

Prof. Dr. sc. agr. habil. Gerold Rahmann

born: April 29th, 1962 in Wittmund, East Frisia, Germany

Christian: protestant

married: December 7th, 1990 with Klaudia Rahmann (Brand; born July 16th, 1961 in Papenburg, Germany),

2 children: Ayla * October 14th, 1991 in Witzzenhausen, †May 17th, 2014 in Bad Oldesloe and Kim *December 20th, 1992 in Göttingen, Germany)



Curriculum vitae

Education and Carrier:

- 2000 – today: **Director and Professor** of the Thünen-Institute of Organic Farming of German Federal Research Institute of Rural Areas, Forests and Fisheries (www.thuenen.de/en/ol).
- Main function: scientific recommendation to the German Government in all aspects related to Organic Farming (834/2007/EC and 889/2008/EC) and excellence research in the design modern Organic Agriculture in a system approach.
- 2015 – 2017: 2.5 year sabbatical (special leave) for the German global initiative “One World No Hunger” to a) establish the "Green Innovation Centre - Ethiopia", b) design the German support programme for Ethiopia "Increasing agricultural production through Innovation" (low external input - medium output farming systems in high potential cropping areas) and c) initiate and chair the cross countries working group "Organic Agriculture" of the GIAE network (12 countries in Africa and India). Total budget for Ethiopia: 40 Mio. Euro. (www.giz.de).
- 2000 – today: Privatdozent (changed into **Professor** title from 2006 onwards) at the University of Kassel, Faculty of Organic Agricultural Science, Germany (www.uni-kassel.de/agrar/?c=243&language=en). Chair for "Small ruminants in Organic farming".
- 1993 – 2000: Post doc and Associated Professor at the University of Kassel, Faculty of Organic Agricultural Science, Germany. **Habilitation in Agro-Ecology** with the thesis "Biotope management as a new function and income source for livestock in less favoured areas of Germany and Europe".
- 1990 – 1993: **PhD in Socio-Economics** at the University of Goettingen, Germany: Institute of Rural Development: Research in the interdisciplinary research project "Recent performance of animal husbandry in the Sahel - The case of the Butana, Sudan". Thesis: "Economic surviving of nomads under drought conditions in the Butana".
- 1983 – 1990: Student with **Master degree in Agricultural Economics** at the Department of Rural Development at the University of Goettingen, Germany: Thesis: "Economic and Production performance of dairy farming in Mzuzu, Malawi".
- 1981 - 1982: Civil service in Hannover, Germany.
- 1978 - 1981: Highschool in Jever, Germany.
- 1972 - 1978: Secondary school in Friedeburg, Germany.
- 1968 - 1972: Primary school in Hesel and Reepshold, Germany.
- 1962: born on a dairy farm in East Frisia, Germany.

Scientific experience:

- Publications: more than 380 papers (43 SCOPUS listed), 18 books (till 2020).
- Supervision: more than 100 BSc, MSc and PhD students (till 2020)

- More than 10 years international working experience: all over Europe, overseas: Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Sudan, USA, Zimbabwe
- Projects fund experience: e.g., EU, gtz, giz, VW, DBU, DFG, BÖLN, BMBF, BMEL, FNR (about 1 Mio. € per annum).

Selected recent scientific memberships and functions:

- 2017-today: Advisory board member: “Knowledge Centres for Organic Agriculture in Africa KCOA” of the BMZ (German Ministry of International Cooperation), implemented by giz (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, www.giz.de).
- 2014-today: President of the International Society of Organic Agriculture Research (www.isofar.org)
- 2014-today: World Board member of the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movement (bio).
- 2014-today: Editor-in-Chief of the peer reviewed scientific journal "Organic Agriculture" (www.springer.com/life+sciences/agriculture/journal/13165)
- 2011-today: Board member of the Technology Innovation Platform of IFOAM (www.tipi.org)
- 2003-today: Board member of FiBL (Forschungsinstitut für Biologischen Landbau e.V.) (www.fibl.de)