


APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS MEMBER OF ISO FAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2024

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ISO FAR membership paid (mandatory, can be arranged after application but before elections at the GA):	2020: yes	2021: yes
Short CV including up to 5 important projects and 5 publications	<p>I am grown up on a farm, studied and PhD in agriculture economics and rural development at the University of Göttingen (Germany), established my first own Organic Farm in 1986, did my Habilitation in Agroecology and have a Professor chair in 2000 at the University of Kassel, Faculty of Organic Agricultural Science. In 2000 I became founding director of the German federal Research Institute of Organic Farming. This Thünen-Institute has about 100 employees, is one of the big Organic research facilities in the world and focusing on System development for Organic Farming in Germany. My duties are to advice the German government in all aspects of Organic Farming and to excellence science for the Organic Farming of tomorrow. From 2014-2020, I was Editor in Chief of ISO FAR peer reviewed journal Organic Agriculture, from 2014-2021 world board member of IFOAM OI, 2002-today board member of FibL Germany, and since 2011 e-board member of ISO FAR. In 2014 I became president of ISO FAR till today.</p> <p>My main important projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic survival of nomads in droughts in the Sahel - Biotope management with livestock - Pilot farms - Livestock systems development - LandLessFood <p>Five main publications (out of 45 peer reviewed (h=9) and 384 total papers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rahmann G, Grimm D, Kuenz A, Hessel EF (2020) Combining land-based organic and landless food production: a concept for 	

	<p>a circular and sustainable food chain for Africa in 2100. Organic Agric 10:9-21, DOI:10.1007/s13165-019-00247-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schoeber M, Rahmann G, Freyer B (2020) Small-scale biogas facilities to enhance nutrient flows in rural Africa - relevance, acceptance, and implementation challenges in Ethiopia. Organic Agric: DOI:10.1007/s13165-020-00329-9 - Mierlita D, Pop IM, Teusdea A, Lup F, Daraban S, Georgescu B, Boaru A, Rahmann G (2017) Effect of forage preservation method on fatty acid composition and oxidative stability of organic sheep milk. Landbauforsch Appl Agric Forestry Res 67(1):43-52, DOI:10.3220/LBF1491399900000 - Rahmann G, Ardakani MR, Bärberi P, Böhm H, Canali S, Chander M, David M, Dengel L, Erisman JW, Galvis-Martinez AC, Hamm U, Kahl J, Köpke U, Kühne S, Lee SB, Loes A K, Moos JH, Neuhoff D, Nuutila JJ, Oppermann R, et al (2017) Organic Agriculture 3.0 is innovation with research. Organic Agric 7(3):169-197, DOI:10.1007/s13165-016-0171-5 - Biotoppflege als neue Funktion und Leistung der Tierhaltung (Habilitation 1999) - Ökonomisches Handel von Nomaden in einer Dürre. (PhD 1993)
<p>My reasons to join the ISOFAR Board:</p>	<p>I was member from the beginning and believe, that a global network of scientist, who are working in Organic agricultural research, is necessary to exchange ideas and information. Therefore I became board member in 2011 and was 7 years president of ISOFAR. This work I will continue for the next years.</p>
<p>My possible contributions to Board activities:</p>	<p>I like to candidate as president in the e-board.</p>

By submitting this application, I declare my interest to participate the ISOFAR Board of Directors during the period from the General Assembly in Rennes, France 7 September 2021 until the next GA, in 2024. I am aware that ISOFAR does not pay for services provided by board members to the organization, or any other cost related to the role of being a board member. In exceptional cases, travel costs may be refunded.

I am aware that only people attending the GA in Rennes, either physically or by web-link, are available for elections. All candidates will be given the floor for a BRIEF oral presentation (3 minutes) during the GA.

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Location, date and signature