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**The WIAS office wishes you happy holidays
and a healthy and joyful New Year!**

WIAS End of the year event

WIAS invites all PhD candidates, postdocs, and (support) staff of WIAS associated chair groups to join us in celebrating the end of the year.



20 December 2022 from 17.00, Central Hall of the Zodiac Building.

Please register so that we ensure that there is sufficient food and drinks!
To register click [here](#)

**There will
be a party.
With people.
Finally.**

Call for WIAS publication prize 2022

Every year, WIAS confers a publication prize to a PhD candidate for the most innovative and high-quality publication. The winner receives a prize of € 500. The publication prizes will be conferred during the next WIAS annual conference.

The evaluation of the nominated publications is based on the originality of the research, the quality of the scientific analysis, the quality of the written presentation and the impact of the publication. More information about the nomination procedure can be found on the WIAS website.

Call for WIAS fellowship 2023

WIAS invites PhD candidates who wish to travel abroad, postdocs who want to write a grant proposal and staff members who wish to invite guest researchers to submit a proposal for a WIAS fellowship. More information and application information can be found on the WIAS website.

New WIAS Board member

There have been several changes in the WIAS board in 2022. Prof. Mart de Jong and Prof. Annemarie Rebel resigned from the board. They are succeeded by Prof. Wim van de Poel and Dr Liesbeth Bolhuis. We thank both Mart and Annemarie for their commitment and efforts as part of the WIAS board. Prof. Frank van Langevelde will take over as chair of the WIAS board.

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00.

The last hybrid WIAS lunch lecture of 2022 will be given by Dr Daan Vorsele on 6 December 2022.

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2023. Fourth-year PhD candidates are also welcome to present their work. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl.

WAPS News

WAPS Christmas potluck lunch | 14 December 2023 | Zodiac Building



Winter has come!

Get yourself a nice hot coco and ginger biscuits and join the ACCIE team for a Christmas edition of Potluck Lunch next Wednesday, 14 December at Zodiac Hall at noon. Bring a dish from your home country to share with your WIAS PhD buddies! We are also organizing a Christmas sweater competition so bring your best Christmas spirit and your worst Christmas sweater! The winner will have the ultimate prize! Join us if you want to find out more!

WAC2023 | 16 February 2023 | De Reehorst

We would like to invite you to attend the WIAS Annual Conference 2023 (WAC2023) to be held on 16 February 2023 at De Reehorst in Ede. The theme for this edition is: **Surpassing boundaries**

WIAS annual conference 2023 | 16th February

De Reehorst | 8.30-18.00h




Surpassing Boundaries
Going one step ahead

Within WIAS we are working to improve our understanding of animals and their various roles for mankind through fundamental and strategic research. We all contribute by going one step ahead, and thereby surpassing

boundaries. Which boundaries are you surpassing? The conference will feature the work of WIAS PhD candidates, through short presentations and poster sessions linked to the theme, as well as inspiring speeches of invited keynote speakers. You can go one step ahead and register for WAC2023 now!

Registration form: (<https://forms.office.com/r/H8jsXdAZsX>).

WAC2023 | Submit your abstract | Deadline 9 December 2022

If you would like to present your work, please select poster or presentation and make sure to complete your registration by submitting your abstract via email (WIASAC@wur.nl) before 9 December 2022. The topic of your presentation or poster can be a part of your research results or an overview of your PhD proposal, preferably related to Surpassing Boundaries. Find the abstract guidelines here:  [WAC2023-Abstract guidelines.pdf](#)

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

Fall 2022 edition available now!

You have received an email about the new edition of the magazine. Thank you to all the authors for contributing! The new magazine is available here: [WIAS magazine 5th edition - Fall 2022 - WUR](#)

Printed edition coming soon

To read articles from the first year of the WIAS magazine at your leisure, soon a printed copy will be available at all the chair groups.

Deadline for Winter 2023 edition – 27 January 2023

If you have not published in our magazine yet, we look forward to your article or video. You can submit it to wias.magazine@wur.nl. A 7-step author guide is available [here](#), to make submitting even easier. Deadline for the next edition is the 27 January 2023.



