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## WIAS News

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 5 November 2024, Dr Marie Ithurbide, visiting scientist at the ABG chair group, will give a lecture entitled "Combining genetic and modelling approaches to develop new non-invasive biomarkers of resilience based on milk metabolites". This lecture will be held from 12:15-13:00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12:00.

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](mailto:wias@wur.nl). The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12:15-13:00.

#### WIAS lunch lecture Programme 2024

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
5 November 2024	Marie Ithurbide	ABG
3 December 2024	Koushik Roy	AFI

## WAPS News

On **20 November 2024**, **WAPS** and **FemmeUp** will organize a unique and eye-opening event called the **MENstruation Challenge** from 11:30 to 14:30. This event is an opportunity to foster greater empathy and awareness about the experiences associated with menstruation.

The location and further information will be announced later.

### 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. ([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](#)

## WIAS Magazine

The eleventh edition of the WIAS magazine, published this summer, was the last edition due to a lack of new board members to carry on with the magazine. We want to thank all the readers, and all authors who contributed articles since the very first edition, it has been a pleasure!

All articles published online will remain accessible. Should anyone in the future be interested to restart the magazine, please contact WIAS ([wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl)) for more information.

Goodbye and take care!



On behalf of WIAS Magazine – Evelien, Bernadett, Ilva Noa & Jeroen

**'Science connects us all'**

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

Website: [WIAS.magazine](http://WIAS.magazine)

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

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

Date	Course
11 - 12 November 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introductory Course for new PhD candidates</a>
19 November 2024	<a href="#">Midterm Reflection Day</a>
25 - 28 November 2024	<a href="#">FlatFish Symposium</a>
16 - 18 December 2024	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC Course Design of Experiments</a>
17 December 2024	<a href="#">The Final Touch</a>
21 & 22 January 2025	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
22 - 24 January 2025	<a href="#">Laboratory Animal Science - Species Specific Course on Fish</a>
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>
12 & 19 March 2025	<a href="#">WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research</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)

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## **Other Courses**

### **WGS Courses**

7 November 2024 (online)

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

12 November 2024 (hybrid)

[Short Workshop - Introduction to LaTeX](#)

12, 26 November, 17 December 2024

[Introduction to Scientific Integrity](#)

21 November 2024

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

25 November or 9 December 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

11 December 2024 (online)

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

11 & 12 December 2024

[WUR Student Career Services - third edition of the Student Expedition Wageningen Campus](#)

16 December 2024

[Presenting with Impact](#)

18 December 2024

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

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

[Career Perspectives](#)

### **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**

12 November 2024

Supporting PhD and EngD candidates in reducing stress and strengthening resilience [workshop](#).

12 & 26 November 2024

[Writing your narrative CV for your next grant](#)

14 November 2024

Symposium about Long-term ecological research: scientific insights, challenges and opportunities, in Hotel De Werelt in Lunteren. [www.nern.nl/CT-2024](http://www.nern.nl/CT-2024) or contact [sanja.selakovic@wur.nl](mailto:sanja.selakovic@wur.nl)

18 - 22 November 2024

Data science is revolutionizing our understanding of biology in biotechnology and systems health... *Can you uncover something new in one week?* [Life Sciences Data Integration Challenge](#)

29 November 2024 (online)

Internal training Funding Identification Tool "[Research Connect](#)"

Registration via email to [Rene.vanree@wur.nl](mailto:Rene.vanree@wur.nl)

2, 4, 6, 9 December 2024

[Introduction to R and R Studio \(online\)](#)

9 - 13 December 2024

[Foundations of inter-and transdisciplinary Research](#)

9 - 13 December 2024

[Integrated Modeling and Optimization \(2024\) – \(BioSB Fundamental course\)](#)

3 - 4 February 2025

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

10 - 14 February 2025

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

17 - 28 February 2025

[Bioinformatics with Linux and Python](#)

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

12 – 23 May 2025 (Utrecht University – WIMEK)

[Transformative Research for Sustainability Challenges](#)

