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We wish you a safe, healthy and prosperous 2022!

Temporary changes in WIAS office staff

The WIAS Executive Secretary, Nicole Rodenburg, will return from maternity leave on 1 May 2022. During her leave of absence, Paddy Haripersaud and Hans Komen will take over most of her responsibilities.

WIAS Seed money awards for WU-WR joint WIAS courses

WIAS is pleased to announce that four applications were each awarded €5000 to further promote knowledge exchange between WR and WU. The applications came jointly from WIAS WR and WU members who teamed up develop a short course, hackathon, or other training activity for 2022 on a topic of their choice.

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00. The next online WIAS lunch lecture entitled "Next Level Animal Sciences on tour" will be given on 1 February 2022. Speakers: Prof. Jerry Wells (topic: Complex Cell Systems), Dr Tobias van Kooten (topic: Data & Models) & Dr Paulien de Bruijn (topic: Sensors).

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2022. Fourth-year PhD candidates are also welcome to present their work. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl.

WAPS News



Sign up for the WIAS Annual Conference 2022!

The WIAS Annual Conference 2022 will be held off-line again on Friday, 11 February 2022 at the conference centre 'De Werelt' in Lunteren. The theme of this year's conference is 'Collective Action'. It's a nice opportunity to show your exciting work/proposal and connect with other colleagues for collective action. Make sure to secure your spot as a presenter or as a guest by filling in the registration form:

<https://forms.gle/RgqoWtNGLzfRuQnC8>

do not forget to send your abstract to wiasac@wur.nl before 10 January 2022. If you want to modify your registration, please register a second time and add the number 2 to your first name.

We are looking forward to your participation!

WAPS social media

Follow the WIAS associated PhD Students council on:

Facebook group: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: wias_phds

For more information or questions regarding the WIAS PhD Council please send an email to waps.wias@wur.nl.

WIAS Magazine



Tells us about your research!

You can submit different types of articles based on your research (Research overview, Research highlight and Research light) or a student lifestyle piece. For more details about each of these types check out: [Submit your Article - WUR](#). Any questions, just send us an email at wias.magazine@wur.nl.

Join us!

We welcome additional committee members – we are a fun small group who share the workload, so it won't take too much of your time. Let us know via wias.magazine@wur.nl.

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS Course highlights

Herewith we would like to draw your attention for the "TSP Basic Package" **recommended course** on "**Personal Effectiveness for your PhD**".

This course will be given 21-23 February 2022 by Youssef El Bouhassani. (in person course at Wageningen Campus). Previous courses had high evaluation scores! Especially a valuable course for first and second year PhDs. No fee for WIAS PhD candidates doing a TSP.

There are still places available!

For information and registration see: [WIAS course Introduction on personal effectiveness for your PhD](#)

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open):

26 January 2022

[WIAS/PE&RC Course Design of Experiments](#)

21, 22 & 23 February 2022

[WIAS course Introduction on personal effectiveness for your PhD](#) **TIP!**

1 & 2 March 2022

[Ethics and Animal Sciences](#)

9 March 2022

[WIAS course 'Societal impact of your research'](#)

20 April 2022

[WIAS Introduction Day](#)

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

Other Courses

WGS Courses

Intake Meetings: 8 & 9 February 2022

Course days: 22 February, 8 March & 22 March 2022

[Professional in Supervision for PhD supervisors](#)

9 & 10 February 2022

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

4 February & 8 April 2022

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

4 February & 8 April 2022

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

January – June 2022

[Project and Time Management](#)

Individual planning

[Career assessment](#)

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

Other courses and training of interest

3 February 2022 **TIP!**

[WGS Lunch Workshops for PhD Supervisors](#)

[Writing Lab Free feedback on your academic text during the Editing Desk walk-in hours](#)

[Academic English \(English for IELTS and RATER\)](#)

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

Library courses

10, 17, 24, 31 January 2022 – Course

[Scientific Artwork, Data visualization and Infographics with Adobe Illustrator \(online\)](#)

13 January 2022 – Presentation

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

18 January 2022 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

10 February 2022 – Presentation

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

17 February 2022 – Course

[Reviewing a scientific manuscript](#)

17 February 2022 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

22 & 23 February 2022 – Course

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

PhD graduations



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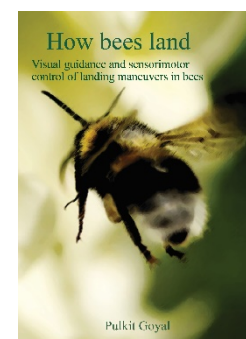
Adaptation Physiology (ADP)

Date: 5 January 2022

Time: 13:30

Healthy Bones for Broiler Chickens

(co)promotors: Prof. Dr B Kemp,
Dr H van den Brand



Pulkit Goyal

Experimental Zoology (EZO)

Date: 26 January 2022

Time: 13:30

How bees land.

