



# WIAS News

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## WIAS office News

### Hora Finita

Since last month we are using the new PhD registration and monitoring system, *Hora Finita*. Now all processes related to the PhD track – from admission to the PhD defence – is under one system!

### Vacancy Research Committee member

The WIAS Research Committee (RC) is looking for a new member. The RC meets four times per year and is composed of five staff members. Are you a WIAS assistant professor, associate professor or personal professor or a comparably qualified Wageningen Research staff member? Would you like to join our committee? Then please contact Mario Calus ([mario.calus@wur.nl](mailto:mario.calus@wur.nl)) for additional information and to apply for the position. The deadline for application is **2 May 2022**.

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00. The next hybrid WIAS lunch lecture entitled "Optimizing floodplain restoration in large lowland rivers to combat the freshwater biodiversity crisis" will be given by Twan Stoffers on 5 April 2022.

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2022. Fourth-year PhD candidates are also welcome to present their work. Interested? Please send an email to [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl).

## WAPS News

### The WAPS is looking new board members!

We are looking for a new Chair, Secretary and Accie member for the WIAS associated PhD council! These positions will be available from April. Interested in one of these WAPS positions? Email us at [waps.wias@wur.nl](mailto:waps.wias@wur.nl). Want to represent your chair group within the WAPS? You are always welcome to join as a general member.

### P5-pubquiz tournament

On Thursday the 3rd of March WIAS-ACCIE organized the one and only P5-pubquiz tournament. Hosted at Onder de Linden, this was the night to distinguish the real home-office workers from the procrastinating Wikipedia-wizards. Twenty-eight participants, divided over seven teams, were quizzed to determine their knowledgeability on everything non-Animal-Science related. Despite the fierce competition, attempts at cheating and doubts regarding the impartiality of the judges, the Awesome-Penguin-Squad (APS) team proved to have memorized Wikipedia better than the competition and were declared the winner of the pubquiz.

### 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



### WIAS magazine

We are busy preparing the spring issue which is due to come out at the end of April. Thank you to those who have contributed. We will let you know once it is published! If you are thinking about writing a piece but unsure if it is suitable, please get in touch with us at [wias.magazine@wur.nl](mailto:wias.magazine@wur.nl). We are happy to discuss ideas.

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

### WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open):

20 April 2022

[WIAS Introduction Day](#)

24 -28 April 2022

[21st Fish Immunology/Vaccination workshop](#)

23 May 2022

[WIAS/PE&RC Course Design of Experiments](#)

14 June 2022

[WIAS course The Final Touch](#)

14 & 15 June 2022

[Ethics and Animal Sciences \(online, only for participants living abroad\)](#)

15, 16, 17 June 2022

[WIAS Introduction course on personal effectiveness for your PhD](#)

29 June 2022

[Summer school " Genomic prediction considering admixed population and GxE](#)

21 September 2022

[LAS Species specific course on fish](#)

11, 18, 26 October & 1 November 2022

[WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings](#)

8 & 9 November 2022

[Ethics and Animal Sciences](#)

7, 9, 14 & 16 December 2022 (online)

[WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings](#)

13 December 2022

[WIAS course The Final Touch](#)

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

## Other Courses

### WGS Courses

7 April 2022

[Introduction to LaTeX](#)

12 May 2022

[Scientific Publishing](#)

30 & 31 May 2022

[RMarkdown](#)

1 June 2022

### [Stress Identification & Management](#)

7, 13, 20, 27 June & 5 July 2022

### [Career Perspectives](#)

14 & 15 June 2022

### [Ethics and Animal Sciences](#)

21 & 28 September course days (6-8 September Individual intake meetings)

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

January – June 2022

### [Project and Time Management](#)

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**

7 April 2022 **TIP!**

[WGS Lunch Workshops for PhD Supervisors](#)

[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](#)

## **Library courses**

5 & 6 April 2022 – Course

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

7 April 2022 – Workshop

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

14 April 2022 – Workshop

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

14 April 2022 – Presentation

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

14 April 2022 – Course

[Introduction to Gitlab](#)

19 April 2022 – Workshop

[Paraphrasing and literature matrix: lunch workshop for students](#)

21 April 2022 – Workshop

[Tackling procrastination: lunch workshop for students](#)

21 April 2022 – Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration](#)

12 May 2022 – Course

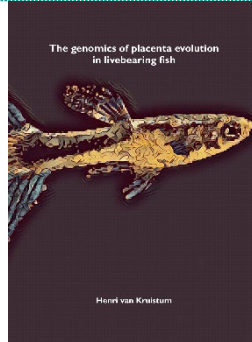
[Scientific Publishing](#)

12 May 2022 – Presentation

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

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## **PhD graduations**



## Henri van Kruistum

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)  
Experimental Zoology (EZO)  
Date: 6 April 2022  
Time: 16:00

*The genomics of placenta evolution in livebearing fish*

*(co)promotors: Prof. Dr MAM Groenen,  
Prof Dr JL van Leeuwen, Dr HJWC Megens,  
Dr BJA Pollux*



## Louise Kremer

Animal Production Systems (APS)  
Date: 25 April 2022  
Time: 11:00

*Mood swings in cows: Cognitive and physiological assessments*

*(co)promotors: Dr EAM Bokkers,  
Dr LE Webb, Dr CG van Reenen*

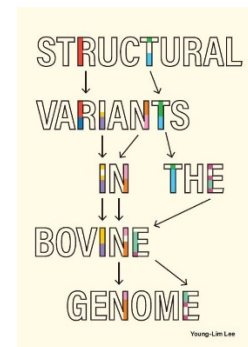


## Pim Boute

Experimental Zoology (EZO)  
Date: 25 April 2022  
Time: 16:00

*Effects of electrical stimulation on marine organisms*

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



## Young Lim Lee

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)  
Date: 26 April 2022  
Time: 13:30