### **Library courses**

4 November 2024 – Webinar

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

5 November 2024 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

7, 14 & 21 November 2024 – Course

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

11, 18 November & 2, 9 December 2024 – Course

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

11 November 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

12 November 2024 – Webinar

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

14 November 2024 – Presentation

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

19 November 2024 – Webinar

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

25 November 2024 – Webinar

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

26 & 27 November 2024 – Course

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

28 November 2024 – Workshop

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

5 December 2024 – Webinar

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

5 December 2024 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

10 December 2024 - Course

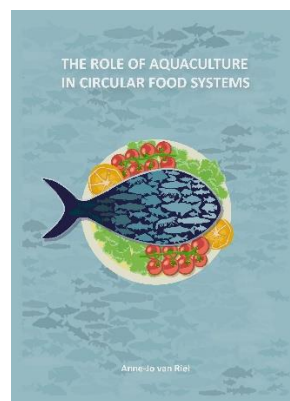
[Get into Git: one-day workshop on collaboration with Git](#)

11 December 2024 – Lecture

[Library lecture: research analytics](#)

20 March 2025 (online)

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



## Anne-Jo van Riel

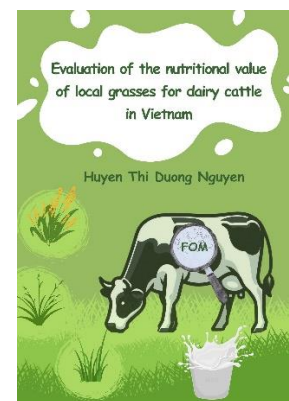
Animal Production Systems (APS)

Date: 4 November 2024  
Time: 13:00

*The role of aquaculture in circular food systems*

*(co)promotors:*

*Prof. Dr IJM de Boer, Prof. Dr GF Wiegertjes,  
Dr MAJ Nederlof*



## Huyen Thi Duong Nguyen

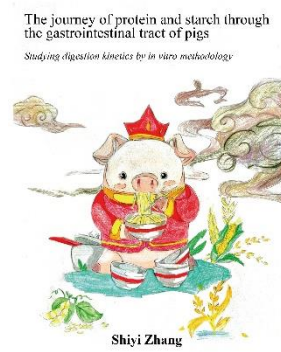
Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 6 November 2024  
Time: 10:30

*Evaluation of the nutritional value of local grasses for dairy cattle in Vietnam*

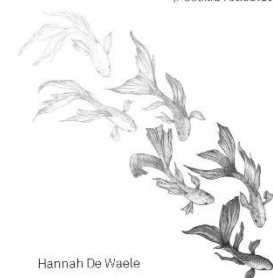
*(co)promotors:*

*Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr JT Schonewille,  
Dr WF Pellikaan, Prof. Dr TX Nguyen*



## Shiyi Zhang

Evolution under predation  
*An experimental approach in guppies (Poecilia reticulata)*



## Hannah de Waele

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 6 November 2024  
Time: 13:00

*The journey of protein and starch through the  
gastrointestinal tract of pigs*

*Studying digestion kinetics by in vitro  
methodology*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WJJ Gerrits, Dr S de Vries,  
LH de Jonge

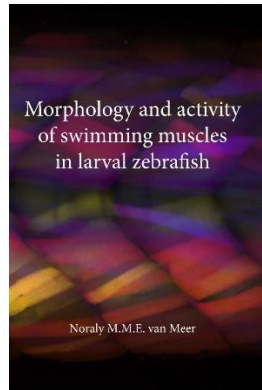
Behavioral Ecology (BHE)

Date: 19 November 2024  
Time: 10:30

*Evolution under predation*

*An experimental approach in guppies  
(Poecilia reticulata)*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr M Naguib, Dr A Kotrschal



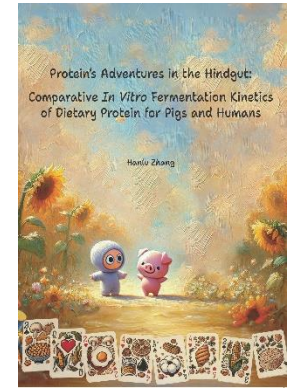
**Noraly van Meer**

Experimental Zoology (EZO)

