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## WIAS office News

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

The next hybrid WIAS lunch lecture entitled “**Modeling the impact of Covid-19 interventions to inform decision making in Bogotá, Colombia**” will be given by Dr Guido Camargo España on 7 February 2023, Zodiac room A0107. Lunch will be provided.

**WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2023.** Interested? Please send an email to [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl). The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00.

### Vacancy Education Committee member

The WIAS Education Committee (EC) is looking for a new WIAS staff member from the Cluster Animals in Future Food Systems and Society with chair groups ADP, APS, ANU and AFI. The EC plays an important role in PhD education and advises the WIAS board on matters concerning the content and format of the PhD and postdoc training and education programme, as well as on specific issues related to the PhD programme. The EC meets four times per year and is composed of 3 WIAS staff members, 3 PhD candidates and a postdoc. Would you like to join our committee? Then please contact Corina van Middelaar ([corina.vanmiddelaar@wur.nl](mailto:corina.vanmiddelaar@wur.nl)) for additional information and to apply for the position. The deadline for application is **2 March 2023**.

### New WIAS website



WIAS renewed its website! Please have a look at <https://www.wur.eu/wias>.

For feedback and remarks please contact WIAS at [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl).

## WAPS News

### WAC2023 | Surpassing boundaries

As the day comes closer, we are getting more excited to host you at WAC2023!!! Below we summarize what you have to look forward to.



## 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 and your colleagues surpassing?

The conference will feature the work of 51 WIAS PhD candidates, through presentations and posters session linked to the theme.

You can also look forward to inspiring speeches of 2 invited keynote speakers:

Keynote 1 | Crossing Boundaries: explaining your research to an alien? | Sylvia Brugman, associate professor Host-Microbe Interactomics and board member Centre for Unusual Collaborations (Alliance TU/e, UU, UMCU and WUR)

Keynote 2 | One Health interactions and cross-fertilization: antimicrobial resistance in animals | Dick Heederik, professor One Health Risk Analysis and chairman of the Netherlands Centre for One Health

\*New this year\* The interactive session "Meeting the expert".

The goal of this section is to debate about provocative topics which were proposed by our 16 experts. Discuss together in your group and try to propose options of how to go one step further in your topic of choice! We are hoping that this is a refreshing time where you can speak your mind regarding the topic of your choice, think out of the box, and just have a good time with your discussion group!

We are looking forward to see you on 16 February 2023.

### **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](mailto:waps.wias@wur.nl).

## **WIAS Magazine**

### **Printed edition available now!**

The printed edition of all the issues of last year have successfully been delivered to the chair groups. You can find these in the coffee corners so do have a look. We hope you enjoy going through all the articles published last year! Thank you to all the authors for contributing!

### **Winter 2022 edition in the making**

We are currently working on the next online edition of the WIAS Magazine, so stay tuned.



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

Get in contact: [wias.magazine@wur.nl](mailto:wias.magazine@wur.nl)

Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](http://WIAS magazine - WUR)

# WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

Date	Course
21-23 February	<a href="#">Fundamentals of animal monitoring systems: animal tracking and data analysis</a>
1-3 March	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on personal effectiveness for your PhD</a>
7,14 & 21 March	<a href="#">WIAS course 'Societal impact of your research</a>
27 March, 3, 12 & 17 April	<a href="#">WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
30 & 31 March	<a href="#">WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator (MoBPS)</a>
11 April	<a href="#">WIAS course The Final Touch</a>
20 April	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction Day</a>
31 May, 1 & 2 June	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on personal effectiveness for your PhD</a>
31 May, 1 & 2 June	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC statistics course Design of Experiments</a>
12-13 June	<a href="#">Ethics and Animal Sciences</a>
20-22 September	<a href="#">LAS Species Specific course on Fish</a>
13-17 November	<a href="#">WIAS Course Sensor applications for aquatic species</a>

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

## Other Courses

### WGS Courses

22 February 2023

[The Essentials of Scientific Writing and Presenting](#)

23 February, 23 March, 13 April 2023 + indiv. coaching session

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

1 March 2023

[Stress Identification & Management](#)

29 March & 5 April 2023 + indiv. intake between 6-10 March

[Career Development for Postdocs: Science and the Alternatives](#)

14, 21, 28 March & 4 April 2023

[Mindful Productivity for scientists](#)

27, 28 March, 20 April 2023

[Communication with the Media and the General Public](#)

20 April, 4 May, 2 June 2023 (online)

[Project and Time Management](#)

5, 12, 19 June, 3 and 10 July 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](#)

6-18 February 2023

[Scientific Diving Course](#)

For information about this course please contact [erik.wurz@wur.nl](mailto:erik.wurz@wur.nl)

### Library courses

7 February 2023 – Workshop

[Reading literature effectively and efficiently: lunch workshop for students](#)

