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News from the WIAS office

WIAS receives NWO Graduate Programme grant!

We are very pleased to announce that WIAS has been selected for the NWO Graduate Programme Grant of €800.000. The selection committee of NWO stated that based on the applications, opinions of the referees, the rebuttal and the interview, our application has been awarded the qualification very good.

With this grant we can give the 4 most excellent Research Master students, that followed the programme as described in the application, the opportunity to do a PhD in the research area of their interest. This will be the start of the WIAS Graduate Programme where we are able to support excellent students with the start of their academic career.

To celebrate this wonderful news you are invited on **Monday 10 September 10.00** at the main hall in Zodiac for **cake**.

New employee

Since August WIAS has secretarial support from Lisette Bourquin. Lisette also works at the secretariat of Animal Breeding and Genetics and is in the WIAS office on Thursday. Welcome to WIAS Lisette!

Midterm Peer Review 2012

The Midterm will take place Monday 22 October – Wednesday 24 October and preparations are progressing well. The members of the Midterm Committee are:

- *Prof. dr. ir. Sjoerd Wendelaar Bonga (Professor in Zoology)*

Department of Animal Ecology and Ecophysiology, Radboud University of Nijmegen

- *Dr. Shirley Tarawali (Director of Institutional Planning (former director ILRI's People, Livestock and Environment Theme)*

International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kenya

- *Dr. Karen Plaut (Director of Ag Research Programs/Assoc. Dean of Agriculture/ Prof. in Animal Science (former Chair of the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University 2005-2010))*

Purdue University, USA

- *Prof. dr. Jos van Putten (Director Institute of Veterinary Research)*

Universiteit Utrecht

- *Prof. Paul Moughan (Co-director Riddet Institute)*

Massey University, Nieuw-Zeeland

- *Dr. Fritz Köster (Director general)*

DTU Aqua National Institute of Aquatic Resources

- *Prof. dr. Nico M. van Straalen (Professor of Animal Ecology)*

Vrije Universiteit

- *Prof. Marten Hofker (Professor of Molecular Genetics)*

University Medical Center Groningen

Talents & Topics

In February the 6th round of Talents & Topics will start if there are enough participants. At this moment Kor Oldenbroek is recruiting candidates. For more information send an email to kor.oldenbroek@wur.nl.

The Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) have organised a VENI Talents & Topics programme that starts September/October for promising excellent young researchers and postdocs who want to apply for a personal VENI grant in January 2013.

New WIAS Members

In July, August and September we have welcomed the following PhD candidates: Yvonne van der Meer (ANU), Geronda Klop (ANU), Rianne van Binsbergen (ABG) and Sanne van Gastelen (ANU), Juncai Chen (ADP), Simion Omasaki (ABG), Charles Kariuki (ABG), Farhad Ghafour-Kesbi (ABG-EGS), Merina Shrestha (ABG-EGS), Matthieu Besson (ABG-EGS).

Recent PhD graduations

In July and August there were no PhD defences.

2nd IMARES Science Day

Friday 30 November there will be a second edition of the IMARES Science Day. The aim of this day is for IMARES PhDs and Postdocs to come together and share their experiences and advancements.

For more information check this [website](#).

Project “Meer Academici voor de Klas” (More Academics in the Classroom)

The goal of this project is to give PhD students, Postdoc's or Master students the opportunity to learn about teaching in secondary schools from the perspective of scientific research.

Your employment as PhD student can be extended with 180 hours if the promotor and supervisor approve.

Because it concerns teaching on Dutch school you must be fluent in Dutch. For more information click [here](#) or e-mail marieke.mantje@wur.nl.

News from the WAPS council

General Members Meeting WAPS

The minutes of the last General Members Meeting (GMM) of the WAPS can be found on the WIAS board in the hall of Zodiac. The next GMM will take place at Thursday November 29th 2012 at 15.30h. The exact location will be announced beforehand. So, please put this date already in your agenda, because your input is appreciated!

In-depth courses

As you might know, WIAS and WAPS want to increase the number of in-depth courses for the PhD students. Therefore, WAPS is making an inventory of possible subjects for in-depth courses according to PhD students. In case you know a subject for an in-depth course, contact us via waps.wias@wur.nl.

Social activities

The next WAPS dinner will take place at Thursday October 25th 2012, which is during the Introduction Course. All PhD students are welcome during this dinner, especially the students following the introduction course! (Note: dinner is at your own expense.)

In the beginning of 2013, an excursion is planned to CARUS, the experimental facilities of Zodiac. As soon as more information is available about this excursion, we will let you know!

Social Media

WAPS is active on LinkedIn and Facebook, so please join! You can use these links (login first):

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/79412465586/>

LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3903895&trk=hb_side_g

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses

WIAS Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences

When: 12-14 September

Teachers: Prof. Tjard de Cock Buning, Prof. Elsbeth Stassen, Dr. Simon Oosting

Location: Polysport, Admiraal Helfrichlaan 89, 6952 GD Dieren

Register before: registration closed

WIAS and Ghent University Fatty acids in dairy cattle in relation to product quality and health

When: 17-21 September

Teachers: Dr. A. van Kneegsel (WIAS), Prof. V. Fievez and dr. B. Vlaeminck (Ghent University, Belgium)

Location: Ghent University, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering

Register before: registration closed

WIAS Advanced Statistics Course: Design of Experiments

When: 10-12 October

Teachers: Prof. Michael Grossman and Dr. Wiebe J. Koops

Location: Wageningen

Register before: 12 September

WIAS and VLAG Workshop on Techniques for Measuring Milk Phenotypes

When: 10-12 October

Teachers: Kees Olieman (NIZO food research, the Netherlands), Lotte Bach Larsen (Aarhus University, Denmark), Patrice Martin (INRA, France), Henk Bovenhuis (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)

