

Curriculum Vitae

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University Education

- 2001-2007 Technical University Munich
 Studies of Biology. Degree: Diplom (equivalent to M.Sc.)
- 2004 University of Canterbury, Christchurch/NZ
- 2007/2008 Technical University of Dresden
 Post-Graduate Studies of Environmental Planning and Protection

Academic Career

- 2008 University of Goettingen
 Department of Crop Sciences, Agroecology Group
- Scientific staff member at the “GrasslandManagement Project (GrassMan)”, within the framework of the Heackel-1b-Cluster of Excellence “Functional Biodiversity Research”
- since 2009 University of Goettingen
 Department of Crop Sciences, Grassland Science Group
- Scientific staff member within a project on the “Suitability of grassland plants for greening chicken outside runs” (2009)
- PhD Student within the framework of the Dorothea Schlözer Scholarship programme of the University of Goettingen (since January 2010)

Current Research Project

“Productivity of grassland under the impact of sward damage and drought stress – which properties determine stress tolerance and nitrogen efficiency of individual species?” (PhD project within the framework of the Dorothea-Schlözer programme funded by the University of Goettingen)

Research Interests

- Nature conservation science
- Biodiversity and environmental impacts of agriculture
- Productivity of grassland under different management schemes
- Organic farming
- Environmental and agricultural politics

Publications

Breitsameter L., Wrage N., Isselstein J. (2010): The quest for persistent green in outdoor chicken runs – an investigation on fourteen grassland species. Grassland in a changing world. H. Schnyder, J. Isselstein, F. Taube, J. Schellberg, M. Wachendorf, A. Herrmann, M. Gierus, K. Auerswald, N. Wrage, A. Hopkins (Eds.). Grassland Science in Europe Vol 15, 916-918

K. Küchenmeister, **L. Breitsameter**, F. Küchenmeister, N. Wrage, J. Isselstein (2009): Pflanzenarten für Hühnerfreilandausläufe – Wachstum und Eignung. Mitteilungen der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Grünland und Futterbau, Band 10, S. 218-222

Scholarships and Awards

2001-2007	Scholarship for university studies awarded by the Bavarian Federal Government
2005-2007	Participation in the mentoring programme „Erfahrende Wege in die Forschung“ (Experienced pathways into Research) of Technical University Munich
2008	Scholarship within the framework of the Haeckel-1b-Cluster of Excellence of the University of Goettingen
since 2010	PhD Scholarship within the framework of the Dorothea-Schlözer-Programme of the University of Goettingen
2010	2nd winner Poster Presentation Award, European Grassland Foundation General Meeting, Kiel

Voluntary Activities

2001-2005	Elected member of the federal board of Naturschutzjugend im LBV (Youth organisation for nature conservation in Bavaria), responsible for financial affairs, representative of the federal state organisation on national level
2005-2006	Elected member of the national board of Naturschutzjugend im NABU (Youth organization of NABU, German Partner of Birdlife International), responsible for financial affairs
2006-2008	Elected speaker of the national board of Naturschutzjugend im NABU, member of the national board of NABU (youth representative)
2009/2010	national speaker appointed by the board members of Naturschutzjugend im NABU for the topic of „Biodiversity“
2010-now	Elected responsible for gender equality and women affairs of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Goettingen

Affiliations

- Landesbund für Vogelschutz in Bayern e. V. (Bavarian Federal State Organisation for Species and Habitat Conservation)
- Naturschutzbund (NABU) – Birdlife International Partner Germany
- Bund für Umwelt- und Naturschutz (BUND) – Friends of the Earth Germany
- Gesellschaft für Ökologie – Ecological Society of Germany, Austria and Swizerland
- VDL Berufsverband Agrar Ernährung Umwelt – Organisation of Graduates in Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences