Within the cooperative framework between the ICO and Academia, on 6 February 2017, Mr Christoph Saenger, Senior Economist at the ICO, presented a lecture to a group of graduate students at Queen Mary University in London. In his presentation which was part of a PhD winter school, he covered the political economy of coffee production as well as current issues in the industry.

Mr Saenger addressed students in the research programme ‘Imprinted Polymers as Coffee Sensors’ (IPCOS), a joint project of Queen Mary University and University of Trieste. According to Professor Marina Resmini, coordinator of the project, IPCOS “aims at bringing innovation to the field of food quality by offering an international, interdisciplinary and intersectorial doctoral training programme which targets the development of chemical sensors for application in the coffee industry”.

Besides academic institutions, the IPCOS project comprises a number of institutional partners such as the ICO as well as collaborating firms from the coffee industry.

http://www.ipcos.qmul.ac.uk/index.html