Visual guidance and sensorimotor control of landing maneuvers in bees

Other news

Soft Robotics Symposium

Soft robotics explores how robots can be built from soft materials to make them inherently safe and versatile. This field of research integrates knowledge from many different disciplines, including material science, engineering science, computer science, biology, zoology, health science, and business innovation. In this Symposium, we will bring together expertise from these disciplines and discuss how to use and combine the knowledge from these different fields in the design of soft robots. The Symposium will take place on February 10 and 11. Abstracts are welcomed for either oral presentations, posters, or demonstrations, with the deadline for submission on 9 January 2022. More information, including registration and abstract submission, can be found at <https://www.softroboticswinterschool.nl/>.

Interested to present your research at the DIES symposium

Are you a PhD candidate or postdoc and interested to present your research at the DIES symposium? Every year on 9 March 2022, Wageningen University celebrates the Dies Natalis (the birthday of the university). The theme for the 2022 Dies celebration is about education.

Preceding the official ceremony, PhD candidates and postdocs present their research during the Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) symposium. It is not sure yet whether we will be able to celebrate physically, hybrid or online only. For the 2022 edition of the WGS Dies symposium, we want to illustrate the way education feeds research and vice versa. Education lets talent come to fruition, therefore we are looking for PhD candidates and postdocs who are participating or have participated in one of our talent programmes and those who have a special relation with their (master)students. In addition, we would like to show the contribution that our research makes to shaping tomorrows higher education.

So, when you are:

- A PhD candidate with a graduate programme grant;
- A PhD candidate or postdoc with a nice collaboration with (master)students;
- A postdoc with a postdoc talent programme grant;
- A PhD candidate or postdoc researching higher education;
- A PhD candidate or postdoc with a nice example of how teaching improved your research;
- A PhD candidate or postdoc with a good idea of showing the link between education and research at our university;

then please send your title, a short abstract and a short motivation including your name and chair group by January 21 2022 to Ingrid.Vlegghels@wur.nl.

You will present your research in a 5-10 minute-presentation to a broad audience followed by a plenary discussion session. Selected and non-selected candidates will be informed early February. Selected researchers will be supported in preparing their presentations and receive a short professional presentation training.

New National programme for talented researchers; The Faculty of Impact

The Faculty of Impact is a newly launched National programme for talented researchers (finishing PhDs, Post-docs and scientists) who have potentially developed ground-breaking solutions for major societal issues through their research. They are motivated to develop a company or non-profit organisation around their solution. At the Faculty of Impact they get

the chance to combine entrepreneurship with science. The solution could be a tool to stimulate behavioural change, a technological innovation, a new business model, consultancy to support non-profit ideas, etc. The two-year programme is an initiative by VSNU, NWO and Techleap and aims to further develop and scale up creative and ground breaking ideas. The first call is now open. With this two-year personal grant, a researcher can dedicate 100% of his time, energy and brain power on turning their research into a business with impact. Additionally, a world class entrepreneurship training, intensive coaching and an international network to boot is also provided. To learn more about the new programme please visit the [NWO](https://facultyofimpact.nl/) site or join an information webinar at <https://facultyofimpact.nl/>.

Theme focus & Deadline:

The Faculty of Impact works with thematic rounds, linked to the societal challenges of our time. The first call will fund in total 10 proposals of individual researchers (Deadline: 18 January 2022) focusing on the theme of *energy transition and sustainability* and includes three sub-themes:

- Climate and Energy;
- Circular economy;
- Future-proof mobility systems.

Application Support @ WUR:

If you are interested in applying for this year's call please contact the Knowledge Transfer Office (KTO), at Corporate Value Creation. The KTO will guide you during your application process and will check if you meet the Theme focus and other conditions of this national programme. Please contact the Knowledge Transfer Office at valuecreation@wur.nl or contact suraj.jamge@wur.nl.

For more information, please feel welcome to contact: coordination.act@wur.nl

For Women in Science Rising Talent Prizes 2022

The aim of the Netherlands L'Oréal-Unesco-KHMW For Women in Science Rising Talent Prizes is to advance the academic careers of young women researchers in the Netherlands holding a position as PhD candidate or postdoctoral fellow in STEM or Life Sciences, with a maximum of three years post-PhD academic experience.

The three annual prizes offers young women researchers an individual award of € 3,500, € 2,000 or € 1,000 in recognition of their academic achievements and future potential. The amount is to be spent on research-related activities at the discretion of the laureate. In addition, the first prize laureate of the Dutch Rising Talents Prize is entitled to be nominated for the International Rising Talents programme of FWIS. [Deadline 20 January 2022](#).

Please consult the [KHMW-website for more information and the application form](#). Questions? Contact the secretariat of the KHMW via secretaris@khw.nl

NWO Life2022: announcement of speakers

NWO Life is a unique annual congress covering all disciplines and scale levels in the Dutch Life Sciences, from femtometre to kilometre, from cell to planet. NWO Life stands for high quality science, inspiration, discussion, exploration, connection, networking and knowledge utilisation.

NWO Life2022 takes place on 24 and 25 May 2022 and has the overarching theme 'Resilience'. Ines Thiele and Marten Scheffer are keynote speakers. The following renowned speakers have also confirmed to contribute: Laura van Niftrik, Tom Oliver, Martin Steinegger, Kirsten ten Tusscher, Maria Yazdanbakhsh, Lude Franke, Luke O'Neill and Jill Farrant. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for more information about the programme and to sign up for the NWO Life newsletter.

If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at wias@wur.nl