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WIAS News

WIAS lectures

WIAS would like to give postdocs, staff members or guest researchers the chance to share their research with the WIAS community in a WIAS lecture. The new WIAS lecture series will be planned on the first Tuesday or Thursday afternoon of each month from 16.00-17.00. Would you like to present your work? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl.

WIAS lecture Programme 2025

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
3 June	Laura Webb	APS
3 July		
4 September		
7 October	Auriel Sumner-Hempel	MAE
6 November	Chris Tyson	BHE

WAPS News

New WAPS members

Recently, two new members have started at the WAPS Board. Hilde van Dijk (APS) has taken over as Chair from Marwa, and Luc Visser (AFI) has joined the Accie. We look forward to our time in the Board and we hope to connect to a lot of PhD students across chair groups. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in joining the Board as well, feel free to reach out to us at waps.wias@wur.nl.

Contact WAPS

Facebook: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: [wias_phds](#)

Email: waps.wias@wur.nl

WUR Postdoc council

Postdoc Network Monthly Meet-ups

The WUR Postdoc council is organizing monthly meet-ups for all WUR postdocs. The meet-ups will take place every first Thursday of the month between 16:30-18:00 at The Spot in the Orion building.

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

Date	Course
19 May 2025	WIAS Introductory course for New PhD Candidates
20 May 2025	Midterm Reflection Day
10 June 2025	The Final Touch
8 & 9 July 2025	WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences
17-18 September 2025	Laboratory Animal Science - Specific Course on Wildlife
25 September, 9 & 23 October and 6 November 2025	Effective Behaviour in your professional surroundings
22-24 October 2025	WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD
11 & 18 March 2026	WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research

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

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](#)

12 June 2025

[Reviewing a scientific manuscript](#)

12 June 2025

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

16 June 2025

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

23 June 2025

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

September/October 2025 (online)

[Mindful Productivity for scientists](#)

4, 11, 18, 25 September, 2 & 9 October 2025

[Philosophy and Ethics of Food Science and Technology](#)

16, 30 September, 14, 28 October, 11 November 2025

[Career Perspectives](#)

16 & 23 September 2025

[Mobilising your – scientific - network](#)

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, 14, 21 - 23 May 2025 (WIMEK)

[Inclusive Leadership in International Settings](#)

5 June (online preparation on 8 May)

[Gut health is key for the health and welfare of pigs and poultry](#) (Wageningen Academy)

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](#)

16 - 25 July 2025 (Wageningen Academy)

[Summer School Food Systems and Ecology: Towards Sustainable Solutions](#)

6 - 9 October 2025 (Wageningen Academy)

[Sensor Data and Computational Technologies for Animals](#)

20-23 October 2025 (VLAG)

[Big Data Analysis in the Life Sciences](#)

Library courses

8, 14, 21 May 2025 – Course

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

13 May 2025

[WUR Library essentials: Understanding questionable and predatory journals](#)

15 May 2025 – Presentation

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

20 May 2025 – Presentation

[Getting to know EndNote](#)

21 May 2025 – Presentation

[Lecture and tour Beautiful Botany](#)

26 May 2025 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

26 May 2025 – Webinar

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

3, 10, 17, 24 June 2025 – Course

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

3 June 2025 – Workshop

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

5, 12, 19 June 2025 – Course

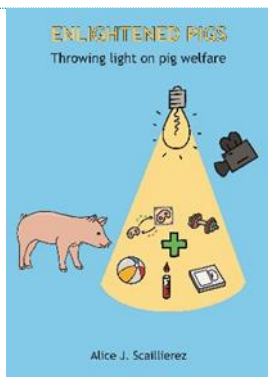
[Research Data Management, parts 1 - 3](#)

12 June 2025 – Presentation

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

12 June 2025 – Presentation

[Working collaboratively with EndNote](#)



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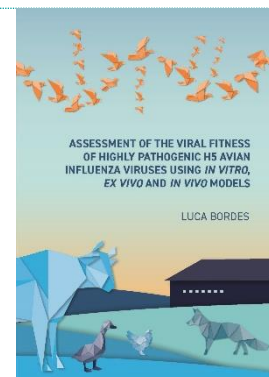
Animal Production Systems (APS)

