

Editorial

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The NEWSLETTER intends to establish an intensive Communication between German Universities, Universities in Latin America and between the members of the scientific community in agricultural and forestry sciences in the Region.

This first edition of the NEWSLETTER in particular aims at giving graduates of universities information about the kind of co-operation designed to improve mutual learning. It is planned that future editions will include contributions that cover scientific and staff development strategies evolved by scientists from the Latin-American region. (Editors)

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Red Científica Alemania-Latinoamérica (RECALL)

The Centres for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Forestry (University of Göttingen), the Institute for Socio-cultural and Socio-economic Studies (University of Kassel - Witzenhausen) and the Institute for Co-operation in Developing Countries (University of Marburg) have established an Alumni-follow-up working group to provide an efficient service for their graduates. The three Universities recognised the need for networking in Latin America and thus German university Graduates with different scientific backgrounds will be contacted. Reasons for networking are:

- The lack of a network of Latin American alumni in German Universities
- The need for an efficient network and information system between German and South-East Asian Universities
- The need for mutual improving of learning, teaching, research and extramural activities like management and organisation skills
- High number of graduates from German Universities without any kind of support High number of highly qualified graduates returning home after education in Germany by German Government (scholarships etc.)

Graduates that have been awarded a PhD at the University of Göttingen, graduates with a PhD from other German Universities that participated in one of the 33 professional courses on Higher Education in Witzenhausen between 1973 and 1999 and graduates from the University of Marburg form the core group of alumni.

There are fair connections existing between South-East Asian Universities

and Universities of Göttingen and Kassel. A follow-up meeting with 50 - 60 participants has been planned at Bogor University in September 2000. During this meeting the establishment of an alumni-network are envisaged. In the next two years, two additional follow-up meetings have been planned to take place in the South-East-Asian Region. The aim is to carry out scientific conferences, to improve the regional networking and to create a reasonable communication system. Overall goal is that more and more German Universities are to be integrated into the whole programme. This enables the development of an efficient scientific service system and to enlarge the possibilities of a broad usage of a variety of special scientific fields in Agriculture and corresponding scientific areas.

In this edition, the newsletter gives further information on the nature of the follow-up meetings.

(S. Amini, ISOS)

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- contributions should not exceed 1,5 pages
- information should be of general interest
- the editorial team reserves its right to select or condense contributions for publication
- contributions which relate to a particular topic of the previous newsletter are particularly welcome
- please add full name and address

Centre for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Forestry (CeTSAF), University of Göttingen

The Centre for Tropical Studies is a joint scientific institution of both the Faculties of Agriculture and Forestry of the Georg-August-University in Göttingen.

At present there are 14 full-time professors at our centre. The Institutes of Agronomy and Animal Sciences in the Tropics and Rural Development, which are affiliated to the centre, are represented by 7 professors and 15 academic staff members. The library facilities include some 320.000 volumes and 400 periodicals. An own periodical is regularly published.

The Centre promotes and co-ordinates interdisciplinary co-operation in teaching and research in the fields of tropical and subtropical agriculture and forestry. This includes (among others) the organization and co-ordination of courses, guest lectures, international seminars and symposia.

A further mission of the centre is to develop curricula for teaching projects and study programs. It conducts three M.Sc. courses: "Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Sciences", "Integrated

Tropical Agriculture and Forestry Sciences", and "Agribusiness in Asia". The two latter are taught in English and are organised in close co-operation with international Universities. So far 120 graduates from 12 developing countries have participated in the Centre's MSc-courses.

The Centre closely co-operates with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), political and religious foundations and with national and international development organizations (DED, GTZ, etc.).

In addition, the Centre organizes work-study programs and academic exchanges abroad for undergraduate or postgraduate or PhD students. More than 40 professors from the Faculties of Agriculture, Forestry, Geography and Biology are engaged in international research projects and postgraduate programs.

For more than 30 years, CeTSAF has developed close links with educational and research institutions in developing countries such as Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico,

Pakistan, Sudan, Turkey, etc. (joint research projects, academic exchange of staff and students). Scientists from developing countries receive guidance and support during their research periods in Göttingen.

The Centre regularly sponsors and organizes symposia on interdisciplinary aspects of research and development topics in co-operation with the Universities of Kassel, Hohenheim and Berlin.

It is also closely linked with European institutions of higher learning and research in agriculture (member of NATURA, EADI). ERASMUS/SOKRATES programs of the Agricultural Faculty, which carries out exchanges among European Universities (Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom) are also supervised.

(Centre for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture and Forestry, University of Göttingen)

Institute for Socio-cultural and Socio-economic Studies (ISOS) University of Kassel- Witzenhausen

ISOS is an institute of the faculty of Ecological and International Rural Development at the University of Kassel. The Institute is interdisciplinary and synthesizes social, cultural and economic subject areas. ISOS works in close association with the Center for Tropical Studies. This cooperation between the Center and ISOS concentrates on the socio-economic and socio-cultural issues in rural development.

ISOS endeavors to contribute to and support:

- interdisciplinary seminars at the University of Kassel and at international universities around the world (UNISTAFF)
- involvement of students and communities in participatory actions that reflect the guiding ideas of ISOS
- the development of a holistic approach to teaching and research
- practice fields which experiment with new modes of research investigation and application

- intercultural settings that expand the awareness and cooperation potential of its students, colleagues, university and community.

Teaching: ISOS conducts regular courses as part of the curriculum for ecological agriculture and international rural development. Here the emphasis is on social ecology, agrarian politics and agrarian economics as well as education and extension.

Experiential approaches to teaching have become the benchmark for other faculties and institutes at the university.

Research: Research focuses on university development, socio-cultural and socio-economic rural development, and participatory consultancy in national and international contexts. A number of publications have resulted from the individual and joint research carried out by ISOS.

Consultancy and Services: Based on years of professional experience in their field, ISOS acts as consultant and offers its services to various institutions. ISOS has established a name for itself especially on matters of

project and program design, evaluation, project management, organizational development, staff development and intercultural communication.

In 1995, a four-year pilot project was initiated at the University of Kassel at the ISOS institute. It was a joint project with an alliance being forged with the Federal Government of Germany, the State of Hessen and the University of Kassel. The concept of a holistic approach to learning and teaching was the goal that was concentrated on by the institute.

In the design, development and implementation, ISOS took the lead in its participation in this partnership. The research and the practices developed by ISOS corresponded to the ongoing political discussion-taking place at the university level.

ISOS has already supported the initiatives of UNISTAFF-Alumni in establishing local UNISTAFFs in Southeast Asia (Indonesia/Gaja Mada) and in Central America in close cooperation with German development Foundation (DSE). The Establishment of local UNISTAFF in East Africa is also planned in the very near future.

(S. Amini, ISOS)

Institute for Co-operation in Developing Countries, Philipps-University Marburg (ICDC)

The Institute for Co-operation in Developing Countries was established in 1963 following recommendations of the III. International Conference of Co-operative Science. Since 1964, the ICDC organises the Master's Programme in Co-operative Economics within the Department of Economics of the Philipps-University Marburg. In addition, the Institute conducts 2 optimal subjects ('Economic Issues in Developing Countries' and 'Co-operative Science') for students of the degree courses in economics and business administration.

The international Master's Degree Programme is designed especially for graduates from Africa, Asia, Latin America and European economies in transition. It comprises studies in economics with a special focus on 'co-operative self-help'. Apart from the core subjects 'Economic Issues in

DCs' and 'Co-operative Science', students have to take 3 additional subjects in economics and business administration such as general economics, development economics, theory of economic systems, business administration and management. At present, 8 full-time professors are working at the Institute, frequently joined by international visiting professors. The library, specialising in co-operatives, self-help organisations and land tenure, includes some 19,000 volumes and 41 periodicals. Since 1964, 190 men and women have graduated in Co-operative Economics so far, among them 40 students from South and East Asia, not taking into account numerous graduates of the 'conventional' degree courses coming from the countries in question.

