# Networking. Developing knowledge. Promoting innovation.

## DLG e.V.

Competence Center Agriculture



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### Transferring knowledge for future success

Knowledge and expertise – drawing on its network of professionals in Germany and abroad DLG develops solutions to the challenges facing agriculture and agribusiness.

Around 900 experts – farmers, academics, consultants, public sector specialists, policymakers and representatives from agribusiness – work closely together on a voluntary basis. They tackle issues key to the future of farming in the fields of crop production, agricultural machinery, livestock husbandry, animal nutrition, farm management, sustainability, aquaculture, bioenergy and forestry. The basis for the high scientific content and direct relation to practice lies in the work performed in the committees and other panels, the professional think tanks of the DLG network.



The DLG Competence Center Agriculture is responsible for the technical content of the AGRITECHNICA, EuroTier, DLG Field Days shows and further foreign trade fairs. Hosting conferences, forums and seminars, the Competence Center is the hub for informed dialogue and progress within the DLG and beyond. It also produces numerous publications such as the DLG Expert Knowledge pamphlets, online portals, studies, 'trend monitors' and other material issued by the DLG publishing house. The DLG Academy offers its students opportunities to acquire key qualifications for a future career ranging from practical knowhow to strategic corporate planning. DLG's proactive approach to knowledge management aims to find solutions today for the markets of tomorrow.



### DLG - an open network and professional voice

By transferring knowledge, quality and technology, DLG promotes progress in agriculture, agribusiness and the food sector worldwide and contributes to sustainably securing global livelihoods. As an open, international forum, DLG together with experts from all round the world develops forward-looking solutions to the challenges facing the industry. It organises internationally leading trade fairs and events in the competence fields of crop production, animal husbandry, agricultural and forestry machinery, energy supply and food technology. DLG's quality tests for foods, agricultural machinery and farm inputs make it an international leader. With its expert work and network of experts DLG repeatedly lends new stimuli and impetus to the practical side.

### Agricultural networking

Fostering dialogue and networking opportunities between the scientific community and the farming world is crucial to success in an increasingly globalised food and agricultural sector. Through its committees, working groups and international networks such as the European Pig Producers, the European Arable Farmers, the European Poultry Club and the 'Dairy International' platform, the DLG Competence Centre Agriculture has established specific forums where researchers and entrepreneurs work hand in hand.

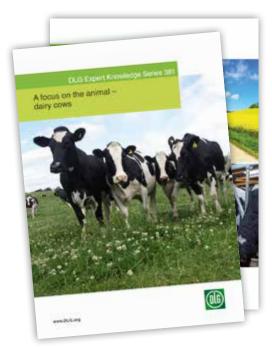
The 'Young DLG' is home to the young generation of farmers and counts several thousand members, young entrepreneurs and students from all of Europe who have joined the organisation to give a new impulse to agriculture, make contacts and find inspiration.

### Platform for dialogue

Each year DLG hosts around 90 conferences, forums and specialist events on a wide range of topical issues in the food and agricultural sector – including the traditional DLG-Wintertagung, DLG-Unternehmertage, the Young DLG Annual Conference and leading forums on dairy farming and pig production, as well as the DLG-Colloquium. These events provide a platform for forward-looking farmers, consultants, academics and industry experts to address topical issues in a consistent and professional way. The DLG-Wintertagung at the start of the year is a key date in the agricultural calendar when DLG members are invited to discuss core topics affecting the industry and share experiences with professional colleagues.







### Know-how in compact form

DLG's extensive knowledge management programme is underpinned by a wide range of printed and online publications. The DLG Expert Knowledge series compiled by the DLG expert committees provide detailed, up-to-date information on 15 topic areas (download at: www.DLG.org/ExpertKnowledge). The 'AgrarPraxis kompakt' publications are a set of agricultural know-how guides packed with practical information on issues ranging from controlling rust in cereals to pig rearing without antibiotics. Up-to-date information and news are also available on DLG's online platforms such as the animal feed database 'Futtermittel.NET' and the further education and training portal agrarpraktikum.de.

