

Greetings from the President

Dear Young Scientists,

I cordially welcome you to this year's Young Scientist's Meeting of the Julius Kühn-Institute which is being held at its head quarters in Quedlinburg. Being the 5th Young Scientists Meeting, we may already claim that this meeting has become a successful JKI tradition. Being a higher federal authority and a federal research institution with a broad variety of research areas and scientific topics, the exchange of knowledge within the JKI and between the specialized institutes is a key for regularly defining our overall direction. So what comes more naturally to you who work for three years in a row with one specialized topic as to share your knowledge and skills and then step back from the puzzle piece you are working on to get the greater picture.



During the next three days you will process the scientific exchange by presenting and discussing your research results. You will also promote the scientific exchange between the different JKI research areas because you represent all the different institutes that exist within JKI.

Therefore I am convinced that all participants will personally benefit from the NWF. Firstly by expanding your knowledge, secondly by increasing your presentation skills. This is, as you all know, very important for your future professional life in science, development or industries.

This year, for the first time, all your contributions will be held in English. So it is a practical training for international conferences to come in your future.

In addition, you get the chance to meet young fellow scientists from all 15 JKI-Institutes, probably an important base for networking in your future professional life. During two joint evenings you will have time to get to know each other. So please get to know each other's work and personality, start to weave networks and try to keep contact as long as your stay at the JKI lasts. We have a very copious and well-founded knowledge at the JKI. Make good use of this benefit. It is an easy way to improve your profession and by doing so you simultaneously improve the research quality of the JKI. It is tradition that the NWF is self-organized by you, the Young Scientists of JKI. Thus, you already contribute to our high research quality.

At this point, I wish to express my gratitude to the members of the organization team, who invested their precious time to organize this year's "Young Scientists Meeting", continuing the excellent tradition for the benefit of us all. I hope you all will enjoy your stay at Quedlinburg and return home enriched by the experience and impressions of this picturesque town in the very heart of our country.

Quedlinburg, December 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Backhaus', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Georg F. Backhaus
President and Professor