In the future, after institutional reforms and in view of globalising markets and

competition, co-operative self-help immensely will gain in importance for responding to economic as well as societal challenges. The ICDC faces this challenge by strongly linking teaching, research and co-operation with co-operative organisations in different regions and cultures of the world. Accordingly, fields of research of the Institute lie in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Middle and Eastern Europe. Co-operation partners include the DAAD, the State Ministry of Hesse for Science and Fine Arts, political foundations and international development and research organisations (GTZ, KfW, World Bank, FAO, IFPRI, ILRI, etc.). To enhance dialogue and exchange the ICDC regularly organises and hosts round table meetings on recent issues of interest.

M. Kirk, (ICDC)

The South East Asian Germany Alumni-Network (SEAG)

The South East Asian German Alumni Network (SEAG) was established in September 2000. The first SEAG Symposium-cum-Workshop on 'Sustainable Development in the context of Globalization and Locality: Challenges and Options for Networking in Southeast Asia' was opened on the 18th September, 2000 at the Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB), Bogor, Indonesia. Over 85 Alumni from the Universities of Goettingen, Kassel and Marburg came from several countries of the region including The Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia and a large contingent from Indonesia.

Over 50 papers were presented under the key areas 'Socio-economic Development, Natural Resources/Animal Production, Natural Resources/Plant Production, Natural Resources/Forestry, Science, Research Teaching and Organisation'. The group discussions under Network Building focussed on the following: Internet, Website, Homepage, Database / Publications, Newsletter, Proceedings / Scientific Cooperation and Higher

Education / University Staff Development.

The second SEAG Symposium-cum-Workshop was recently held in the Philippines in close cooperation with the Southeast Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA), Los Baños, Philippines and the Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB), Indonesia. Over 40 participants from several countries in Southeast Asia were invited to present scientific papers and to contribute to the building of the Alumni Network. The Symposium-cum-Workshop entitled 'Resource Management: Public-Private Partnership and Knowledge Sharing' brought together experts from different countries who were able to exchange information and scientific knowledge in pursuing solutions for the better management of scarce natural resources in the region.

In addition to the scientific meeting, this occasion presented an excellent opportunity for Alumni to meet and discuss the further development of their Alumni Network. The

discussions taking place in the Alumni Networking Groups focussed on self-commitment to the different tasks which the Groups have set. This coming year, for example, the Alumni plan to: (i) publish several Alumni Newsletters on their own, (ii) continue to actively participate in the discussion forum and further improve their website (iii) prepare joint proposal for scientific cooperation with German partners (iv) set up Alumni offices and 'contact points' in the different countries. (the Southeast Asian Regional Alumni Office was established at Bogor, Indonesia in September 2000)

Future activities also include the organisation of the 3rd Alumni Symposium-cum-Workshop to be held in Vietnam in September 2002 under the title 'From a Transforming to a Newly Industrialising Economy: What to Learn from 'Small Tigers'?'.

Please visit SEAG's homepage at our website www.tropenzentrum.de

Myrtle Seepersad, (CeTSAF)

Third International Symposium-cum-workshop in Egypt

,GEAR', the international alumni network ,German-Egypt-Arab-Region' conducted the third joint symposium of the Universities of Cairo, Göttingen and Kassel-Witzenhausen in Cairo, Egypt from 29 September to 3 October 2001.

In 1998 these three universities founded a consortium and already implemented joint symposia in 1999 and 2000.

This year's symposium was held again at Cairo University, the symposium theme was ,Environmental Pollution in Egypt: Consequences for Humans, Animals and Plants'.

Some 160 Egyptian scientists took part in the symposium, among them more than 140 professors of 12 Egyptian universities as well as 10 scientists from the universities of Göttingen, Kassel-Witzenhausen,

Giessen and Munich.

The symposium theme was put forward by Egyptian alumni and is of crucial significance for the immediate and future development of the country.