### Promoting talent and ideas - Rewarding achievement

DLG grants prizes, awards, scholarships and certificates to recognise dynamic and enlightened ideas in agriculture.

#### **DLG Innovation Award**

- This award is granted to innovations in agricultural machinery, animal husbandry and energy supply
- It is presented at the international shows AGRITECHNICA, EuroTier and EnergyDecentral

#### **DLG Certificate of Sustainable Agriculture**

• This is awarded to farms that passed an assessment to ecological, economic and social parameters

#### Wilhelm Rimpau Prize

• Awarded to college graduates for innovative and practice-driven diploma theses on crop production

#### International DLG prize

 This prize grants scholarships to young professionals in the food and agricultural sector



### DLG-Agrifuture Insights: International trend analyses

With DLG-Agrifuture Insights, the DLG Competence Center Agriculture provides important information for agribusiness and the farmers from the world's most important agricultural regions in German and English. The focus is on animal husbandry and plant production, technology and management, business climate and investment confidence, Top 5 investments, politics and requirements.

DLG-Agrifuture Insights examines the business environment and the strategies in agriculture and agribusiness. Current trends, changes on the market and central needs of the farmers will be identified. With a global panel of 1,650 leading farmers in 11 countries, surveys will be carried out in each case in February/March on the southern hemisphere and in each case in August/September on the northern hemisphere which are supplemented with continuous background research and regular interviews with top decision-makers.

As a new event format for the international DLG network, "DLG-Agrifuture Conferences" picks up topics of global agriculture. For more detailed information, go to www.DLG.org/afi





### International DLG Crop Production Center (IPZ) Platform for crop research



The IPZ (Bernburg, Saxony-Anhalt) lays the foundations for competitive, forward-looking, sustainable farming by conducting applied crop research and transfers it to farming practice. The Center focuses on a range of activities including:

- · Trialling crops and production methods
- · Outdoor events and demonstrations
- · Machinery tests in lab and field
- Educational activities
- Keeping the public informed about modern, sustainable agricultural practices

In addition the IPZ provides plots and expertise for crop production trials that are commissioned.

### Training opportunities: Practical information

The DLG Academy offers a broad range of seminars, workshops, e-learning modules and training courses for agriculture and agribusiness. Topics include business management, arable farming, livestock husbandry, renewable energies, sustainability, sales and marketing and financial advice. www.DLG-Akademie.de



Furthermore, the DLG Academy organises the exclusive DLG Trainee Programme for junior staff in the agricultural sector.

### **DLG membership** Giving knowledge a voice

Founded by the writer, painter and engineer Max Eyth in 1885 and counting 30,000 members, DLG is today one of the leading organisations in the fields of agriculture, agribusiness and the food sector. A non-profit and politically independent body that is at the center of an extensive international network, DLG is open to individuals, companies and institutions committed to farming and food production.

As an open network and the professional voice of agriculture, agribusiness and the food sector, we want to increase professional knowledge and ensure a broad-based transfer of technology and know-how, and set and secure quality standards. To this end, we promote dialogue between academics, industry professionals and society, which is both interdisciplinary and international.

Become a member of our network. We provide orientation, offer new perspectives and lend a voice to your important topics – with the aim of working together with you to shape the future of agriculture, agribusiness and the food sector.

www.DLG.org/Membership

#### **DLG Competence Center Agriculture**

- · Agricultural networking: Expert committees and international clubs
- · Focus on the new generation: Young DLG
- · Platform for dialogue: Conferences, forums and special events
- · Promoting talent, ideas and innovations: Awards and certificates
- · Trends & Strategies: Studies and publications
- Training opportunities: DLG Academy
- Platform for crop research: International DLG Crop Production Center (IPZ)
- · International agricultural trends: DLG-Agrifuture Insights
- Specialist events: International DLG-Agrifuture Conferences

