

## Greetings from the President

Dear Young Scientists,

I cordially welcome you to the 6<sup>th</sup> Young Scientists Meeting of the Julius Kühn-Institut, which is being held at its head quarters in Quedlinburg.

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 successful work.

While the institutes' directors hold their regular meeting in Braunschweig to discuss the overall research direction of our institute during the time of your conference, you have the chance to connect your research to that of young scientists from other JKI institutes. You can discuss scientific details and, in general, explore the depth of research areas covered at the JKI.

During the next three days, you will process the scientific exchange by presenting your results and ambitions in talks and as posters. As last year, all contributions to the "Young Scientists Meeting" will be in English. So it is a practical training for international conferences to come in your future. Two keynote lectures will give you deeper insights into the daily business of science, on the one hand from a scientific point of view by Professor Andreas Graner (managing director at the Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research) and on the other hand from an administrative point by Klaus Kasprzyk (head of administration at the JKI).



Therefore, I am convinced that all participants will personally benefit from the NWF by expanding their knowledge and by increasing their presentation skills. This is, as you all know, very important for your future professional life in science, development or industries. In addition, you get the chance to get to know each other during two joint evening events and expand your personal network, an important base in your future professional life.

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 professional competence and by doing so you simultaneously improve the research quality of the JKI. It is tradition that the meeting 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 inspiration, both scientific and social.

Quedlinburg, November 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georg F. Backhaus'.

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