9 February 2023 – Workshop

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

14 February 2023 – Presentation – online session

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

14 February 2023 – Workshop

[Optimize your personal writing style: lunch workshop for students](#)

16 February 2023 – Workshop

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

16 February 2023 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

21 February 2023 – Workshop

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

28 February, 7, 14 & 21 March 2023 – Course

[Adobe InDesign – from dissertation layout to poster design](#)

14-15 March 2023 – Course

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

14 March 2023 – Presentation – online session

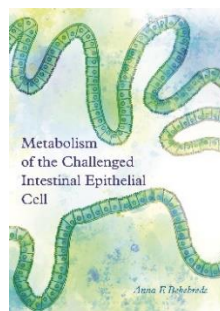
[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#)

18 April 2023 – Workshop

[Introduction to LaTeX](#)

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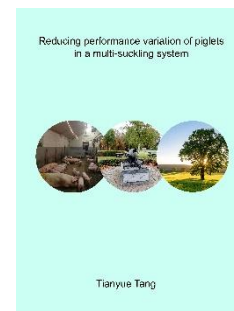
## PhD graduations



### Anna Bekebrede

Human and Animal Physiology (HAP)  
&  
Animal Nutrition

Date: 10 February 2023  
Time: 16:00



### Tianyue Tang

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

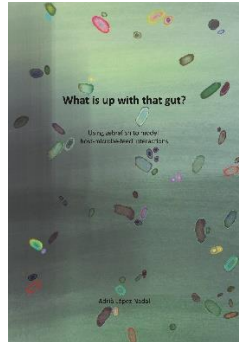
Date: 21 February 2023  
Time: 11:00

*Metabolism of the Challenged Intestinal Epithelial Cell*

*(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr J Keijer, Prof Dr WJJ Gerrits,  
Dr VCJ de Boer*

*Reducing performance variation of piglets in a multi-suckling system*

*(co)promotors:  
Prof Dr WJJ Gerrits, Dr NM Soede,  
Dr I Reimert*



### **Adria Lopez Nadal**

Cell Biology Immunology (CBI) &  
Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)  
Date: 17 March 2023  
Time: 13:30

*What is up with that gut?*

*(co)promotors:  
Prof Dr GF Wiegertjes, Dr S Brugman,  
Dr D Sipkema*

## **Other news**

### **EngD programme started in January 2023**

The new two-year post-masters is called Design for Agrifood & Ecological Systems. The first group of ten students began their programme on Monday, 23 January. Femke Brouwer coordinates the new programme. 'EngD is a programme that can be followed after completing a master's, much like a PhD. A PhD focuses on acquiring new scientific knowledge, while EngD is all about applying existing and new scientific knowledge to design practical technological solutions. In short: PhD students conduct fundamental research, while EngD students apply fundamental knowledge to design practical solutions.'

Want more information on the [EngD-programme](#)? Send an email to [engd@wur.nl](mailto:engd@wur.nl).

### **Career path changes at WUR**

Have you already wondered what are your opportunities for a permanent position within the university? And did you know that the current career path possibilities at the university are changing? In order to increase awareness and accessibility to this ongoing University policy adjustment the group of Wageningen Graduate Schools has organized for the whole post-doc community an information and Q & A session with one of the organizers of the career path changes at WUR, Prof. Geert Smant (PSG) on the **15th of February, 2023, 3.30 – 5.30 PM, at Speakers Corner/Impulse**.

### **ESM Thesis prize Interdisciplinary 2023 (deadline 15 March 2023) (call is in Dutch)**

Het bestuur van de Koninklijke Hollandse Maatschappij der Wetenschappen maakt bekend dat de Dr. Elizabeth Schram-Mulley (ESM) Stichting met ingang van 2023 jaarlijks een prijs van € 10.000,- beschikbaar stelt ter bekroning van onderzoek met een bijzonder interdisciplinair karakter dat de grenzen tussen de klassieke alfa/bèta/gamma-wetenschapsgebieden overbrugt. De prijs is bedoeld als aanmoedigingsprijs voor onderzoekers

die in de periode 1/9/2020 – 31/8/2022 op een dergelijk interdisciplinair onderwerp gepromoveerd zijn. De prijs wordt aan één onderzoeker toegekend en is bedoeld voor Nederlanders of voor buitenlanders, die hun onderzoek hebben uitgevoerd aan Nederlandse instellingen van onderwijs en/of onderzoek. Meer informatie [ESM-Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit | KHMW](#) or send an email to [secretaris@khw.nl](mailto:secretaris@khw.nl).

#### **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.

#### **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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7Roq15j0ISg5MuAcscvW-E_FVQhgWT2sON0xJZjmTkDYA5w/viewform)

More info: <https://www.pintofscience.nl/>

Wageningen contact: [cloe.villard@wur.nl](mailto:cloe.villard@wur.nl)

Netherlands Team: [info@pintofscience.nl](mailto:info@pintofscience.nl)

#### **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.

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