Date: 15 May 2025

Time: 15:30

*Enlightened pigs:
Throwing light on pig welfare*

*(co)promotors:
Dr EAM Bokkers, Dr IJMM Boumans,
Dr PPJ van der Tol*



Luca Bordes

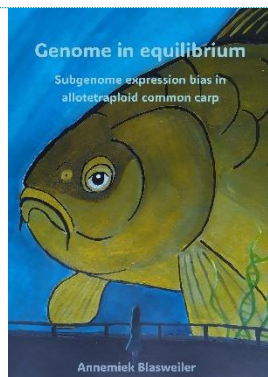
Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE)

Date: 16 May 2025

Time: 13:00

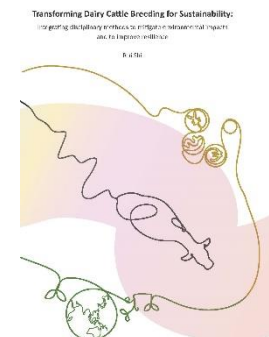
Assessment of the viral fitness of Highly Pathogenic H5 avian influenza viruses using in vitro, ex vivo and in vivo models

*(co)promotors:
Prof Dr WHM van der Poel, Dr N Beerens*



Annemiek Blasweiler

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)



Rui Shi

Animal Production Systems &

Date: 26 May 2025
Time: 10:30

*Genome in equilibrium
Subgenome expression bias in
allotetraploid common carp*

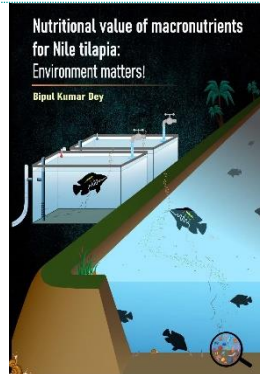
*(co)promotors:
Prof Dr GF Wiegertjes, Prof Dr MAM Groenen,
Dr HJWC Megens*

Animal Breeding & Genomics (APS & ABG)

Date: 2 June 2025
Time: 13:00

*Transforming dairy cattle breeding
for sustainability
Integrating disciplinary methods to mitigate
environmental impacts and to improve resilience*

*(co)promotors:
Prof Dr SJ Oosting, Dr A van der Linden,
Dr BJ Ducro, Prof. Y Wang*



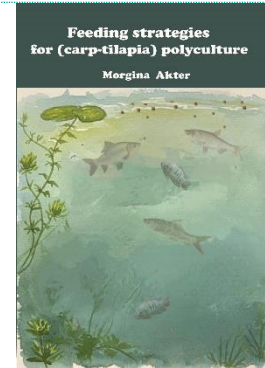
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Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 12 June 2025
Time: 15:30

*Nutritional value of macronutrients for
Nile tilapia: Environment matters!*

*(co)promotors:
Dr JW Schrama, Dr MCJ Verdegem,
Dr MAJ Nederlof*



Morgina Akter

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 20 June 2025
Time: 13:00

Feeding strategies for (carp-tilapia) polyculture

*(co)promotors:
Dr JW Schrama, Dr MCJ Verdegem,*

Calls

ERC Consolidator Grant workshop

Are you planning to apply for an ERC Consolidator Grant? In this ERC workshop, Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland (RVO), national contact point for Horizon Europe, will give you all the information you need to prepare your ERC application.

Target audience

You are a researcher who has received a PhD between 7 and 12 years ago. You are looking to consolidate your (first) independent research team. To support that mission, you are planning to write an application for an ERC Consolidator Grant.

Learning objectives:

- You will gain insights in the ERC rules and procedures;
- You will be able to evaluate the strength of your track record;
- You will gain insight in the term 'frontier science' and assess your own research idea accordingly;

Workshop

A maximum of 20 persons will participate in the workshop. You will receive the essential information to achieve the learning objectives above. There will be time for personal questions and discussion about your idea. Please note that this is **not** a proposal writing training, but a workshop dedicated to the specific features of an ERC application.

