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WIAS Annual Conference 2025 – 4 March 2025

Every year WIAS organizes the WIAS Annual Conference for the WIAS community. This year it will take place on Tuesday 4 March at the Reehorst, Ede. This meeting welcomes WIAS PhD candidates, postdocs, staff and support staff of WIAS affiliated chair groups and offers an excellent opportunity to hear the latest scientific developments in WIAS and to network.

Please register via the registration form: [REGISTRATION](#)

WAPS News

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WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

Date	Course
6, 20 February, 6 & 20 March 2025	Effective Behaviour in your professional surroundings
10 - 13 February 2025	WIAS/PE&RC course Statistics for Data Science
19 - 21 February 2025	WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD
4 March 2025	WIAS Annual Conference
12 & 19 March 2025	WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research

21 & 22 April	WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences
24 - 25 March 2025	Laboratory Animal Science - Specific Course on Wildlife
25 April 2025	WGS: PhD Workshop Carousel
27 April – 1 May 2025	Fish Immunology Workshop
28 & 29 April 2025	WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator (MoBPS)
7 - 9 May 2025	The Future of Tropical Livestock Systems
19 May 2025	WIAS Introductory course for New PhD Candidates
20 May 2025	Midterm Reflection Day
10 June 2025	The Final Touch
25 September, 9 & 23 October and 6 November 2025	Effective Behaviour in your professional surroundings

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) 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

Other Courses

WGS Courses

6 February 2025 (lunch workshop supervisors)

[Social safety in the PhD programme](#)

17 February 2025

[Last stretch of the PhD programme](#)

18 February 2025

[Science Journalism](#)

20 February 2025

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

20 February 2025

[Supporting PhDs/ EngDs in reducing stress and strengthening resilience](#)

March 2025

[Entrepreneurship in and outside science](#)

3 March 2025

[Scientific writing](#)

4, 11, 18, 25 March 2025 (+ individual coaching session)

[Career orientation](#)

12 March, 22 April, 20 May & 17 June 2025

[Introduction to Scientific integrity](#)

13 March 2025

[Reviewing a scientific manuscript](#)

14, 21, 28 March & 4 April 2025 (writing retreat May 2025)

[Mindful productivity for scientists](#)

27 March, 15 April, 8 May 2025 (+ individual coaching session)

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

31 March 2025

[Presenting with impact](#)

3 April 2025 (lunch workshop supervisors)

[The go – no go decision](#)

7 May 2025

[Scientific publishing](#)

12, 13 May & 4 June 2025

[Effective science communication course](#)

12, 14, 21 & 23 May 2025

[Inclusive leadership in international settings](#)

28 May, 4, 11 & 25 June 2025

[Effective and efficient communication in academia and beyond](#)

5 June 2025 (lunch workshop supervisors)

[The PhD, learning, and advances in AI](#)

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

November 2024 – June 2025 (VLAG)

[Advanced Organic Chemistry](#)

10 - 14 February 2025

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

3-7 March 2025 (WIMEK)

[The Bigger Picture \(in environmental and climate sciences\): Connecting your research to the wider context](#),

More details: <https://sense.nl/course/grasping-sustainability/>

4 & 6 March 2025 (VLAG)

[Introduction to R](#)

5 March 2025

[WAY Writing Retreat at De Beekdalhoeve, Renkum](#)

11 March 2025

[WAY Scientific Controversy Workshop](#)

17, 18, 20 March 2025 (VLAG)

[Applied statistics](#)

22 - 24 April 2025 (VLAG)

[Lipid oxidation in foods and nutrition](#)

12, 14, 21 – 23 May 2025 (WIMEK)

[Inclusive Leadership in International Settings](#)

16 - 19 June 2025 (VLAG)

[Healthy and sustainable diets: synergies and trade-offs](#)

30 June – 3 July 2025 (VLAG)

[Algae Biorefinery](#)

4 – 11 July 2025 (VLAG)

[Microalgae Process Design: from cells to bioreactors](#)

Library courses

13 February 2025 – Presentation

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

13 February 2025 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

26 & 27 February 2025 – Course

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

4 March 2025 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

10, 17, 24, 31 March 2025 - Course

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

11 March 2025 – Webinar

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

13 March 2025 – Presentation

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

18 March 2025 – Webinar

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

20, 27 March 7,10 April 2025 (online)