Professor Dr Hala AREF again devoted much of her time for the planning and implementation stages of our symposium. We would very much like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge her outstanding contribution and also that of Cairo University towards the success of the conference.

For details on GEAR please contact our Tropenzentrum website.

Symposium proceedings will be published in due course.

Diethard Mai (CeTSAF)

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Ohne jeden Zweifel besitzt die Liste das inhärente Potential, sich zu einem wertvollen Werkzeug für den Kommunikationsfluss innerhalb des RECALL-Projekts zu entwickeln. Allerdings ist es für eine erfolgreiche Diskussion unabdingbar, dass eine kritische Masse an Personen in die Liste eingeschrieben ist. Daher möchten wir alle RECALL-Mitglieder und Freunde ermuntern und nachdrücklich dazu auffordern, das neu geschaffene Angebot zu nutzen und sich in die Diskussionsliste RECALL-L einzuschreiben. Sollten bei der Einschreibung Probleme auftauchen, dann kann die Mitgliedschaft auch manuell mittels einer E-Mail an die Adresse <info@recall-alunmi.de> beantragt werden, die Eintragung wird dann direkt vom List-Owner von RECALL-L vorgenommen.

Andreas Deininger, (RECALL)

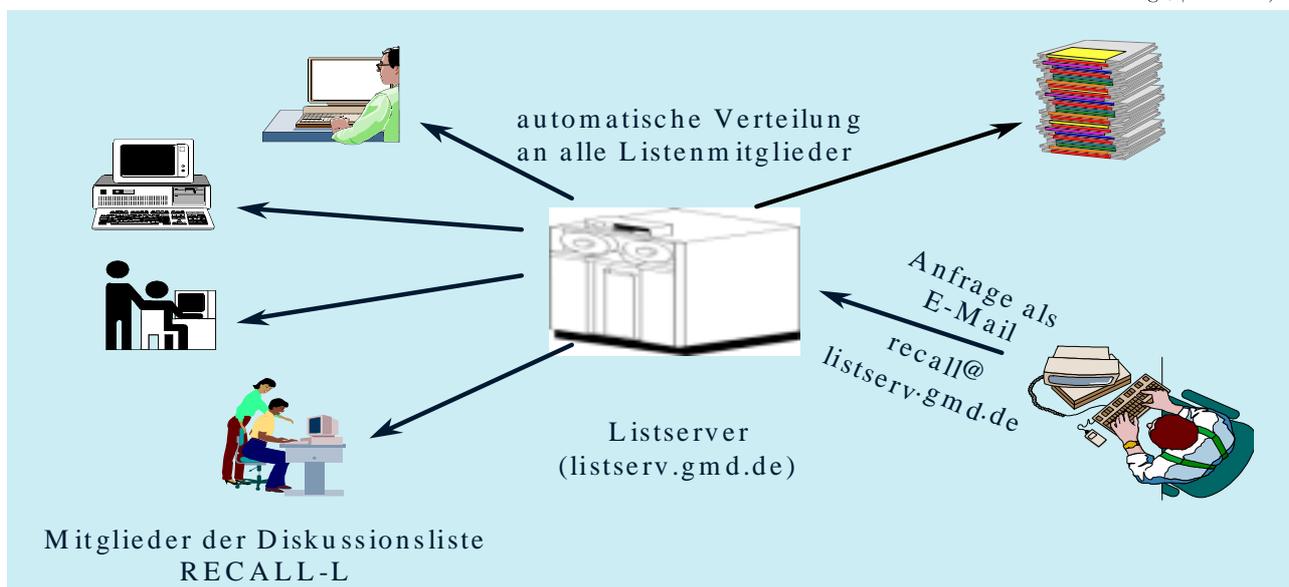
Internet based Recall-Services

RECALL-Diskussionsliste für das Red Científica Alemania-Latinoamérica

Zur Intensivierung und Vereinfachung des Informationsaustausches zwischen den RECALL-Mitgliedern wurde unlängst die Diskussionsliste RECALL-L initiiert, welche den Informationsfluss sowohl im Rahmen der Nord-Süd als auch der Süd-Süd Kooperation stärken und intensivieren soll. Das Funktionsprinzip dieser Liste und die Möglichkeiten der eigenen Beteiligung soll nachfolgend kurz erläutert werden. Die Liste, deren Funktionsweise schematisch in der nebenstehenden Abbildung dargestellt ist, dient primär als Nachrichtenmultiplikator und verteilt eingehende E-Mail-Nachrichten an alle Mitglieder der

