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AGRANA awards research promotion prize at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)

Theresa Kern, PhD, and Christoph Rosinger, PhD, were yesterday honoured at the University of Natural Resources and Sciences in Vienna with the research promotion prize endowed by AGRANA.

Theresa Kern received the award for her thesis entitled *Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of innovative agricultural systems with a focus on multi-output processes*, addressing innovative approaches to sustainability assessments in the agricultural sector. She is investigating how the environmental impacts of agricultural processes can be assessed fairly when multiple crops, such as corn and straw, are grown at the same time during cereal farming. Such processes test the limits of conventional assessment methods. Her work highlights which methods are the most reliable and provides evidence that innovative agricultural systems can yield considerable environmental advantages.

Christoph Rosinger received the AGRANA prize for his thesis on soil life in agricultural soils. Micro-organisms in the soil are key to nutrient supplies, the formation of humus and soil fertility, with Rosinger demonstrating that carbon in particular is often lacking as a nutrient. Soil-conserving steps, such as planting catch crops, organic fertilisation or less soil tillage can help significantly here. His work combines fundamental microbiological mechanisms

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with practical approaches to facilitate resource-sensitive agricultural practices and therefore makes a direct contribution to sustainable agricultural and food systems.

“Through our research promotion prize, we aim to award young scientists who investigate agricultural questions of particular importance to AGRANA”, stresses AGRANA COO Franz Ennser. “Both excellent studies are closely linked to the issue of our sustainability goals – particularly with regard to efficient resource use, resilient agricultural production systems and climate protection”, Ennser concludes.

Caption:
(from left to right) BOKU Vice Rector Christoph Pfeifer, award winner Theresa Kern, Florian Kitzler (laudator), award winner Christoph Rosinger, AGRANA COO Franz Ennser, Reinhard Neugschwandtner (laudator) and Vice Rector Gerhard Mannsberger

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