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

25 March 2025 – Webinar

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

25 March 2025 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)



Samuel Jansseune

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 1 April 2025 (Omnia)
Time: 13:00

*PRO- AND POSTBIOTICS IN BROILER FEED
The matrix reassessed*

(co)promotors:

Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr A Lammers,
Dr MH Pinard-van der Laan, Dr J van Baal †



Tristan Kistler

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 8 April 2025 (Paris)
Time: 14:00

*Multitrait selection breeding plans for
honeybees (Apis Mellifera): design and
efficiency*

(co)promotors:

Dr P Bijma, Dr F Phocas

Calls

Call for applications: Spark grants spring 2025

Are you ready for business as unusual? The Spark granting scheme offers you the opportunity to explore innovative ideas and build an interdisciplinary project team together with researchers affiliated with Eindhoven University of Technology, Wageningen University & Research, Utrecht University and UMC Utrecht.

What does the Spark granting scheme offer:

Phase 1: Strengthen interdisciplinary competences through four interactive workshops

Phase 2: Form interdisciplinary teams, develop a project topic, and work with CUCo coaches to submit a joint proposal. Approved proposals unlock € 9,000 in funding to kickstart your project.

Who should apply?

Researchers interested in inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to societal challenges. [Find out more](#) about current Spark projects to get inspired.

Applications are now open for the Spring 2025 cohort. Don't miss this opportunity to turn your ideas into impactful collaborations! The application deadline is Monday 24 February 2025.

Other news

The 4TU Design United PhD Day on 26 March 2025 in Utrecht

On behalf of 4TU Design United, we invite all PhD candidates, their advisors, and design research enthusiasts across the four technical universities of Delft, Eindhoven, Twente and Wageningen, to meet our 4TU colleagues and discuss the latest themes in design research. The day kicks off with a keynote address by [Johan Redström](#), Professor in Design at [Umeå Institute of Design](#). In the afternoon, we'll dive into a variety of topics through engaging break-out sessions. These may include themes such as artistic research practices in design, politics in co-design processes, new developments in bio-inspired design and AI, speculative design techniques, and application-driven topics such as inclusive mobility systems and planetary health.



The event will be held in Utrecht, a few minutes' walk from Utrecht Central Station. Attendance is free. Please register at: <https://www.4tu.nl/du/invites/phd-25/>

NLSEB 7 April 2025 (Wageningen) – 8 April 2025 (Ede)

The Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB) Junior Board is organizing the next PhD/Postdoc meeting on Monday 7 April 2025, at Wageningen University. This event will take place just one day before the main NLSEB event on Tuesday 8 April 2025 in Ede.

The PhD/Postdoc Day is designed to connect junior researchers in evolutionary biology across the Netherlands and to provide valuable insights into soft skills essential to scientific careers. Last year's program included workshops on mentoring and infographics, along with a panel discussion on work-life balance in academia. Stay tuned for updates as we finalize this year's program—we'll share more details soon! Save the date, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Conference 'Back to the future. The next two decades of doctoral education'. 9 & 10 April 2025 in London (ICPPD)

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

SEFI PhD summer school, 20-23 May 2025, TU Eindhoven

4TU_CEE (4TU Center for Engineering Education) will be co-organizing this, and several colleagues will also offer workshops or mentorship. Have a look at the website for subscription options. The program will follow soon! <https://sites.google.com/4tu.nl/sefi-phd-summer-school/>

If you would be interested in going, please let me know (Judith.gulikers@wur.nl), next to subscribing yourself via the website. We are trying to co-finance some of the expenses, so therefore we need to know who and how many PhD students want to go.

PhD Seminar on Animal Behaviour Automated tracking of animal location and movement. 18-20 June 2025 at Utrecht University

Sign up through: https://forms.uu.nl/universiteitutrecht-beta/tracking_of_animal_movement

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](#)

Green ERA-Hub Summer School 2025

Experience a unique opportunity to learn, network and grow at the Green ERA-Hub Summer School 2025 in Bari, Italy. This five-day event brings together promising PhD students with leading experts in the agri-food and biotechnology sectors to jointly develop innovative solutions to global challenges. For more information go to the Summer School [website](#).

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