Diskussionsliste, wobei diese Aufgabe von einem zentralen Rechner, dem sog. Listserver, vorgenommen wird. Eingehende Mitteilungen können dabei zum einen Ankündigungen und Bekanntmachungen sein, etwa zu bevorstehenden Symposien oder sonstigen Netzwerkaktivitäten. Zum anderen kann aber auch jedes Listenmitglied selbst Anfragen oder Nachrichten an die Liste senden und damit zur allgemeinen Diskussion innerhalb des Netzwerkes beitragen.

Voraussetzung für den Erhalt der Nachrichten sowie für das Senden von Beiträgen oder Anfragen ist die Mitgliedschaft in der Diskussionsliste, welche durch einen einfachen Einschreibeprozess erwirkt wird. Hierfür genügt es, eine E-Mail an die Adresse



Convenio de Cooperación Académica entre las Universidades de Göttingen/ Alemania y la Universidad de Talca / Chile

En junio del año 2000, la Universidad de Talca y la Universidad de Göttingen aceptaron el desafío formulado por el DAAD de diseñar un Programa de Magíster en conjunto. En base a esta oferta, a partir del mes de agosto de ese año se realizan reuniones en Alemania en las que participan las tres partes involucradas: académicos de la Universidad de Talca, de la Universität Göttingen y representantes del DAAD; dando con ello inicio al trabajo que permitió la estructuración operacional de esta alianza académica, la búsqueda de financiamiento y el diseño curricular del “Master in International Agribusiness”.

El trabajo mancomunado entre los docentes de ambas universidades, dió como resultado la presentación y fundamentación de dos documentos: uno que obtuvo el financiamiento para viabilizar este acuerdo de cooperación y el otro proyecto se realizó con el fin de obtener de parte del DAAD, un apoyo a este Programa con becas de estudio.

Entre ambas Universidades existen relaciones académicas consolidadas, dado que algunos profesores de la UTALCA han realizado sus estudios de Master y/o Doctorado, o han inducido a estudiantes egresados a realizar postgrados en Göttingen. Producto de éstas nutridas relaciones de cooperación, es que se hizo necesario darles un marco formal a través de un **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**, lo que permitirá materializar no sólo la realización del “Master in International Agribusiness”, sino que también abrir las posibilidades para que ambas universidades desarrollen en conjunto otros programas de postgrado, intensifiquen relaciones científico-tecnológica, realicen intercambio de profesores y de estudiantes de pre y postgrado, etc.

La cooperación científica entre la Universidad de Talca y Göttingen está pensada para desarrollarse en el largo plazo. En una primera fase se relacionarán ambas universidades en la investigación en el área de las Ciencias Agrarias, pero especialmente el núcleo del trabajo conjunto estará dado por una planificación y realización de un programa de Master of Sciences, en la especialización de Agribusiness. Este programa de estudios será ofrecido y realizado por ambas partes, partiendo la primera promoción el año 2002. Para este Programa se ofrecerán Módulos, tanto en Talca como en Göttingen, en el que ambas partes tengan ventajas de recurso humano

y su respectiva competencia profesional. Además, está previsto en el corto plazo fortalecer el intercambio de docentes para una mejor y más intensa tutoría en la dirección de las Tesis de Magíster.

El Programa quedará abierto a futuro para la participación de otras universidades, fundaciones que financien programas de estudios, así como científicos y profesores interesados de otros países de Latinoamérica o de Alemania. De este modo, el esfuerzo que se haga por ganar nuevos “partners” puede significar ampliar la oferta académica.

