



## P R E S S R E L E A S E

Vienna, 8 November 2021

### **AGRANA confers promotion award for science and research at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna**

For the 23<sup>rd</sup> time, AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG has conferred its promotion award for science and research. Norbert Harringer, Board Director of AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG, today handed over the AGRANA Research Promotion Award to Evi Deltedesco and Heidrun Leonhardt at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

Evi Deltedesco received the award from AGRANA for her thesis entitled *Interactive effects of warming, elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and weather extremes on nitrogen fluxes and underlying microbial processes*. Against the backdrop of climate change, Deltedesco combined the impacts of various environmental factors such as global warming or raised CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of various levels on biogeochemical processes.

Heidrun Leonhardt received the AGRANA Research Promotion Award for her thesis on the behaviour of Austrian farmers in relation to soil protection on arable land. Her thesis entailed investigating whether farmers working leased land treated this land differently to their own and which leasing conditions contributed to or counteracted this different behaviour.

“As a global procurer of agricultural raw materials which processes these in its Fruit, Starch and Sugar segments, research on the impacts of climate change on agriculture, and particularly the issue of soil cultivation, is very important for us. The aim of the AGRANA Research Promotion Award is to specifically honour the work of young scientists and their research in fields which are extremely important for AGRANA at the moment,” Harringer highlighted.

Caption:

(from left to right) Deputy Director of the Institute for Sustainable Economic Development Klaus Salhofer, BOKU Vice-Rector Christian Obinger, award winner Heidrun Leonhardt, AGRANA CTO Norbert Harringer, award winner Evi Deltedesco, BOKU Rector Hubert Hasenauer, Director of the Institute of Soil Research Sophie Zechmeister-Boltenstern (image copyright: AGRANA)

#### **About AGRANA**

AGRANA converts agricultural raw materials into high-quality foods and numerous industrial intermediate products. Around 9,000 employees at 55 production sites worldwide generate annual Group revenue of approximately € 2.5 billion. Established in 1988, the company is the world's market leader in fruit preparations and the leading producer of fruit juice concentrates in Europe. In addition, its Starch segment is also a major manufacturer of custom starch products (made from potato, corn and wheat) and of bioethanol. AGRANA is the leading sugar producer in Central and Eastern Europe.

This press release is available at <https://www.agrana.com/en/>.