden. Prof. Braun studied agriculture in Bonn and specialised himself very early in pomology regarding plant production. He went to WAITE Institute in South Australia in order to perform his doctoral thesis. During this time he occupied himself with the examination of water content and lack of water in oranges at the same time he worked as physiological advisor of plants within an advising team of irrigation control. Back in Bonn he occupied himself together with Prof. Lenz from 1989 to 1998 mainly with questions of water content, irrigation control and fruit growth. Considerable parts of this work had been effected in coordination with the advisor board in Rheinland Pfalz, this in order to assure a close practical relation. During this time he spent two longer research periods in New Zealand where he worked on fruit growth and variability of quality in development with kiwis. In the last years he occupied himself at work mainly with the risk evaluation of climatic variability and change regarding acquisition fruit-growth and especially with the late frost risk in the cultivation area of Meckenheim. In 1999 he finally went to the agricultural University of Copenhagen and this as an associate Prof.. Here he mainly occupied with the quality development of black-currants as well as the development of blossom buds with sour cherries. Also he intensively worked for the development of an international course of studies in horticulture and during the last two years he there was study leader for the master and bachelor courses of studies. Prof. Braun is chairman of the working group "modelling in fruit-growth" of the International Horticultural Association and there he is also active for the working group of irrigation. According to his own statements he will put a substantial emphasis on the subjects of irrigation and risk studies of climatic variability during his future works in Geisenheim.

## Seminar on irrigation in Pomology and Viticulture

In the framework of the meeting "Seminar on irrigation in Pomology and Viticulture" on March 15, in Oppenheim, organized by DLR-Rheinland Pfalz/DLR R-N-H, presentation by Dr. Krüger on "irrigation control with small fruits".



## Biological defence against plant diseases

On March 29.-30., 2006, the annual meeting of the German Phytomedicinal Society e.V. will be held on the campus. At present the working group is directed by Prof. Dr. Gabriele Berg, Technical University Graz, Austria. The following lectures in defence against plant diseases and nematodes will be held: Employment of microorganisms and natural substances – screening methods-laboratory investigations of effectiveness, conservatory, plant protection in ecological agriculture. In the entrance hall of the refectory posters to the above mentioned topics will be presented. The overview paper will be presented by Dr. Jürgen Köhl of Plant Research International, Wageningen, NL. Three years ago Dr. Köhl was prize-winner of the Geisenheim "Rudolf-Hermanns-Stiftung". The conference starts on March 29, 2006 at 14:00! Organization at place is taken by Dagmar Heibertshausen, Section of Plant Pathology in Geisenheim Research Centre. Here you can receive further information on the meeting and registration (Email: [heibertshausen@fa-gm.de](mailto:heibertshausen@fa-gm.de)).

## "Genetics and Epigenetics with higher plants"

On October 27, 2006, lecture hall of the German Academy of natural scientists, Leopoldina-Emil-Abderhalden-Str. 35, Halle/Saale.  
Organization: M. Schröder (Geisenheim Research Center) R. Bock (MPI, Potsdam-Golm). A detailed program will follow.

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