La concepción de este programa conjunto puede esquematizarse como sigue:

- Cooperación norte-sur (Göttingen-Talca) y cooperación sur-sur (Talca y otras universidades latinoamericanas).
- Planificación, dirección, realización y evaluación conjunta.
- Estrategias de marketing y de selección de candidatos en forma conjunta.
- Inglés como idioma docente (con una fase de transición, dictándose algunos módulos en español).
- Realización de Módulos (asignaturas) en Göttingen y Talca.
- Carácter científico del Magister, avalado por la realización de una tesis de grado.
- Reconocimiento mutuo de las capacidades docentes y grados académicos.
- Tender, en el corto plazo, a otorgar doble titulación.
- Dirección conjunta de los trabajos de investigación (tesis).
- Apertura para aceptar la participación de otros “partners” (Universidades, Organismos Gubernamentales, ONGs, Fundaciones, Empresas, etc.)

La meta superior de este Programa es seguir profundizando la cooperación internacional entre las Universidades de Göttingen y Talca. Para ello, la meta concreta de realizar en conjunto un Master que permita la cualificación de profesionales latinoamericanos y alemanes en el área de “International Agribusiness”, es una condición ideal para iniciar ésta cooperación. Ello promueve que ambas universidades aumenten su interacción, se fortalezcan y posicionen mejor a nivel internacional.

Considerando los antecedentes ya mencionados, es claro que el mercado objetivo de este programa de Magister serán principalmente estudiantes que hayan completado su formación de pregrado en

universidades chilenas y latinoamericanas, en especial aquellos en posesión de los títulos profesionales de las carreras de: Ingeniero Agrónomo, Ingeniero Forestal, Médico Veterinario, Ingeniero Comercial, Economista y otras ciencias afines a las anteriormente mencionadas, con buenos conocimientos de inglés e idealmente con experiencia profesional. Se pretende que a este programa se incorporen también algunos estudiantes alemanes y de otros países europeos.

Por ende, el objetivo de este programa es la formación de recursos humanos especializados a un nivel científico-profesional, que tengan la capacidad para desempeñarse en el área privada o pública al más alto nivel.

En el plano profesional, el “Magister in International Agribusiness” busca desarrollar las siguientes habilidades y/o capacidades en los estudiantes:

- Analizar la coyuntura económica en que se desenvuelve las empresas agropecuarias y forestales.
- Formular y evaluar proyectos agroindustriales que sean económicamente viables y ambientalmente sustentables.
- Tomar decisiones económicas en la gestión de empresas agropecuarias.
- Evaluar los efectos de políticas nacionales e internacionales sobre los mercados de productos agroindustriales.
- Entender y adaptarse a la realidad del proceso de globalización económica y de integración regional.
- Utilizar el método científico para analizar, planificar, valorar, dirigir, negociar y controlar procesos y actividades en el marco de los agronegocios internacionales.

Adicionalmente el Programa será una oportunidad para que los estudiantes puedan desarrollar las siguientes cualidades personales:

- Capacidad para trabajar en equipos multidisciplinarios y multiculturales.
- Dominio en el manejo del idioma Inglés, idioma oficial del “Magister” y en el cual deberán redactar su Tesis de Grado.
- Ampliación de la frontera cultural, al participar en un programa de estudio que se desarrolla en Chile y en Alemania.

José Díaz Osorio,
(Universidad de Talca / Chile)



Exkursionsziel: Abpackanlage für Bananen

Internationales Seminar für lateinamerikanische Absolventen deutscher Hochschulen in San José, Costa Rica