Date: 22 November 2024  
Time: 10:30

*Morphology and activity of swimming muscles  
in larval zebrafish*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr JL van Leeuwen, Dr MJM Lankheet



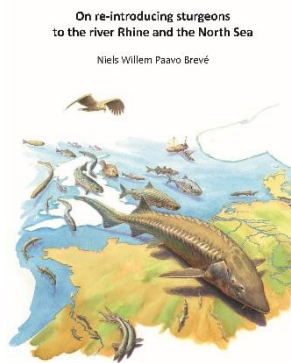
**Hanlu Zhang**

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 27 November 2024  
Time: 10:30

*Protein's Adventures in the Hindgut  
Comparative In Vitro Fermentation Kinetics  
of Dietary Protein for Pigs and Humans*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr N van der Wielen,  
Dr JW Cone

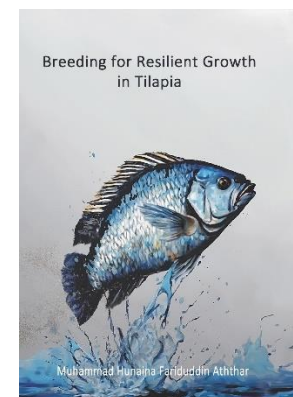


**Niels Brevé**

Marine Animal Ecology (MAE)

Date: 27 November 2024  
Time: 13:00

*On re-introducing sturgeons to the river Rhine  
and the North Sea*



**Muhammad Farid Aththar**

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 2 December 2024  
Time: 15:30

*Breeding for resilient growth in tilapia*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr AJ Murk, Prof. Dr Buijse,  
Dr LAJ Nagelkerke

## Calls

### Call for HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01

Participating in a joint doctorate programme implies entering into a number of obligations at the institutional level. Joint doctorate programme is a joint PhD programme of at least two universities. Deadline for submission is **27 November 2024**. For more information about the programme go to the [EU website](#).

## Other news

### WUR Postdoc Council

We are very happy to inform you of the creation of a WUR Postdoc Council, which brings together and aims to represent the interests of postdocs from the six Wageningen Graduate Schools! Our Council will focus on 1) building a strong network to connect and support postdocs, 2) providing training and workshops tailored to postdoc needs, and 3) being an active voice to represent, advocate and implement beneficial changes, such as improving postdoc recognition.



We are looking for additional members (especially from WASS and WIMEK)! If you are interested in joining our Council, contact our chair: [cloe.villard@wur.nl](mailto:cloe.villard@wur.nl).

### Villa Jongerius Conference

On Wednesday afternoon, 6 November 2024, Academic Transfer is organising the Villa Jongerius Conference in Utrecht. The annual event about working in science in the Netherlands. We share trends and best practices with the members of the AcademicTransfer cooperative. The theme this year is a "transitional labour market for researchers". More information, have a look on the [website](#).

### La ciencia como Puente – Wetenschap als brug – 19 November 2024

This half-day event will be hosted by the [KNAW](#) (Kloveniersburgwal 29, 1011 JV Amsterdam) under the motto Wetenschap als brug - La Ciencia como puente. Our keynotes and round tables will showcase the two nations' scientific and industrial panorama in crucial disciplines, and provide successful examples of our collaborations. It will be a unique opportunity to bring together organizations from both countries in order to share knowledge and experiences and promote new partnerships. There will also be time for networking during the closing drinks to foster connections between academia, industry, policymakers, NGOs and government representatives. We believe that your assistance and support will be invaluable in contributing to the success of this first edition of SCIENCE ÑL. Please find more information and the [updated program here](#). [You can register through the link](#). Deadline to register is 4 November.

### BiBB-carrièredag

Vanuit het BiBB initiatief organiseren wij onze derde [BiBB-carrièredag](#) op 20 november 2024 in het KNAW Trippenhuys in Amsterdam. Het doel van deze dag is om (jonge) bèta/techniek wetenschappers te inspireren en kansen te bieden om zich in te zetten voor de publieke zaak. De

carrière dag is bedoeld voor masterstudenten, promovendi en postdocs met een bèta/techniek achtergrond. Voor meer informatie en registratie, klik [hier](#).

### **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](#)

*If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl)*