*Structural variants in the bovine genome*

*(co)promotors: Prof. Dr RF Veerkamp,  
Dr AC Bouwman, Dr M Bosse*

## Other news

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Netherlands Mitochondria Meeting

As the field of mitochondrial biology is advancing fast, we aim to provide researchers a platform to present their latest findings on mitochondrial biology at the 4th Netherlands Mitochondria Meeting. The focus of this year is not only on bioenergetics and biosynthesis, but also on the association between mitochondrial (dys)function and health, metabolic disorders and neurodegeneration. On **Friday 3 June 2022** we will have this exciting and free-of-charge meeting in our newly build dialogue center Omnia at Wageningen University. Please register using this link: [registration](#).

The keynote speaker of this meeting is Prof. John Speakman. The full program will be provided in the near future with enough time to socialize and network.

### **BioSB RNAseq course**

**9-13 May 2022** a RNA-seq data analysis course is organised in Breda, The Netherlands. If you are interested, please click on the link below for more information. [RNA-seq data analysis - Dutch Techcentre for Life Sciences \(dtls.nl\)](#)

### **First meeting Parent Support Group**

**16 May 2022** this first meeting is organised in Impulse at Wageningen Campus.

For more information: <https://www.graduateschool-eps.info/events/parents-support-group-first-meeting/>

### **Two calls open for PhD and/or postdoc positions**

Two *calls* from Wageningen University have recently opened: the WGS Sandwich PhD Programme and the Africa Talent Programme. Each person with the *ius promovendi* in Wageningen can submit one application in each *call*.

### **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.

This programme includes an 18 month scholarship for PhD candidates in Wageningen and other financial components such as visa compensation and travel costs. Additional funding for a candidate is needed for the time not spent in Wageningen. Compared to last year, some alterations to eligibility criteria and the application form have been made. For more information please [click here](#).

- Number of positions available: 6
- Eligibility: see [country list](#)
- Application deadline: 18 May 2022
- Start: before the end of 2022

### **Africa Talent Programme**

The Africa Talent Programme (ATP) has been initiated by Wageningen University & Research to give young talents from Africa the opportunity to become a PhD-candidate or obtain a postdoc position at Wageningen University.

With this programme, Wageningen aims to attract the most talented scientists from Africa by offering a 4-year, full-time PhD position or the financial equivalent of a postdoc (3 years). A preselection is made by the Wageningen Graduate Schools. For more information please [click here](#).

- Number of positions available: 7
- Eligibility: Master / PhD graduates with African nationality
- Application deadline: 1 June 2022 for applicants, 13 June 2022 for graduate schools
- Start: at the latest 1 December 2022

### **WU-CAAS call 2022**

#### **Background Information**

To strengthen the collaboration between Wageningen University (WU) and the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), a 5-year collaborative PhD programme was initiated in 2016. The programme has indeed strengthened the collaboration as it has initiated some 90 PhD projects of which the first cohort has either defended their thesis in 2021 or will do so soon. Therefore the programme was extended to 2025 in 2020.

We hereby invite academic staff of WU and CAAS to submit a joint PhD project to the WU-CAAS collaborative PhD Programme. **Deadline for submission: 31 May 2022**

- When WU or CAAS scientists would want to collaborate but do not have a point of entry with the other institute, please contact the two programme coordinators:
  - CAAS: Mingjun Zhang ([zhangmingjun@caas.cn](mailto:zhangmingjun@caas.cn))
  - WU: Claudius van de Vijver ([claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl](mailto:claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl)).
- **Deadline for submission: 31 May 2022.** Your submission should be sent to both coordinators listed above.
- PhD candidates **cannot** submit an application for a PhD project or initiate the contact for collaboration. They are either listed in the application form as a potential candidate or apply via the website (<http://gs.caas.cn/>) on which the eligible projects are listed.

#### **NWO Life2022: announcement of speakers**

NWO Life is a unique annual congress covering all disciplines and scale levels in the Dutch Life Sciences, from femtometre to kilometre, from cell to planet. NWO Life stands for high quality science, inspiration, discussion, exploration, connection, networking and knowledge utilisation. NWO Life2022 takes place on 24 and 25 May 2022 and has the overarching theme 'Resilience'. Ines Thiele and Marten Scheffer are keynote speakers. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for more information about the programme and to sign up for the NWO Life newsletter.

#### **The Modelling & Simulation Discussion Group**

In many fields of research, modelling and simulation are critical tools. As their popularity has grown, so has the discourse surrounding why and how they should be used. To help inform this debate, we host a university-wide platform for discussing systems modelling. The Modelling & Simulation Discussion Group meets once a month, alternating guest lectures with open fora for discussing members' modelling-related questions. We are open to all skill levels and backgrounds. Our upcoming schedule (usually every third Wednesday of the month):

- 20-04-2022, 1300-1500, online:  
An Introduction to Simulation-based Optimization, Dr Antonia Hadjimichael (Penn State University)
- 18-05-2022, 1300-1500, online:  
Escape from Model-land: the limits of modelling, Dr Erica Thompson (London School of Economics)

If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with Patrick or Jillian ([jillian.student@wur.nl](mailto:jillian.student@wur.nl)) to be added to the mailing list.

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