Vom 19.-23. März 2001 veranstaltete das Forschungs- und Studienzentrum der Agrar- und Forstwissenschaften der Tropen und Subtropen (Tropenzentrum) der Universität Göttingen mit der Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) und der Universidad Estatal a Distancia (UNED) unter maßgeblicher Förderung durch den Deutschen Akademischen Austauschdienst (DAAD) ein wissenschaftliches Seminar zum Thema *„Aus- und Weiterbildung lateinamerikanischer Fach- und Führungskräfte und nachhaltige Entwicklung: Herausforderung und Chancen für regionale und überregionale Zusammenarbeit“*. An der Veranstaltung nahmen 68 Absolventen („Alumni“) deutscher Hochschulen aus 13 Ländern Mittel- und Südamerikas teil. 41 dieser Teilnehmer waren ehemalige Stipendiaten deutscher Förderinstitutionen, darunter 30

ehemalige DAAD-Stipendiaten. 29 der Alumni hatten einen Master of Science-Abschluss in tropischen Agrar- oder Forstwissenschaften an der Universität Göttingen erworben und wurden mehrheitlich vom DAAD im Rahmen der entwicklungsländerbezogenen Aufbaustudiengänge gefördert. Von deutscher Seite beteiligten sich u.a. vier Göttinger Professoren sowie weitere fünf Wissenschaftler/innen der Universitäten Göttingen und Kassel-Witzenhausen an der Veranstaltung. Die Veranstaltung war als „Seminar mit Workshop“ konzipiert. Die beruflichen und fachlichen Erfahrungen der Teilnehmer wurden in Plenar- und Workshop-Sitzungen eingebracht und diskutiert. Dabei kam es zu einem intensiven Austausch zwischen den Teilnehmern. Besonders positiv sind in diesem Zusammenhang konkrete Verein-



Gruppenbild der Teilnehmer des Seminars in Costa Rica

barungen über zukünftige fachliche länderübergreifende Zusammenarbeit im Sinne einer Süd-Süd-Kooperation zu bewerten. Neben dem wissenschaftlichen Gedanken- und Erfahrungsaustausch hatte die Veranstaltung das Ziel, in den Herkunftsländern der Teilnehmer den Aufbau von „Ehemaligen“-Netzwerken anzustossen. Die Bereitschaft der Alumni, sich bei dieser Arbeit zu engagieren, war erfreulich hoch. Entsprechende Initiativen zur Schaffung und Stärkung von Alumni-Netzwerken in Lateinamerika werden in Zukunft durch den DAAD gefördert.

An der Tagung nahmen eine Reihe von Alumni aus Lateinamerika teil, die inzwischen herausragende wissenschaftliche Positionen einnehmen z.B. als Universitätsrektoren und Dekane sowie als Leiter von Forschungseinrichtungen.

Die Ergebnisse des Seminars werden in einem Tagungsband von der Universität Talca, Chile herausgegeben.

Die Veranstaltung wurde in hervorragender Weise von dem Göttinger Alumni Herrn Dr. Olman Quiros, Fakultät für Agrarwissenschaften der UCR und gleichzeitig Mitarbeiter im Agrarministerium Costa Ricas vorbereitet und durchgeführt. Ihm und den beteiligten Institutionen in Costa Rica gebührt für diese wissenschaftliche und organisatorische perfekte Arbeit Anerkennung und Dank. Das gilt auch im besonderen Maße für die ausgezeichnet vorbereiteten Fachexkursionen in Landschaftsschutzgebiete des tropischen Regenwaldes bzw. zu Bananenforschungsstationen und -plantagen. Die Alumni haben in einer Evaluation die Thematik und Relevanz der Tagung sowie die Organisation äußerst positiv bewertet. Sämtliche Teilnehmer waren auch begeistert von der Gastfreundschaft und den wunderschönen Landschaften Costa Ricas.

Dem DAAD, der Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung (AvH), der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), der Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung, dem Katholischen Akademischen Ausländerdienst (KAAD), der Hanns-Böckler-Stiftung (HBS) und dem Ökumenischen Studienwerk (ÖSW) sei an dieser Stelle für die finanzielle Unterstützung der Veranstaltung gedankt. Dank geht auch an die deutsche Botschaft in Costa Rica, die die Teilnehmer zu einem unvergesslichen Empfang in der Residenz des Botschafters eingeladen hatte.

Diethard Mai (CETSAF)