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## WIAS News

### WIAS Annual Conference 2025 – 4 March 2025

Every year WIAS organizes the WIAS Annual Conference for the WIAS community. This year it will take place on Tuesday 4 March at the Reehorst, Ede. This meeting welcomes WIAS PhD candidates, postdocs, staff and support staff of WIAS affiliated chair groups and offers an excellent opportunity to hear the latest scientific developments in WIAS and to network.

Please register via the registration form: [REGISTRATION](#)

For more information about the conference and for abstract submission please to the [website](#). Deadline for abstract submission is 24 January 2025

### Change in PhD thesis distribution procedure starting January 2025

Starting from January 2025, each chair group can distribute their own PhD theses and prepositions to the thesis committee (opponents and supervisors), the library and defence chairperson.

One copy still has to be handed in at the Doctoral Service Centre and from January 2025 on this can be done at the Omnia building. The graduation team will be present each Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Omnia building to receive the copy of the PhD thesis and to answer any other question you might have about the handling of the (draft) thesis. It is also possible to hand in your diploma for legalization.

## WAPS News

On 20 November 2024, the WAPS organized the MENstruation challenge. We think it was pretty much a success. A lot of men and quite some women came and tried it. This event, feeling the cramps only for a bit already opened the eyes of a lot of people.



Contact WAPS

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

**WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>
2 - 6 February 2025	<a href="#">Fish Nutrition Workshop</a>
6, 20 February, 6 & 20 March 2025	<a href="#">Effective Behaviour in your professional surroundings</a>
10 - 13 February 2025	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course Statistics for Data Science</a>
19 - 21 February 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
4 March 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Annual Conference</a>
12 & 19 March 2025	<a href="#">WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research</a>
21 & 22 April	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
24 - 25 March 2025	<a href="#">Laboratory Animal Science - Specific Course on Wildlife</a>
25 April 2025	WGS: PhD Workshop Carousel (save the date)
27 April – 1 May 2025	<a href="#">Fish Immunology Workshop</a>
28 & 29 April 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator (MoBPS)</a>
6 - 9 May 2025	<a href="#">The Future of Tropical Livestock Systems</a>
19 May 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Introductory course for New PhD Candidates</a>
20 May 2025	<a href="#">Midterm Reflection Day</a>
10 June 2025	<a href="#">The Final Touch</a>

For an overview of WIAS courses and seminars please click [here](#).

### **Scientific Diving Theoretical Course (MAE10302)**

To improve your diving skills for research, we are pleased to inform you that PhDs can follow the Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course (MAE10302) at WIAS!

### **Scientific Diving Practical Course (MAE20806)**

Are you diving for your PhD project? Get prepared for safe and efficient fieldwork operations with the Scientific Diving Practical course. Applications are now open!

We are looking for candidates to join the Scientific Diving – Practical Course (MAE20806)! The course will be held in Krk, Croatia for a total of 12 days. The approximate dates that we'll go are: 10 July – 22 August 2025. The costs are approximately 3900EU for the full 10-day Scientific Diving Course, which includes access to facilities, gas fills and gear rental. Do note that accommodation and food are not covered. The prerequisites to join are at least 50 open water dives, a recent dive medical check, and having passed the Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course. Information on the application procedure you can find [here](#). Please fill this [application form](#) if you are interested. See this Resource article to read about the experiences of your colleagues.

In case you perform any diving fieldwork please reach out to WURs Dive Safety Officer ([erik.wurz@wur.nl](mailto:erik.wurz@wur.nl)) to get input for the required documents and certificates you need for this type of research. For further questions please get in touch with [scientific.diving@wur.nl](mailto:scientific.diving@wur.nl)

## Other Courses

### WGS Courses

14, 28 January & 25 February 2025

16, 30 January & 27 February 2025

[Project and time management](#)

21 January 2025

[Critical thinking and argumentation](#)

21 January, 4, 18 February, 4 & 18 March 2025

[Career Perspectives](#)

6, 20 February & 6, 20 March 2025

[Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings](#)

7 February 2025 (online)

[Scientific writing](#)

10 February 2025

[Presenting with Impact](#)

12 February 2025

[Efficient writing strategies](#)

17 February 2025

[Last stretch of the PhD programme](#)

18 February 2025

[Science Journalism](#)

March 2025

[Entrepreneurship in and outside science](#)

4, 11, 18, 25 March 2025 (+ individual coaching session)

[Career orientation](#)

13 March 2025

[Reviewing a scientific manuscript](#)

14, 21, 28 March & 4 April 2025 (writing retreat May 2025)

[Mindful productivity for scientists](#)

27 March, 15 April, 8 May 2025 (+ individual coaching session)

[The choice: un-box your PhD process & take charge of your performance](#)

12, 14, 21 & 23 May 2025

[Inclusive leadership in international settings](#)

### Individually based

[Career Assessment](#)

[PhD Competence Assessment](#)

### Overview of all PhD training sessions

For a complete overview of all competence, skills, and career development training activities, click [here](#).

