

**AGF**



**Arbeitsgemeinschaft Getreideforschung e. V.**

**Committee on Cereal Research**

**a technical committee of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Getreideforschung e.V. (AGF)**

# The Association

- ✓ The Arbeitsgemeinschaft Getreideforschung e.V. (AGF) was founded in 1946 as a scientific, technical association with non-commercial character.
- ✓ Members of the AGF are approximately 400 companies from 15 nations.
- ✓ Among the members of the company are the divisions milling, bakery, baking, starch, pasta, food, machinery, grain, institutes, associations and publishers represented.
- ✓ The AGF e.V. owns a modern equipped lecture house for about 300 participants, in which since 1946 over 500 conferences with more than 70,000 visitors have been held.
- ✓ The AGF sees itself as a platform for the entire value chain of bread cereals.

# The Committee

- ✓ Over the past few months, several companies and research institutes came to us with the request to become more involved in cereal research.
- ✓ It is about collecting funds for research projects from the industry that are needed for the support of research projects in Industrial Communal Research (IGF) of the Federation of Industrial Research Associations (AIF).
- ✓ Especially for the support of research especially on the purely scientific, not too technical oriented part of the cereal sciences, there is a need for commitment that can not be met alone by the industrial associations and federations involved.
- ✓ In the AGF there is a place where the interests of the cereal processing industry in the broadest sense can be represented bundled. Since the AGF (as a registered association) has exactly this support in its statute and has also the necessary structures for such a support, the AGF is ideally suited for this task.

# Membership

- ✓ A member of the working group can become who a) belongs to a member company of the AGF and b) pays an annual additional subsidy to the AGF in the amount of the membership fee (capped by 2.500,00 €).
- ✓ The membership in the working group is initially valid until June 30, 2022) and extends for one year if it is not terminated with three months' notice at the end of the cereal year (first possible on June 30, 2022).
- ✓ The members of the working group are free to decide on the allocation of funds. Saving contributions over several years is permitted if and to the extent necessary to support larger research projects.
- ✓ The members of the working group decide immediately at the end of a meeting on the allocation of funds.

# Procedure

- ✓ The funds of the working group are used to support international communal research.
- ✓ In the workgroup sessions, research institutions have the opportunity to present projects and to apply for financial support from the working group.
- ✓ In further meetings of the working group, status reports on current projects of the supported research institutions should be submitted.
- ✓ Regardless of this, applications for support can be submitted by research institutions at any time. These are sent by e-mail to the members of the working group. If at least 2/3 of the members of the working group consider it necessary, a meeting of the working group will be convened at short notice.

# Dates

- ✓ The working group meets at least once a year or as needed.
- ✓ The dates of the meetings are announced at least 3 months in advance so that interested research institutions can prepare accordingly.
- ✓ The meetings of the working group take place in different locations - ideally in the region, from which most applications from one or more research institutions were sent in.
- ✓ The members of the working group bear their own travel expenses. The AGF receives an annual administration fee of 500.00 euros from the resources of the working group for the administrative tasks involved. In addition, the necessary traveling expenses of the AGF for participation in meetings of the working group are covered by its funds.