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Schedule PhD defences from 1 September 2024

The Academic Board has decided that from 1 September 2024, PhD defences will be held half an hour earlier so the time slots will be at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

WIAS Science Day 2024 – Animals in a changing world

You are all invited to the WIAS Science Day on 25 April 2024 in the Reehorst.

Each year, WIAS organizes the WIAS Science Day for the WIAS community. The overarching theme of this year’s edition is “Animals in a Changing World”. Climate change, biodiversity loss, and critical views on animal husbandry and consumption of animal products, force us to think about our role as animal scientists and the contributions we make in animal science. As a result, the vibrant WIAS community is adapting to these developments and deploys the latest developments in AI and sensor technology to study animals, understand their needs and behaviour and their future role in circular farming systems and biodiversity.

In this edition of the WIAS Science Day, we explicitly invite PhD candidates, post-docs and early-stage tenure trackers to present their groundbreaking research to the wider WIAS community.

More information can be found on [our website](#).

WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 5 March 2024, visiting scientist Dr Michael Steele from University of Guelph, will give a lecture entitled “Nutritional regulation of gastrointestinal health and metabolism in dairy cattle”. This lecture will be held from 12.15-13.00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12.00.

WIAS lunch lecture Programme 2024

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
2 April 2024	Prof Wim van de Poel	QVE
7 May 2024	Dr Marc Verdegem	AFI
4 June 2024	Dr Büşra Atamer Balkan	QVE
2 July 2024	Dr Genoveva Rodriguez-Castaneda	WEC

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2024. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl. The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00.

WAPS News

The WIAS Associated PhDs council (WAPS) is searching for (board) members.

The WAPS council consists of PhD candidates from the Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences (WIAS) and acts in the interest of all the WIAS PhD candidates. The WAPS council gives input and feedback on matters related to the PhD programme.

The WAPS is represented in the WIAS Education Committee (EC), Wageningen Doctor Council (WDC; formally the Wageningen PhD Council (WPC)), the WIAS plenary meetings and the WIAS Board meetings. The WAPS organizes, amongst others, (social) events for PhD candidates, and is part of the WIAS organisational committee for the WIAS Science Day.

The WAPS council consists of a chair, secretary, WDC representative(s), EC representatives, activity committee representative(s), and general members. The WAPS aims to have at least one representative of each of the WIAS chair groups in the board to serve the interests of all the PhD candidates. Next to the experience, you will get credits for your TSP as WAPS Board member ([WIAS PhD council - WUR](#)).

Interested? Send an email to the WAPS, or approach one of the members to ask any question you might have.

Contact WAPS

Facebook: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: wias_phds

Email: waps.wias@wur.nl

WIAS Magazine

Hello everyone! The deadline for our Winter edition has ended, and very soon (maybe even today!) the new edition will be published on our website. Keep an eye on [WIAS Magazine - WUR](#) to make sure you won't miss it! A new edition out also means that the submissions for the Spring edition have opened. Please email or approach us if you would like to submit a piece, or if you have any questions about submission.

Additionally, we're still looking for new members! Are you interested in publishing, reviewing, layouting and/or editing? Do you consider a career in the publishing industry, but currently lack any experience in the field? Are you looking for a nice group of people to work together with? [WIAS magazine](#) might be the place for you! We're looking for two board members, so make sure to send us an email at wias.magazine@wur.nl, or approach one of us in person if you have further questions. Do not hesitate if you're not a PhD student or postdoc: we're happy to work together with and hear from everyone working for/with ASG!



Get in contact: wias.magazine@wur.nl

Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](#)



WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

Date	Course
11 March-3 May 2024	Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course
25-26 March 2024	Laboratory Animal Science – Specific Course on Wildlife
17, 18, 19 April 2024	WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD
22-23 April 2024	WIAS Introductory Course for new PhD candidates
23-24 April 2024	WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences
25 April 2024	WIAS Science Day
26 April 2024	PhD Carousel 2024
28 April-2 May 2024	22nd Fish Immunology/Vaccination Workshop
29 April, 13 May, 27 May & 10 June 2024	Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings
29 April 2024	WIAS Midterm Reflection Course
22, 23 & 24 May 2024	LAS Species-Specific course on Fish
29-31 May 2024	WIAS/PE&RC Course Design of Experiments
4 June 2024	The Final Touch
4-5 June 2024	WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences
24 July-3 August 2024	Scientific Diving – Practical Course (MAE-20806)

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

Scientific Diving Course (MAE10302)

If one of your New Year's resolutions is 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!

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: 24 July – 3 August, 2024. The costs are 2000 euro including travel, accommodation and gear rental. Expenses for food must be covered additionally. 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.