### Other courses and training of interest

[Wageningen in'to Languages](#)

For anyone looking to professionalise by communicating better. In any language.

[Gezondeboel](#) Inspiring programmes to keep you healthy.

[Sports Centre the Bongerd](#) offers [health courses](#).

[Teaching and Learning Centre – WUR](#) offers initial professionalisation in the areas of teaching, presentation skills and supervisory skills. Visit their page for the full list of training opportunities.

For more information specifically on supervising BSc & MSc thesis students, visit [Supervising thesis students \(BSc. and MSc.\) - Intranet WUR](#).

### Other Graduate schools

November 2024 – June 2025 (VLAG)

[Advanced Organic Chemistry](#)

27 January 2025

Lunch meeting on **“What to do after your PhD and how to prepare for that”**, please register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Yd6QVCrt67> (WIMEK)

27 January – 4 February 2025 (WIMEK)

[Python Programming for PhD's](#)

27 - 29 January 2025 (VLAG)

[Microscopy and spectroscopy in food and plant sciences](#)

27 – 31 January 2025 (VLAG)

[Advancing Implementation Science in Nutrition](#)

3 - 4 February 2025

[Making Impact: Increasing the relevance of research through science-society interaction](#)

3, 7, 14 February 2025 (VLAG)

[Open Hardware in the lab: DIY using 3D printers, laser cutters and CNC](#)

4 – 5 February 2025 (VLAG)

[Enhancing food supply chain integrity - the role of blockchain in traceability](#)

10 - 14 February 2025

[Constraint-based modeling: Introduction and Advanced topics \(BioSB course\)](#)

17 - 28 February 2025 (WIMEK)

[Bioinformatics with Linux and Python](#)

Information: <https://sense.nl/course/bioinformatics-with-linux-and-python/>

3-7 March 2025 (WIMEK)

[The Bigger Picture \(in environmental and climate sciences\): Connecting your research to the wider context.](#)

More details: <https://sense.nl/course/grasping-sustainability/>

22 - 24 April 2025 (VLAG)

[Lipid oxidation in foods and nutrition](#)

12, 14, 21 – 23 May 2025 (WIMEK)

[Inclusive Leadership in International Settings](#)

16 - 19 June 2025 (VLAG)

[Healthy and sustainable diets: synergies and trade-offs](#)

30 June – 3 July 2025 (VLAG)

[Algae Biorefinery](#)

4 – 11 July 2025 (VLAG)

[Microalgae Process Design: from cells to bioreactors](#)

### **Library courses**

14, 21, 28 January, 4 February 2025 - Course

[Adobe Illustrator - scientific artwork & infographics](#)

16 January 2025 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

21 January 2025 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

23 January 2025 – Workshop

[Citing and referencing: lunch workshop for students](#)

13 February 2025 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

26 & 27 February 2025 – Course

[Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates](#)

4 March 2025 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

10, 17, 24, 31 March 2025 - Course

[Adobe Illustrator - scientific artwork & infographics](#)

11 March 2025 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: discovering key services and collections](#)

13 March 2025 – Presentation

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates \(online session\)](#)

18 March 2025 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: author profiles and impact analysis](#)

20, 27 March 7,10 April 2025 (online)

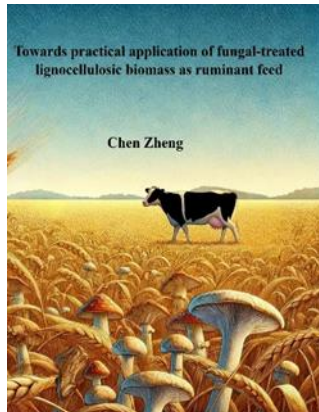
[Adobe InDesign - from Dissertation Layout to Poster Design](#)

