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

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

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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.

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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

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

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# FoodNet Center Bonn

## 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:

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