On behalf of WIAS magazine – Kaylee, Annemarieke, Corrie, Evelien & Bernadett
'Science connects us all'

Get in contact: wias.magazine@wur.nl

Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](#)

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open):

13 December 2022

[WIAS Course The Final Touch: Writing the General Introduction & Discussion \(0.6 ECTS\)](#)

19, 20 & 22 December 2022

[WIAS/PE&RC Course Design of Experiments \(0.8 ECTS\)](#)

9-10 January 2023 (online)

[Ethics and Animal Sciences \(0.6 ECTS\)](#)

21-23 February 2023

[Fundamentals of animal monitoring systems: animal tracking and data analysis](#)

1-3 March 2023

[WIAS Introduction course on personal effectiveness for your PhD \(1.2 ECTS\)](#)

7, 14 & 21 March 2023

[WIAS course 'Societal impact of your research' \(1.5 ECTS\)](#)

27 March, 3, 12 & 17 April 2023

[WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings \(1.3 ECTS\)](#)

30 & 31 March 2021

[WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator \(MoBPS\)](#)

11 & 18 April 2023

[Writing CCD project proposal \(0.5 ECTS\)](#)

20 April 2023

[WIAS Introduction Day \(0.3 ECTS\)](#)

12-13 June 2023

[Ethics and Animal Sciences \(0.6 ECTS\)](#)

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

Other Courses

WGS Courses

11 January 2023

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

20 January, 17 February (online) & 3 March 2023

[Scientific Integrity](#)

23 January 2023

[Scientific Writing](#)

30 January 2023

[Intensive Writing Week](#)

13 & 14 February 2023

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

20, 27 February, 6, 13, 20 March 2023

[Career Perspectives](#)

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

[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

6 and 7 December 2022 – Course

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

6 December 2022 – Presentation – online session

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

8 December 2022 – Workshop

[Tackling procrastination and writer's block: lunch workshop for students](#)

12 December 2022 - Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: Open access publishing](#)

15 December 2022 - Workshop

[Revising your text: lunch workshop for students](#)

15 December 2022 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

10 January 2023 – Presentation – online session

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

10 January 2023 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: resources & services for teachers](#)

17, 24 & 31 January, 7 February 2023 – Course

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

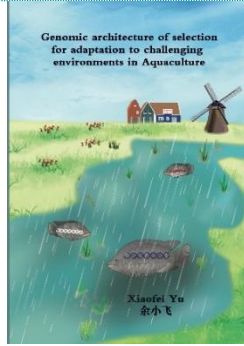
17 January 2023 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

26 January 2023 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: research visibility & impact](#)

PhD graduations

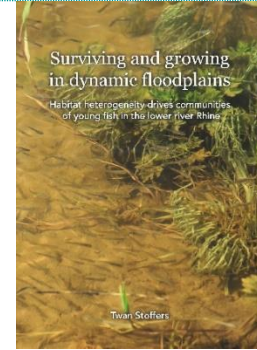


Xiaofei Yu

Animal Breeding and Genomics (ABG)
Date: 13 December 2022
Time: 11:00

Genomic architecture of selection for adaptation to challenging environments in Aquaculture

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr J Komen, Prof. Dr MAM Groenen,
Dr HJWC Megens



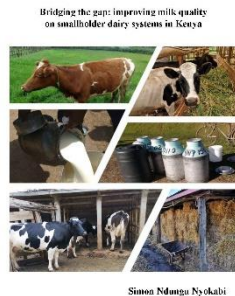
Twan Stoffers

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)
Date: 16 December 2022
Time: 16:00

Surviving and growing in dynamic floodplains

Habitat heterogeneity drives communities of young fish in the lower river Rhine

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr AD Buijse, Prof. Dr JAJ Verreth,
Dr LAJ Nagelkerke

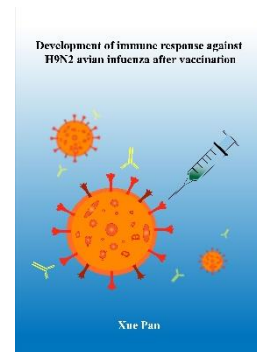


Simon Ndung'U Nyokabi

Animal Production Systems (APS)
Date: 11 January 2023
Time: 11:00

Bridging the gap: improving milk quality on smallholder dairy systems in Kenya

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr SJ Oosting, Dr PA Luning,
Prof. Dr BO Bebe



Xue Pan

Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology (QVE)
Date: 11 January 2023
Time: 13:30

Development of immune response against H9N2 avian influenza after vaccination

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr MCM de Jong, Dr N Beerens,
Dr M Forlenza

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WIMEK lunch meeting

15 December 2022 (Orion – B4007)

[Lunch meeting on PhD's/Supervisors challenges and solutions](#)

MAGNEFY User Meeting

The MAGNEtic resonance research Facility MAGNEFY (part of the Agrotechnology and Food Science Group at Wageningen University, WUR) is hosting a user meeting for both WUR and non-WUR researchers, who are interested in the use of NMR and MRI methods.