25 March 2025 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: systematic searching for literature](#)

25 March 2025 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)



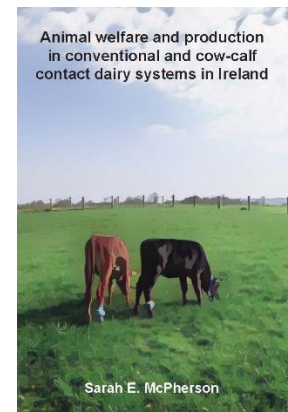
### Chen Zheng

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 16 January 2025  
Time: 15:30

*Towards practical application of  
fungal-treated lignocellulosic biomass as  
ruminant feed*

*(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr JW Cone,  
Dr JJP Baars, Dr AF van Peer*



### Sarah McPherson

Animal Production Systems (APS)

Date: 31 January 2025  
Time: 13:00

*Animal welfare and production in  
conventional and cow-calf contact dairy  
systems in Ireland*

*(co)promotors:  
Dr EAM Bokkers, Dr LE Webb,  
Dr E Kennedy*

## Calls

### Call for applications: Spark grants spring 2025

Are you ready for business as unusual? The Spark granting scheme offers you the opportunity to explore innovative ideas and build an interdisciplinary project team together with researchers affiliated with Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and UMC Utrecht.

What does the Spark granting scheme offer:

Phase 1: Strengthen interdisciplinary competences through four interactive workshops

Phase 2: Form interdisciplinary teams, develop a project topic, and work with CUCo coaches to submit a joint proposal. Approved proposals unlock € 9,000 in funding to kickstart your project.

Who should apply?

Researchers interested in inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to societal challenges. [Find out more](#) about current Spark projects to get inspired.

Applications are now open for the Spring 2025 cohort. Don't miss this opportunity to turn your ideas into impactful collaborations! The application deadline is Monday 24 February 2025.

## Other news

**KHMW Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit 2025**

U kunt vanaf heden voordrachten indienen voor de KHMW Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit 2025, ter bekroning van onderzoek met een bijzonder interdisciplinair karakter dat de grenzen tussen de klassieke alfa/bèta/gamma-wetenschapsgebieden overbrugt.

Deze prijs van € 10.000,- is bedoeld als aanmoedigingsprijs voor onderzoekers die in de periode 1/9/2023 – 31/8/2024 gepromoveerd zijn. [Info](#)

### **KHMW Martinus van Marum Proefschriftprijs 2025, Life Sciences and Technology**

U kunt vanaf heden voordrachten indienen voor de KHMW Martinus van Marum Proefschriftprijs voor de Natuurwetenschappen en Techniek 2025, in 2025 bestemd voor onderzoek op het gebied van de Life Sciences and Technology.

Deze prijs van € 10.000,- is bedoeld als aanmoedigingsprijs voor onderzoekers die in de periode 1/1/2020 - 31/12/2024 gepromoveerd zijn. [Info](#)

[Sluitingsdatum voor nominaties is voor beide proefschriftprijzen 15 januari 2025](#)

### **Annual Conference 'Back to the future. The next two decades of doctoral education'. 9 & 10 April 2025 in London (ICPPD)**

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

### **PhD Seminar on Animal Behaviour Automated tracking of animal location and movement. 18-20 June 2025 at Utrecht University**

Sign up through: [https://forms.uu.nl/universiteitutrecht-beta/tracking\\_of\\_animal\\_movement](https://forms.uu.nl/universiteitutrecht-beta/tracking_of_animal_movement)

### **24th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN 2025)**

From 23 – 26 June 2025 the 24th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN 2025) will take place at the MECC in Maastricht, The Netherlands. For more information about the symposium and on how to submit an abstract, please have a look on the website: [ESPN 2025 - 23-26 June 2025 - Maastricht, The Netherlands](#)

### **Green ERA-Hub Summer School 2025**

Experience a unique opportunity to learn, network and grow at the Green ERA-Hub Summer School 2025 in Bari, Italy. This five-day event brings together promising PhD students with leading experts in the agri-food and biotechnology sectors to jointly develop innovative solutions to global challenges. For more information go to the Summer School [website](#).

1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026

The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic is seeking expert researchers and professionals to participate as Panellists and Sub-panellists in the upcoming [2026 Periodic Evaluation of Research, Development, Artistic and Other Creative Activities](#) in Slovakia.

The applications for the positions of Panellists and Sub-panellists can be submitted directly [VIA THIS FORM](#). The closing date for applications is 15 January 2025. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at [nominations@minedu.sk](mailto:nominations@minedu.sk) (main contact person: Ms. Lenka Trokšiarová).

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