

## News from the project:

### Designing Social Institutions in Transition: Promotion of Institutional Development for Common Pool Resources Management in Central Asia (InDeCA)

Ahmad Hamidov participated in a seminar on the Ferghana Cluster: Interdisciplinary Research Group “Society–Water–Technology” where he presented his research on “Water Consumers Associations (WCAs) in Uzbekistan”. The event took place on September 5, 2013 and was organized by Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Berlin (BBAW). In frame of the particular cluster a study tour is organized to the Ferghana Valley of Uzbekistan on May 3-10, 2014 and Ahmad Hamidov will participate on behalf of InDeCA project.

Wibke Crewett presented InDeCA research findings at a VolkswagenStiftung-funded international academic conference on Agricultural Knowledge and Knowledge Systems in post-Soviet Societies, held September 12 – 13, 2013 in Bonn, Germany. The title of her talk was “‘There is a new law?’: Experiences from the implementation of a pasture governance reform in Kyrgyzstan’. The conference was organized by the Center for Development Research (ZEF) in Bonn. The conference report, which also includes a summary as well as presentation slides, can be found at: [http://www.zef.de/fileadmin/webfiles/downloads/projects/Agricultural\\_Knowledge\\_conference\\_report\\_2013.pdf](http://www.zef.de/fileadmin/webfiles/downloads/projects/Agricultural_Knowledge_conference_report_2013.pdf). The organizers of the conference have chosen Crewett’s contribution for publication in an upcoming book. The text is currently under revision for publication.

Ahmad Hamidov presented his paper on “Institutional analysis of irrigation management in Uzbekistan using Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Case studies of water consumers associations in the Bukhara region” at the International Conference and Young Researchers’ Forum on “Natural resource use in Central Asia: Institutional challenges and the contribution of capacity building”, held on 1 October 2013 in Giessen. The conference was aimed at discussing the situation of natural resource use in Central Asia, focusing on issues of conservation versus economic development, institutional challenges, and contributions of research and educational cooperation in this field. It was organized within the framework of two multi-disciplinary academic projects (CINCA, funded by AA/DAAD, and LUCA, funded by VolkswagenStiftung) being carried out by the Centre for International Development and Environmental Research (ZEU), Justus Liebig University Giessen (Germany), with partners in Central Asia. Participants from those projects, external guests, and young researchers presented their research findings and discussed policy implications.

Associate Professor Ermek Baibagyshov from Naryn State University, Kyrgyzstan and partner of the project InDeCA was a visiting scholar under Erasmus Mundus in the Division of Resource Economics from 5 to 27 of February 2014.

The cooperation project NAREMACA - Natural Resource Management in Central Asia (Naturressourcen-Management Zentralasien) coordinated by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hagedorn and Dr. Zikos has been accepted by BMBF. The project is expected to begin in Summer 2014 and is closely connected to the ongoing project InDeCA, focusing more on developing a network of partners in the whole region of Central Asia.