

Work package 4- Summer Schools

Objectives

Establish a summer school of USAMVB in agricultural economics as a role model for attracting students from inside and outside the University. Composing a competitive and attractive curriculum to become one of the 10 most attended summer schools in Romania.

Romanian PhD students in the field of agricultural economics and young researchers will attend lectures and practical sessions for one intensive week of lectures (20 h) and seminars (10 h) every September. One researcher from AGS, BOKU and IAMO, respectively, will bear the main responsibility for developing the content of one summer school each year in Bucharest. The organisational support will be provided by USAMV. The task involves teaching obligations of the respective researcher and the inclusion of additional experts. Each summer school will last one week and addresses 15-25 attendants. The following topics are envisaged:

2016: Summer School on full scientific working (Organiser: BOKU)

BOKU will focus on **scientific working** i.e. fundamental needs and requirements for PhD students. That comprises courses on literature search including literature management, scientific writing/ writing journal articles with a focus on economic and social science as well as inter- and transdisciplinary research, presentations (e.g. PowerPoint, Prezi, graphics programmes), aspects related to manuscript submissions to a journal (e.g. choosing the right journal, special issues, templates, editing), science communication to stakeholders (e.g. different channels, social media, blogs). A specific focus will be given to freeware (e.g. Gimp, Prezi, LaTeX, R, Open Office, Zotero)

2017: Summer School on policy evaluation and welfare economics (Organiser: AGS)

This summer school will start with basic welfare economic notions like the Pareto principles and dead-weight losses and then apply standard instruments of policy analysis to the different pillars of the Common Agricultural Policy. More innovative and broader tools applied by evaluation scholars such as qualitative analysis will be applied towards the end of the course.

2018: Summer School on institutional economics (Organiser: IAMO)

The summer school will introduce the various concepts of defining and conceptualising economic institutions, focusing especially on institutions of natural resource use, agricultural production and agricultural markets. Examples will be mainly derived from European countries where the experience of the transformation process of the last decades figures prominently. Wherever suitable, links with other theoretical approaches like game theory and behavioural economics will be explored.