Location: Wageningen Campus

Register before: 1 August

WIAS and CAN International Symposium on Dairy Cattle 2012, Nutritional management in early lactation

When: 25 October

Teacher: Wouter Hendriks (Wageningen University, the Netherlands), Björn Kuhla (Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology, Germany), Roselinde Goselink (Wageningen University, the Netherlands), José E. Santos (University of Florida, USA), Kees de Koning (Wageningen University, the Netherlands), Saskia van der Drift (Utrecht University, the Netherlands), Stephen Whelan (University College, Ireland), Ric Grummer (Balchem Corporation, USA), Gert van Duinkerken (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)

Location: Wageningen

Register before: 21 October

WIAS Introduction Course

When: 23-26 October

Teacher: Frank Little

Location: Hof van Wageningen

Register before: fully booked: registration from 12-07-2012 will be on the waiting list

WIAS Advanced methods and algorithms in animal breeding with focus on genomic selection

When: 12-16 November

Teacher: Prof. Ignazy Misztal (University of Georgia, USA)

Location: Wageningen

Register before: 1 November

Wageningen Graduate Schools Courses

Open for registration

* [Scientific Writing](#) (next course: September till November waiting lists and 6 December)

* [Presentation Skills](#) (next course: 12 and 26 September)

* [Information Literacy](#) (next course: 30 and 31 October)

* [Career Assessment](#) (next course: each month, schedule available for registration)

* [Competence Assessment](#) (next course: 23 October, 20-22 November)

* [Communication in Interdisciplinary Research](#) (next course: 5, 19 and 26 September)

* [Interpersonal Communication for PhD Students](#) (next course: September fully booked. Next course December)

* [The Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#) (next course: 14 September)

* [Mobilising your – scientific- network](#) (next course: 18 and 25 September)

* [Scientific Publishing](#) (next course: 2 October)

* [Stress Identification & Management](#) (next course: 11 October)

* [Writing Grant Proposals](#) (next course: 6 sessions in October/November)

* [Communication with the Media and the General Public](#) (next course: 13, 14 November and 4 December)

- * [Information Literacy including EndNote Introduction](#) (next course: 30 and 31 October 2012)
- * [Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings](#) (next course: 8 and 29 November 2012)
- * [Data Management](#) (next course: 13 November 2012)

Fully booked

- * [Techniques for Writing and Presenting a Scientific Paper](#) (fully booked until December. Next course spring 2013)
- * [Project and Time Management](#) (September till November fully booked. Next course 18 December)
- * [Career Perspectives](#) (September/October waiting list. Next course: Available schedule Spring 2013)
- * [Career Orientation](#) (next course: September waiting list)
- * [Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences](#) (September waiting list. Next course: not determined yet)

For other courses of the Wageningen Graduate School look at the [website](#).

Other courses

PhD course 'Organization and Leadership for PhD students'

PhD students are increasingly expected to take on a leadership role in the organization such as being a coordinator of a project. The course 'Organization and Leadership' is meant for PhD students who are interested in taking up this role in their present and future work.

The course last nine days and give participants the opportunity to learn about organization processes (why are things organized, or not organized, as they are?) and leadership (how can I influence these processes?). In addition, course participants are given the opportunity to learn practical skills that can help them to function better in a leading role.

Activities

September 11st

PhD Graduation Macha Sappok MSc

Title: *'In vitro fermentation capacity of hindgut microbiota in pigs in relation to dietary fibre'*
 Chair group: Animal Nutrition
 Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. M.W.A. Verstegen & Prof.dr.ir. W.H. Hendriks
 Time and Place: 11.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

September 11st

PhD Graduation Willem Smink MSc

Title: *'Fatty acid digestion, synthesis and metabolism in broiler chickens and pigs'*
 Chair group: Animal Nutrition
 Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. M.W.A. Verstegen & Prof.dr.ir. W.H. Hendriks
 Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

September 17th

PhD Graduation Luqman Aslam MSc

Title: *'Genetic control and variation in turkey: molecular insights in selection'*
 Chair group: Animal Breeding and Genetics
 Promotor: Prof.dr. M.A.M. Groenen
 Time and Place: 16.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 2nd

PhD Graduation Eleonor Tendencia MSc

Title: *'The relation between farming practices, ecosystem, and White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV) disease outbreaks in Penaeus monodon farms in the Philippines'*
 Chair group: Aquaculture and Fisheries
 Promotor: Prof.dr. J.A.J. Verreth
 Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 10th

PhD Graduation Marike Boer MSc

Title: *'All in good time. Dynamics of the bovine estrous cycle investigated with a mathematical model'*

Chair group: Adaptation Physiology

Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. B. Kemp, Prof. dr. ir. R.F. Veerkamp

Time and Place: 16.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 26th

PhD Graduation Lotte van de Ven MSc

Title: *'Hatching Time and Hatching System effects on Broiler Chick Development'*

Chair group: Adaptation Physiology and Farm Technology

Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. B. Kemp, Prof. dr. ir. P.W.G. Groot Koerkamp

Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 26th

PhD Graduation Apostolos Stathopoulos MSc

Title: *'Therapeutic brain cancer targeting by gene therapy and immunomodulation'*

Chair group: Cell Biology and Immunology

Promotor: Prof.dr. V.E.J.C. Schijns, Prof. dr. ir. H.F.J. Savelkoul

Time and Place: 16.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

If you have any questions about this WAS News please contact Denise Magendans (executive secretary) at denise.magendans@wur.nl