



Announcement of a PhD-Project within the Program Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Partnerships // Project IAMONET-RU (Lot 5)

Within the frame of the structured PhD programme of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Hohenheim it is intended to strengthen the interdisciplinary, political, cultural and didactical competencies of the their increasing number of the PhD students from the Middle, Southeast and Eastern European (MSEE) countries. Especially in the Russian Federation the ongoing concentration process in the agricultural production sector raise a lot of questions on the economic and the ecological level. Due to this background sustainable rural development is one of the key agricultural policy priorities of the RF and one of the research challenges for the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Hohenheim. Under the thematic roof “integrated rural development“ the research activities will be divided in three research clusters:

1. „*Technique cluster*“ (speciality crops, pomiculture, plant breeding, phytomedicine, irrigation, food processing, process and production engineering and production management)
2. „*Economy cluster*“ (agro structural requirements, agricultural policy, agricultural statistics, production forms, households, rural financial market, rural tourism, social economy)
3. „*Ecology cluster*“ (ecological evaluation of various forms of the plant and animal production)

Within the frame of the structured PhD programme of the Faculty the described research activities will be accompanied by

- the implementation of a new study programme for key qualifications (intercultural, rhetorical and project management competencies, presentation skills etc.)
- the organization of interdisciplinary workshops and lectures every two months
- the organization of ‚autumn academies‘ for 14 days each year focussed on thematic issues of the agricultural, nutritional and environmental sector
- the intensification of contacts to national and international enterprises which are engaged in the MSEE countries
- the organization of excursions to and probations in various enterprises
- the support of the participation of the PhD students in international conferences

The structured PhD-programme will be open for international Erasmus Mundus doctoral candidates especially from the RF. In addition Post Doctorates are invited to participate in the research activities.

Main project Office:

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Type of mobility grants

Applications can be submitted for the following types and duration of mobility grants:

- a) Doctoral grants: 12 months, 34 months
- b) Post Doctorates: 6 months, 10 months

with the following starting dates:

- starting period from 01.04.11 – 01.12.2011 at the latest: PhD 12 months, Post Doctorates 6 and 10 months
- starting period until 01.04.2011 at the latest: PhD 34 months

Requirements:

Applicants must be registered in one of the 12 Russian partner universities (Target Group 1) or must be enrolled in (or having obtained a university degree) from a Russian non-partner-university (Target Group 2).

- Candidates should be familiar with the methods in the agricultural, nutrition and environmental sciences
- Personal interest in the designed interdisciplinary research activities
- Candidates should have good until excellent verbal and written communication skills in English or German
- Doctorates: must be registered in the home institution as doctoral student in the first year (at the time of the application at the latest)
- Post Doctoral applicants: defence of the PhD-thesis must be in the past 5 years

Not eligible to apply: Applicants, who spent more than 12 months in the past five years in the EU

Application documents:

The “application package” must include the following documents:

- Application form
- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Research proposal
- copy of the highest obtained degree
- evidence of registration at the home institution
- Two letters of recommendation from professors
- for PhD: acceptance letter as PhD at the home institution
- for PhD 34 months: international language certificate
- copy of the International passport
- Letter of Acceptance / confirmation from the supervisor (can be submitted also at a later stage)

Detailed information about the application documents is available online www.iamonet.de/download (“List of Application documents”)

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Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

How to apply:

Your application package must be submitted as hard paper copy as well as electronic version to the local coordinator of your home institution (Target Group 1).

Applicants from Target Group 2 must submit the application in electronic and hard paper copy to the regional office: Russian State Agrarian University - Moscow Timiryazev Agricultural Academy, Nadezhda Akkanina, ul. Timiryazevskaya 49, 127550 Moscow

Application language:

Your application must be submitted in English or German.

Deadline:

The application period is from **Monday, 10.01. until Monday, 28.02.2011 at the latest**

Further contact information:

- Target Group 1: International office at one of the 12 Russian partner universities (List of the partnership: www.iamonet.de),
- Target Group 2: Regional office at Russian State Agrarian University - Moscow Timiryazev Agricultural Academy, Nadezhda Akkanina (Akkanina@mail.ru), phone: Tel: +7-495-976-25-83.

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