

Personally committed to training and further education

Through his public interest foundation, Klaus-Michael Kuehne sponsors the Kuehne Institute for Logistics at the University of St. Gallen as well as endowed chairs and competence centres at the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg, the WHU Graduate School of Management in Koblenz-Vallendar and the Technical University of Berlin. In 2005, a budget of 5 million Swiss francs was allocated for this purpose. The first medical research project financially supported by the Kuehne Foundation also has been launched.

Kuehne Institute for Logistics at the University of St. Gallen

The first part-time postgraduate Executive MBA in Logistics, initiated by the Kuehne Institute for Logistics (KLOG) at the University of St. Gallen, was successfully concluded in October 2005. After a total of 100 training days and an extensive thesis, 30 graduates were ceremoniously awarded their university diplomas. In June 2005, the second EMBA course in logistics management started.

Due to its wide range of research activities as well as training and further education measures, KLOG has gained – within three years – an excellent reputation, not just in the industry, but also within the scientific community. An advisory board, formed in December 2005 and comprising representatives from trade, industry and the service sector, helps facilitate the exchange of information and ideas, while at the same time assuring close contact with current industry practice.

Kuehne Centre for Logistics Management at the WHU

At the Kuehne Centre for Logistics Management at the WHU Graduate School of Management in Koblenz-Vallendar, a chair in logistics management endowed by the Kuehne Foundation was established in May 2005. Teaching and research are largely inductive, i.e. deduced from practice and with an international approach. This is underlined by close cooperation with leading global companies. The curriculum consists of lectures and seminars in the field of logistics and supply chain management – with importance also being placed on networking with other institutions funded by the Foundation.

Hamburg School of Logistics

In September 2005, students from ten countries completed the first English language MBA in logistics management at the Hamburg School of Logistics, an institution set up as a public-private partnership between the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg and the Kuehne Foundation. The diplomas were presented in a ceremony held at Hamburg's historic city hall. At the same time, the second MBA course commenced with participants from 12 countries. Additionally, a "Professional Program" was introduced for logistics employees with course modules of one to several days that cover topical issues and prepare for more advanced management tasks.

One highlight of the year 2005 was the Kuehne Foundation's "Logistics Day", organised by the Hamburg School of Logistics and held for the first time outside Switzerland. Entitled "Fit for the Future – Future-Oriented Logistics Concepts", the event offered more than 200 guests access to first-class speakers and highly interesting subjects.

Centre for International Logistics Networks at the Technical University of Berlin

In July 2005, the Faculty of Logistics at the Technical University of Berlin entered the circle of academic institutions supported by the Kuehne Foundation. The Centre for International Logistics Networks established there will initially focus on three subject areas: 1. Success strategies in the internationalisation of logistics systems and networks, 2. Integration strategies for international service provider networks and 3. Development of security strategies in international networks.

An example of excellent research work on topical issues was delivered by the Technical University of Berlin in a dissertation sponsored by the Kuehn Foundation. The subject was logistics in the context of international disaster relief and the development of a logistical reference model for responding to disasters. The research will be published in the current year in the Kuehne Foundation's "Logistics" series.

First medical project funded

On the initiative of Mrs Christine Kuehne, member of the Kuehne Foundation Board of Trustees, a centre for allergy research was established at the University Children's Hospital Zurich in July 2005. It is the first privately funded research centre at the Children's Hospital and will receive 2 million Swiss Francs from the Kuehne Foundation over the next four years. The main focus of research is on investigating how allergies and inflammatory diseases originate, their consequences and their prevention.

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