MAGNEFY offers a wide range of facilities that can help to answer research questions in the fields of (bio)chemistry, (bio)physics, (agro)food technology and life science. During the meeting an overview of the MAGNEFY facilities will be presented, and there will be room for discussion on specific research questions.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7 December 2022, in room NCountR (Impulse Building, WUR campus), from 10.00-14.00h. To find out more (including about the program) and to register, please visit tinyurl.com/MagnefyUM.

Insights on High-sensitivity

Prof. Corina Greven from Radboud University will give a presentation about the newest insights with regards to high-sensitivity. It will be held on Monday 23 January 2023 from 12.30-13.30 o'clock at the Impulse Building.

Exhibition OPEN UP about depression

From 28 November to 28 December 2022, the Municipality of Wageningen presents the exhibition OPEN UP about depression; a project by the Open Mind Foundation. Together with young experts by experience, they make mental vulnerability of young people visible and open for conversation. The multimedia outdoor exhibition can be seen on the Market in Wageningen from 28 November.

OPEN UP about depression features a diverse group of 30 young experts by experience aged 18-35. Combined with gripping portraits, the young adults themselves tell their story on how they experience their depression, how they cope with it and how their environment can help them. A QR code on each photo panel lead to the English translation of the story. The exhibition has been made possible by the Municipality of Wageningen. Various organisations - *Solidez, Thuis, Pro Persona Preventie, Startpunt, Youth Council, WUR and Spectrum SPC* - are giving attention to the exhibition and the help available for the target group. An accompanying activity programme has been organised. For instance, Spectrum will organise a meeting in collaboration with Muslim students on "*Depression in our Tradition of Faith and Religious Texts*" and a student psychologist WUR will organise a workshop "*Tackle your gloom with body & mind*".

There is a - temporary - [theme page on the WUR website](#) that highlights the exhibition, the activities and the help for students offered by WUR. On the [thema page](#) of the Municipality you can find the complete programme.

BSc and MSc student supervision

Are you getting started with supervising BSc or MSc thesis students? Would you like to know more about what is expected from you as a supervisor, or about how to interact with your student? Visit and bookmark the new *Educational Training Advice intranet group on [Supervising thesis students](#)*. The information on this page will help you on your way with supervising thesis students at WUR. It is an addition to the already existing [workshop](#) and [course](#) on student supervision, which come highly recommended! Complementary to these resources, you can participate in a [peer consultation group on supervision](#), to benefit from the supervision experiences from fellow PhDs, share your own, as well as consult with an expert educational trainer.

Pint of Science, the international science festival, May 2023!

Pint of science is an international festival that mixes science with beer. Its goal is to bring researchers into local pubs to tell the general public about their favorite topic!

But to make it happen, we need volunteers that can help organize events, and speakers willing to share their science. Don't hesitate, Pint of Science is a valuable experience in which speakers can improve their ability to communicate science to the general public, and volunteers can learn how to organize scientific events - two skills that become necessary in the CV of young scientists! Ready to join the adventure, fill in the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7Roq15j0ISg5MuAcscvW-E_FVQhgWT2sON0xJZjmTkDYA5w/viewform

More info: <https://www.pintofscience.nl/>
Wageningen contact: cloe.villard@wur.nl
Netherlands Team: info@pintofscience.nl

SAVE THE DATE! 45th ANR Forum on 20 April 2023

A platform for Animal Nutrition Research in The Netherlands and Belgium, invites you for the 45th ANR (Animal Nutrition Research) forum, which will be held on Thursday 20 April 2023 at the campus of Wageningen University. The aim of this meeting is to bring together (young) animal nutrition scientists working in The Netherlands or Belgium. It provides a unique opportunity, particularly for young nutrition researchers, to present and discuss their research. The focus of the meeting will be on animal nutrition research and we strongly encourage interdisciplinary contributions (e.g. animal nutrition research related to genetics, behaviour, etc.).

Are you interested? Please save the date and use the following [link](#) to receive more information via email. This is not a registration yet, but will give us an indication about the number of people we can expect.

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