

## Regular conference series

- Annual International European Forum on **System Dynamics and Innovation in Food Networks** Igls/Innsbruck, Austria  
2009: 3rd International Forum February 16-20, 2009
- International Workshops on **ColdChain Management**  
2008: 3rd International workshop, June 2008

## Membership

The center has regular members and associate members. Regular members are from the university of Bonn, associate members are national and international cooperation partners. Associate membership is open for individual scientists as well as for institutions with research activities or research needs.

Associate institutional members involve GIQS

Associate scientific members are from Universities of Dortmund, Göttingen, Hohenheim, Wageningen

Membership involves disciplines with engagement in

- business management and information management
- marketing and market research
- computer science and risk management
- quality management, tracking and tracing
- knowledge management
- logistics

## Some facts

Established end of 2006

Status 2007

- 2 Habilitation projects (ongoing)
- 11 PhD students (ongoing)
- 28 Master and Diploma thesis (finished)
- 42 Publications (finished)
- 2 Visiting international scholars
- 259 students in graduate study program

## International Advisory Board

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## Cooperation with Wageningen (Netherlands)

A core initiative is an institutionalised cooperation with Food Chain Center at Wageningen University for joint international representation and the development of a European Center activity.

This complements double degree Master programs between Bonn and Wageningen in 'Food and Resource Economics and Management' and the BOWACO (Bonn-Wageningen) cooperation platform.

The director of the Wageningen Food Chain Center is an associate member by status. The chairman of the board of Wageningen University and Research Center acts as chairman of the advisory board

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## International Center for Food Chain and Network Research

Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms-Universität  
University of Bonn

An interdisciplinary center for the  
support of international cooperation in  
promoting Food Chain and Network  
Research

Leading member of a global network  
of food chain research centers from  
Europe, North America, South  
America, Asia and Australia

## Objectives

The center aims at supporting joint **interdisciplinary** and international recognized **research** in the research domain of ‚Food Chain and Network Research‘.

It supports international **cooperation** and develops initiatives for the promotion of research and the transfer of research results into food chain environments.

It provides **young scientists** with an international platform for facilitating exchange and research cooperation.

It promotes the international **exchange** of scientists.

A graduate **study program** for students of different study lines provides students with hands-on experience in the analysis and management of problems enterprises in food chains and networks might have to face and manage.

It represents the University in **European initiatives** in the food chain domain including the European Technology Platform ‚Food for Life‘, especially in the development of future European research programs.

It defines and develops in cooperation with its partner groups a **framework** for food chain and network research.

## Status

The center is internally recognized as one of the leading research groups in Food Chain and Network research.

Its members assume leading roles in international scientific associations, conferences, and scientific journals.

The center’s workshop activities are internationally recognized and regularly bring leading scientists together for the development of the research domain.

## Focus activities

- Co-initiator of the **European Technology Platform ‘Food for Life’** Coordinating the international work group on ‘Food Chain Management’ (<http://etp.ciaa.be>)
- Coordinating **projects** with focus on chain analysis, chain quality organization, chain trust and chain sustainability in a variety of food sectors (meat, cereals, fruits & vegetables etc.)
- Cooperating with Wageningen University in the organization of an **international network** of centers for chain research (a.o. from Brazil, China, Australia)
- Coordinating a **graduate study program** on quality management (‘Quality Manager junior’) in cooperation with German Association for Quality Assurance
- Coordinating the Bonn interdisciplinary working group **Cold-Chain-Management** and the international research communication platform.
- Coordinating the international research platform on **Food System Dynamics** and its collaboration with leading international universities and the European and international scientific associations EAAE, IAMA, AIEA2
- Coordinating the International **Network of IT in Agriculture, Food and the Environment** (INFITA) and the organization of World Conferences (WCCA) in cooperation with leading international scientific organizations from different disciplines
- Coordinating the national research network **‘Innovation through quality communication in the meat sector’**

## International Projects

The center promotes international cooperation. In its projects are partners from all continents. Some of the European projects presently active:

### Q-Pork Chain (2011), EU-FP6

Development of innovative, integrated, and sustainable food production chains of high quality pork products matching consumer demands ([www.q-porkchains.org](http://www.q-porkchains.org)), Work group leader

### MoniQA (2012), EU-NoE

The Network of Excellence (NoE) aims at harmonisation of analytical methods for monitoring and controlling quality and safety in the food supply chain ([www.moniqa.org](http://www.moniqa.org)), Work group leader

### e-Trust (2009), EU-FP6

The vision is to provide consumers with high quality food they do trust and can afford through the promotion of trade relationships that combine e-commerce developments with trust mediating functions ([www.etrustproject.eu](http://www.etrustproject.eu)), Coordination

### FOODCOMM (2008), EU-FP6

Identification of key factors influencing economic relationships and communication in European food chains ([www.foodcomm-eu.net](http://www.foodcomm-eu.net)), Coordination

### CuteLoop (2011), EU-FP7

The project explores how intelligent Networked Devices such as enhanced RFID-based systems, can be used to effectively integrate customers within a dynamic and flexible ‘Integrated Enterprise’ ([www.cuteloop.eu](http://www.cuteloop.eu)), Work group leader

### Cowinhy (2009), EU-Leonardo

Development of guidelines for the development of general guides for good practice manuals. Example sector: wine. Work group

### Freshlabel (2008), EU-FP6

Integrated approach to enable traceability of the cold chain by means of tailor-made time/temperature indicators, Work group leader

### Chill-on (2010), EU-FP6

Improving the quality, safety, transparency, and traceability of the chilled/frozen supply chain by developing technologies, devices, and approaches for monitoring, recording and processing of data for chain information management.

### AIDA (2010), DE-BMVEL

"Alliances for Information and Service Agencies" to support coordination in quality, health, and risk management in meat chains. Coordination