



Greetings from the President

Dear Young Scientists,

Welcome to the 9th Young Scientists Meeting of the Julius Kühn-Institut at the JKI headquarters in Quedlinburg.

The meeting has already a quite long and eventful history and it has become an important part and parcel at the JKI. At the same time it developed to a longed for and looked forward event for our young scientists. For this year, 58 participants applied which is 34% more than the last year.

During this year's meeting you will for the first time have the opportunity to propose and discuss your own ideas and solutions to set up key research aspects and prospected challenges of the JKI. For this, there will be a workshop where you can first discuss and dispute your ideas within a group of you. In a following panel discussion I cordially invite you to present your group results and discuss them in the big round together with the research coordinators and the press office. The final results and consensus of this round will be integrated in the strategic discussions about research at the JKI and thus give you the direct possibility to participate in the process of designing the scientific future of the JKI.

Furthermore, three keynote lectures will enrich the meeting. Christian Kohl, a newly appointed scientist from the Institute for Biosafety in Plant Biotechnology, gives an overview about evidence synthesis and decision making and presents a new software tool developed at the JKI. Klaus Humbeck from the Institute for Biology of the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg talks about epigenetic control of normal and stress-induced leaf senescence presenting the novel project - the Barley Epigenome Platform (BEP). Finally, Anja Hühnlein from the Information Centre and Library of the JKI gives a talk about interesting news and facts to copyright, open access and licenses. This is the first talk of an upcoming series "Open Research at the JKI – You make it possible, we make it visible" informing you about your opportunities to publish and visualize your work.

I am convinced that all participants will personally benefit from the YSM by expanding their knowledge and by increasing their presentation skills. In addition, you get the chance to get to know each other during the joint evening events and expand your personal network, an important base for your future professional life.

I hope you all enjoy your stay at Quedlinburg and return home enriched by the experience and inspired both scientifically and socially.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "G. Backhaus". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Georg F. Backhaus
President of the JKI