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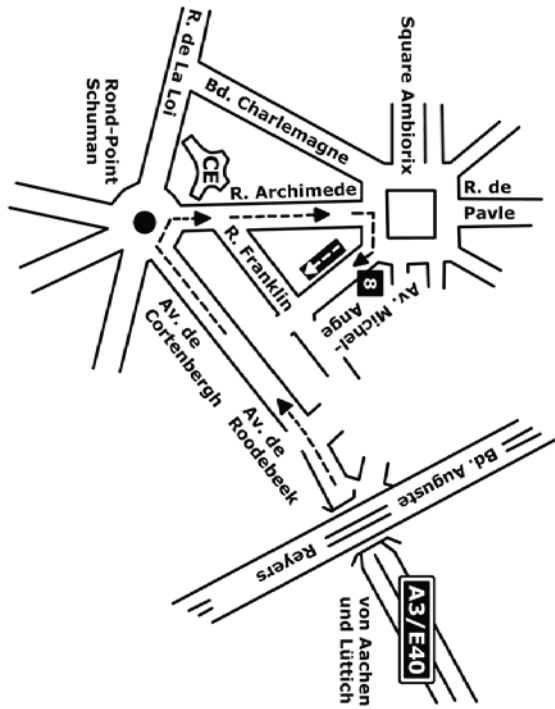
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**Subject** Presentation of European agricultural and food research projects by the University of Bonn  
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**Date** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006, 18:00 h

**Venue** Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union, Brussels

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In the following years, European agriculture will experience important changes. Increasing integration into global trade, while at the same time meeting the high expectations of European consumers and contributing to sustainable rural development, is a big challenge. To meet these requirements, increased research efforts at the European level are necessary.

At the event "News in agricultural and food research" representatives of the agricultural and research sector of North Rhine-Westphalia and of the European Commission will comment on and discuss the current challenges.

Subsequently, the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Bonn will present its current activities. The Faculty of Agriculture has been involved in many European research projects in the ongoing Sixth Framework Programme and intends to further increase its European profile in the course of the Seventh Framework Programme. It benefits from well-established contacts in the scientific community as well as from its situation at the heart of the Rhine region as an important cluster of agriculture and food industry.

Scientists of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Bonn will present their European research projects. In the relaxed setting of a reception with fresh draught beer and regional specialties from North Rhine-Westphalia, there will be plenty of opportunity for discussion.

The event is highlighted by the Award of the Theodor Brinkmann prize to Dr. Dirk Ahner, Deputy Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development at the European Commission in recognition of his longstanding experience and especially for scientifically based politics within the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy.

## **Programme – 27th April 2006**

### **18:00 h Presentations and Discussions**

Prof. Dr. Matthias Winiger  
Rector of the University of Bonn  
*Welcome*

Dr. Alexander Schink  
State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Conservation, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of North Rhine-Westphalia  
*Introduction*

Dr. Hans-Joerg Lutzeyer  
Research DG, European Commission  
*A new agenda for agricultural research in Europe*

Dr. Dirk Ahner  
Deputy Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission  
*Prospects for the EU's Common Agricultural Policy – challenges, chances and outlook*

Prof. Dr. Brigitte Petersen  
University of Bonn  
*Knowledge region and food market area in Western Europe*

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Schiefer  
University of Bonn  
*European technology platform on food for life*

### **Discussion**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ernst Berg  
Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Bonn

### **Outlook**

Dr. Frank Speier  
Ministry of Innovation, Science, Research and Technology of North Rhine-Westphalia

### **Award of the Theodor Brinkmann Prize to Dr. Dirk Ahner**

Dr. Helmut Born  
Board of the Theodor Brinkmann foundation

### **19:45 h Dinner and Exhibition**

Exhibition of European research projects by the University of Bonn and reception with fresh draught beer and regional specialties from North Rhine-Westphalia