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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Hidden Hunger Congress:**

### **Major Conference on Malnutrition in Poor and Rich Countries**

**Congress (3-6 March) and press conference (4 March) at the University of Hohenheim bring together international experts from science, politics, and aid organizations**

**The world has failed: In 2015, the international community wanted to halve the number of those who go hungry in comparison to 2000. The number of people without enough food has decreased slightly – but at the same time the number of people suffering from so-called “hidden hunger” because they cannot afford a balanced diet has increased. Those who are affected in the womb or as small children suffer life-long consequences – in both poor and rich countries. The causes, consequences, and strategies for fighting Hidden Hunger are the focus of the 2nd Hidden Hunger Congress at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart. Registration information, media accreditation, and information on the event location and programme can be found at [hiddenhunger.uni-hohenheim.de](http://hiddenhunger.uni-hohenheim.de).**

The WHO, FAO, World Bank, IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute), and important research institutions from around the world are sending their representatives to this congress, organized by the University of Hohenheim's Food Security Center. The Food Security Center is one of 5 centres of excellence for development cooperation in Germany.

„The great response tells us that the topic of Hidden Hunger is finally getting the necessary global attention,” comments Prof. Dr. Konrad Biesalski. The nutrition scientist is the Director of the Food Security Center and has researched the topic for more than 20 years.

### **Press Conference Hidden Hunger on Wednesday, 4 March 2015, 11.45 a.m.**

The press conference on the 2nd congress day at Hotel Mövenpick at the Stuttgart Airport offers a one-time opportunity to speak directly with several global experts. The following experts will be available for questions from the media

- Prof. Dr. Hans K. Biesalski, Clinical Nutritionist, University of Hohenheim
- Prof. Dr. Joachim von Braun, Agricultural Economist, Center for Development Research in Bonn
- Hanns-Christoph Eiden, President of the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food from the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- Leslie Amoroso, Programme Officer in the Nutrition Division, FAO

- Bernhard Walter, Bread for the World
- Klaus von Grebmer, IFPRI

### **Congress Programme Hidden Hunger**

The Congress focuses primarily on the causes, consequences, and strategies for fighting Hidden Hunger for those most affected: pregnant women, unborn children, and young children.

The Congress is divided into the following topics:

- 1st Day: Hidden Hunger in Rich Northern countries  
Malnutrition is not restricted to low-income countries. Hidden Hunger is also found in Germany. There are many reasons, and the consequences are hard to predict.
- 2nd Day: Global Causes and Consequences of Hidden Hunger  
Using a number of case studies, the presentations and discussions explain in particular the global situation with its causes and the worldwide consequences of hidden hunger.
- 3rd Day: Strategies for Fighting Hidden Hunger  
The day separates the strategies into various fields of action. The possibilities of agriculture, plant breeding, and nutrition sciences for non-governmental organizations, civil society, state organizations, and public-private partnerships of state institutions and business are discussed.
- 4th Day: Presentation of the German Centres for Excellence in Development Cooperation  
The five competency centres from the EXCEED programme (Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation) from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation BMZ, one of which is the University of Hohenheim's Food Security Center, will present their scientific activities.

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