

## Greetings from the President

It is a great pleasure for me that the Young Scientists Meeting (YSM) can finally take place as a face to face meeting, again. For the majority of the participants of last year's online meeting, it is particularly important that the YSM 2022 again offers personal encounters, individual discussions and, above all, opportunities for mutual exchange among each other. With the 14<sup>th</sup> YSM, all of this will be possible, again.

In twentyseven talks and just as many posters, you can introduce your research and demonstrate the results obtained so far to your colleagues. The YSM is the only event at the JKI that provides this unique broad insight into the diverse research areas.

In addition, the YSM program offers two keynotes: "Multifunctional, regenerative land use - facilitating the complexity of nature for resilient and climate positive forms of agriculture and forestry" by Max Küsters (Gut&Bösel) and "Mendel's legacy in modern plant breeding" by Dr. Elke Diederichsen (FU Berlin) – an actual topic on the occasion of this year's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Gregor Mendel.

I am particularly pleased that the topic "Career pathways & Networking", in which former Young Scientists of the JKI will explain their diverse career paths after finishing PhD and will give advice on how to organize your time at the JKI efficiently and build networks, is part of the programme.

I would like to thank Dr. Andrea Krähmer and the whole team of the Institute for Ecological Chemistry, Plant Analysis and Stored Product Protection (ÖPV) for hosting and supporting the YSM 2022. On a walking tour through the institute, you will learn about the research activities of ÖPV.

For the first time in the fourteen-year history of the YSM, two field trips will be offered at the end of the meeting. Check out the "urban green spaces" in Berlin or the exciting CUBES Circle Project of the Humboldt-University of Berlin (with participation of the JKI) dealing with urban agricultural production.

I wish all of you a successful and pleasant meeting both scientifically and socially as well as interesting and inspirational discussions.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'F. Ordon'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Prof. Dr. Frank Ordon  
President of the JKI