

## Editorial

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

nowadays foundations tend to assume far a greater joint responsibility for matters of social significance in various areas and fields. Initiatives and projects in science and culture would not be realizable without the engagement and financial support of foundations. In Germany alone, there are approximately 18.000 foundations.

The CLAAS Foundation makes a contribution by promoting knowledge and education particularly in the agricultural sector. To achieve this aim we are constantly in search of the best brains and innovative ideas having the potential in the process of shaping our future in agriculture. We are happy about two new funding projects:

First of all just recently we have started a new partnership in education with the Student Research Centre in Bad Saulgau, Germany.

Secondly, we have introduced a new funding prize exclusively directed at students of the Dutch University of Wageningen.

Please read more about these new projects in the following!

Best regards,



Uwe Lütkeschümer

Director of the CLAAS Foundation



*Helmut Claas presents the partnership certificate to Rudolf Lehn, Head of the Student Research Centre in Bad Saulgau.*

## CLAAS Foundation and Student Research Centre Bad Saulgau

### Start of new partnership in education

The CLAAS Foundation and the Student Research Centre (SRC) have formed a partnership. In a ceremony at the CLAAS Saulgau exhibition hall, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the CLAAS-group, Helmut Claas, at the same time Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the CLAAS Foundation, presented the partnership certificate to Rudolf Lehn, Head of the SRC.

Dr. Rolf Meuther, Director of CLAAS Saulgau Ltd., explained that the CLAAS Foundation had decided to support the SRC in order to enhance technical education and training for pupils of an early age.

He said: „The CLAAS Foundation, with me being a member of the Board, supports education and knowledge in farming and agricultural engineering. We are searching for the best brains which we intend to promote for the advantage of our industry. The contribution Frieda Bautz made to the CLAAS Foundation has facilitated our choice for an appropriate funding“, Dr. Meuther furthermore stated. „We at CLAAS in Bad Saulgau are directly succeeding to the entrepreneur family Bautz. Another reason to initiate this educational partnership in this town.“

He commented that in the forthcoming years an increasing lack of graduates in technical disciplines was foreseeable. Society would be in need for young people with brilliant ideas and spirit of research to accomplish tomorrow's challenges by means of highly efficient technology.

Curiosity is the source of all research activity and the same is perceivable everywhere at the SRC. „It is this motivation which appeals to me most“, Helmut Claas emphasized. „The earlier we manage to get the youth interested into research, the better.“



*Celebrating the start of the educational partnership between the CLAAS Foundation and the Student Research Centre, from left: Sylvia Looks, Uwe Lütkeschümer, Helmut Claas, Dr. Hermann Garbers, Rudolf Lehn and Dr. Rolf Meuther.*

*Project proposals welcome*

## Increase of capital of CLAAS Foundation

The CLAAS Foundation can enhance its activities in the promotion of young potentials. Thanks to a donation of the CLAAS KGaA, the Foundation capital increased from 1,9 million Euros to three million Euros. This equals an increase of nearly 60 percent. For now almost eight years the Foundation has been promoting Science and Research in agriculture, as well as educating in the field agricultural engineering and the related areas of engineering and economic science

The CLAAS Foundation is always eager to learn about interesting projects started by students and universities. Research proposals and ideas are always welcome and can be directed to us.



*Award presentation in 2006: Four scholarship and three bonus prizes were granted.*

*Application possible till 6th April:*

## Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2007

Each year the CLAAS Foundation awards scholarships to gifted students from the agricultural sector and related areas of engineering and economics. Applications can be forwarded up till **6<sup>th</sup> April 2007**.

Apply to the Foundation by sending us your project or study work. Alternatively, projects from students just starting their university degree course are most welcome.

You may write a report (e.g. seminar essay, progress report, work) on your future vision of agriculture or the agricultural industry, e.g. new ideas for farming practices or solutions to current problems in the field of agricultural engineering

Further information can be taken from the internet at [www.claas-stiftung.de](http://www.claas-stiftung.de)

*New award for students at the University of Wageningen*

## Reconceiving agricultural engineering in the European dimension

Newly introduced is a prize of the Foundation granted to students at the University of Wageningen, the Netherlands. A donation by the Dutch import company of CLAAS made this prize possible. The import company this way wishes to make its contribution in the education in the field of agriculture in the Netherlands.

Students that concentrate in their bachelor thesis on the trends in European agriculture and that way add a European touch to their project are going to benefit from this new prize. The two best projects will be awarded with 1.000 Euros each.

Please see [www.bat.wur.nl](http://www.bat.wur.nl) for further information on the application details.

The CLAAS Foundation picked the University of Wageningen as its partner by virtue of its outstanding international reputation in research and education in agricultural engineering.



*The University of Wageningen offers a practice-oriented course in agricultural engineering.*

### In brief

+++ **FREDT (Field Robot Event Design Team)** of the Technical University of Braunschweig, sponsored by the CLAAS Foundation, will also participate at the Field Robot Competition in 2007. The students are busy working on their new vehicle aiming to beat last year's performance.

+++ **Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Böttinger** is the new member of the Jury of the CLAAS Foundation following into the steps of Prof. H.D. Kutzbach. Prof. Böttinger was formerly employed with CLAAS working in combine development, followed by his position as Head of Development at AGROCOM. In 2005 he was appointed to professorship at the Institute of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Hohenheim.

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