In 2014, the International School for Graduate Studies (ISGS) once more invites *high flying* executives from internationally renowned companies to present step stones of global careers to PhD candidates. These networking dialogs highlight the professional and personal competencies required in the industry, and give hints for assistance within decision-making processes. In the course of this informal meeting the young researchers will have the opportunity to present their own career plans and receive honest feedback.

**Networking Dialog with**

**Chairwoman of Executive Board & HR Responsible at PFAFF:** Cornelia Mast

**Date:** Monday, August 25, 2014, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Venue:** TU Kaiserslautern, Building 36, Room 262 (ISGS Center/Meeting Place)  
**Language:** German & English  
**Participants:** Postdocs, PhD candidates, research associates & master students  
**Target faculties:** Engineering, Mechanical & Process Engineering, Technology, etc.  
**Registration:** Registration only via email (until Aug 22) to: doktoranden@isgs.uni-kl.de > Subject: „PFAFF“

**About Cornelia Mast**  
Cornelia Mast started off her career in the area of tax consultancy and later worked in various senior positions in industry. Demonstrating leadership qualities via high positions at Karl Otto Braun KG, Quinn Plastics GmbH, and the French Alstom corporation, Mast made her way to **PFAFF Industriesysteme und Maschinen AG**. By selling the company to a strategic Chinese investor, she succeeded in saving the company from its crisis and now leads the company as Chairwoman of the Executive Board. Her recent projects include: strategy development and implementation as well as concept restructuring, which ultimately resulted in the establishment of a production facility in China.

**Her positions in short:**  
- Member of the senior management of PFAFF  
- Board member of the Spanish PFAFF Iberica S.A  
- Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of PFAFF Industrial Sewing Machines (Taicang), Co. in Taicang/China.  
- Board member of the VDMA-association for garment & leather technology