Other Courses

WGS Courses

21 March 2024

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

26 March 2024

[Advanced Supervisor Modules - Registration, procedures and agreements: Roles and responsibilities](#)

28 March, 11 April & 23 April 2024

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

17 April 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

24 April 2024

[Science journalism](#)

8, 15 & 22 May 2024

[Entrepreneurship in and outside science](#)

21 May 2024

[Advanced Supervisor Modules - Communication, feedback & conflict management](#)

19 & 26 September 2024

[Mobilising your – Scientific - Network](#)

Library courses

12 March 2024 – Webinar

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

14, 21, 28 March 2024 – Course

[Research Data Management, parts 1-3](#)

14 March 2024 - Presentation

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

19 March 2024 – Webinar

[WUR library essentials: research data management](#)

21 March 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

25 March 2024 – Workshop

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

28 March 2024 – Workshop

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

4 April 2024 – Workshop

[Social safety in the PhD programme: lunch workshop for PhD supervisors](#)

11 April 2024 - Presentation

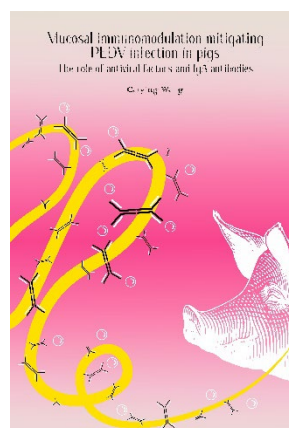
[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

11, 18, 25 April, 2 May 2024 – Course

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

21 & 22 May 2024 - Course

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



Caiying Wang

Cell Biology & Immunology (CBI)

Date: 5 March 2024

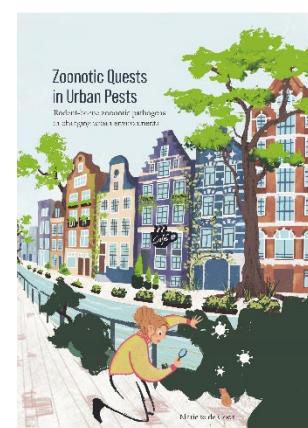
Time: 11:00

*Mucosal immunomodulation mitigating
PEDV infection in pigs*

The role of antiviral factors and IgA antibodies

(co)promotors:

Prof. Dr HFJ Savelkoul, Dr CA Jansen,



Marieke de Cock

Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology (QVE)

Date: 15 March 2024

Time: 16:00

Zoonotic quests in urban pests

*Rodent-borne zoonotic pathogens in
changing urban environments*

(co)promotors:

Prof. Dr WHM van der Poel, Dr M Maas,

Calls

WGS Sandwich PhD Programme

The aim of the WGS Sandwich PhD Programme is capacity building: a way for the university to reach out to like-minded scientific institutes to build international scientific networks, to facilitate exchange and to reinforce the knowledge basis of these institutes.

The grant of the WGS sandwich PhD programme covers living allowance (salary costs via a fictitious employment agreement) for a total of 18 months in Wageningen, (partial) travel costs of candidate and WU/local supervisors, visa application costs, WUR account and use of facilities.

Additional funding for a candidate is needed for the time not spent in Wageningen. The education budget and the costs for printing the thesis are not included in the budget. The WU chair group at which candidates conduct their research are expected to pay these costs. For more information on the program, conditions, eligibility and the application form please click [here](#).

- Number of positions available: 6
- Eligibility: see [country list](#)
- Application deadline: 13 May 2024, 23:59 hrs (CET)
- Start: before the end of 2024

Other news

Beurzenregeling Wetenschappelijke Boeken (Dutch only)

Het Lira Fonds stelt sinds 2021 jaarlijks vier beurzen van €37.500 beschikbaar aan (bijna) gepromoveerde wetenschappers voor het schrijven van een Nederlandstalig populairwetenschappelijk boek. Met de Beurzenregeling Wetenschappelijke Boeken biedt Lira Fonds onderzoekers de kans om een Nederlandstalig boek te schrijven waarin zij hun onderzoek met een breed publiek kunnen delen. Aanvragers moeten verbonden zijn aan een Nederlandse universiteit of kennisinstelling (bijvoorbeeld het NIOD of Naturalis) én over stilistische vaardigheden in het Nederlands beschikken. Meer informatie over deze regeling, klik [hier](#).

New website PhD Programme

As of today, the website for the PhD Programme (<https://www.wur...d-programme.htm>) has a new structure. We have tried to make all available information easier to find and make future management easier by removing old pages. Therefore, old redirects may no longer work. If you regularly refer to our site, it is certainly advisable to take a look and note the new links if necessary. Do you have questions or can't find something? Send an email to DoRo.office@wur.nl.

Discover the world of extended reality (XR) – 13 March 2024

WUR XR Day, is your opportunity to explore virtual, augmented, and mixed reality, collectively known as extended reality (XR). While these advanced technologies may not immediately seem related to science, they are already accessible for both education and research. With WUR's WANDER XR Experience Lab, there's now a hub for applying XR in education and science.

[More info.](#)

5th Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024

Join us to discuss developments towards equitable, sustainable and resilient food systems at the 5th Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024. For more information go to the [website](#).

Global One Health Event 23-25 April 2024

Register for the [International Symposium Paradigm shifts for Global One Health](#) – April 23-25 in Wageningen. The symposium includes a day tailored to young One Health researchers. This day will feature ample time to discuss our work, and offer the chance to participate in workshops that that will help us all become better One Health practitioners. The remainder of the symposium will offer insights in the cutting edge work being done to reduce the risk of future pandemics, and to improve the health of all species. PhD students attend for free, but registration is required!

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