This workshop takes place on Monday 7 July 2025 from 13.00 till 17.00 at Impulse on Wageningen Campus.

You can register by sending an e-mail to: henrieke.deruiter@wur.nl. In this e-mail, please indicate the date of your PhD and why you consider yourself a good ERC Consolidator Grant candidate.

Other news

Recruitment: Study on Responsible PhD Supervision

We are looking for PhD candidates and their promotor to participate in a study to improve doctoral supervision. The study builds on recent research on responsible supervision ([Haven et al., 2023](#); [Haven, 2025](#)) and seeks to develop a measurement instrument to assess and strengthen supervision practices in academia.

What's involved?

- Sign up as a PhD candidate-promotor pair*
- Complete a brief, anonymous survey (10 minutes)
- Optionally receive the final version of the measurement instrument

Your contribution will help advance evidence-based, ethical, and effective PhD supervision.

Interested? Register via this link: <https://forms.gle/TzTeoCN62xWSSK6h6>

Questions? Contact Tamarinde Haven at t.i.haven@tilburguniversity.edu

*Please note that PhD candidates must have passed their first year. The survey will be sent out in May and closes in July.

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](#).

Summer School NMBU Norway – Wageningen University, August 2025

For all of you that are interested to learn about "Biological consequences of animal selection" and who would like to spend a week in the mountains in Norway from 18-22 August 2025, there is the option to participate in the Summer course jointly organized by NMBU, Norway and Wageningen University. Since the course is a so-called blended intensive program, there is the option to apply for a scholarship that will cover almost all expenses. The course counts for 5 ECTS. Application is open now,

with a deadline on the 1 May 2025. Required knowledge: For MSc students, a basic knowledge of animal breeding and genetics. For PhD students, a project related to animal breeding and genetics. For more information about the course: <https://www.euroleague-study.org/en/r-20338-study-offers/r-20351-summer-schools/r-20946-summer-schools-2025/biological-consequences-of-selection.html>

For more information about the scholarships: <https://www.wur.nl/en/education-programmes/current-students/study-abroad-and-exchange-students/blended-intensive-programmes-bips.htm>

Please feel free to contact me in case you need further information or would like to discuss the options: dieuwertje.lont@wur.nl.

Summerschool - Wanted: STEM professionals committed to the public good!

Bèta in Bestuur & Beleid (STEM in Governance & Policy) is an organization dedicated to increasing the presence and impact of STEM professionals in governance and policymaking. In line with this mission, we are organizing the first edition of the Bèta in Bestuur & Beleid Summer School this summer—an intensive program designed for ambitious PhD candidates and postdocs who want to apply their expertise in the public sector. Over the course of five days, participants will gain insight into how they, as STEM professionals, can operate effectively in governance and policymaking while making a meaningful impact. The program includes lectures from experienced administrators, policymakers, and politicians (many of whom have STEM backgrounds themselves), hands-on policy challenges, and skill-building workshops on topics such as negotiation and framing strategies. In addition to inspiring and preparing participants for their next career steps, we aim to build a lasting network.

The summer school will take place from 25-29 August at Kasteel Spelderholt, Beekbergen.

Are you considering a move into governance and/or policy and want to explore this further? Don't hesitate! Apply by 27 April via this link. Due to the limited number of spots, selection may take place based on motivation and background. The full program will be announced in the coming weeks on our [LinkedIn page](#) and at betainbestuurenbeleid.nl/zomerschool. For any questions, feel free to email zomerschool@betainbestuurenbeleid.nl.

Course on indirect calorimetry, Dummerstorf Germany, 18-19 September 2025

This workshop on indirect calorimetry and selected applications is aimed at educating those (PhD students, technical staff, researchers) who use measurements of gaseous exchange (CO₂, O₂, CH₄, etc.) in their research program, and/or are setting up facilities in which those measures can be performed, either with or without climate control. Depending on the level of experience of the audience, we intend to provide lectures/practical's for sensible experimental designs and advanced data analysis. Registration deadline is 30 May 2025. For more information go to the [website](#).

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