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Since 1 May 2022, Nicole Rodenburg has returned from maternity leave and has resumed her position as WIAS Executive Secretary. Paddy Haripersaud will be taking up the position of WIAS Education Coordinator and therefore replacing Marianne Bruining.

Marianne had her farewell party in April.



WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00.

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.

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. Want to represent your chair group within the WAPS? You are always welcome to join as a general member.

WAPS social media

Follow the WIAS associated PhD Students council on:

Facebook group: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: [wias_phds](https://www.instagram.com/wias_phds)

For more information or questions regarding the WIAS PhD Council please send an email to waps.wias@wur.nl.

WIAS Magazine



WIAS magazine

We are busy preparing the spring issue. 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. We are happy to discuss ideas.

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open):

23 May 2022

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

14 June 2022

[WIAS course The Final Touch](#) **TIP!!**

15, 16, 17 June 2022

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

21 September 2022

[LAS Species specific course on fish](#)

11, 18, 26 October & 1 November 2022

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

19 October 2022

[WIAS Introduction Day](#)

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

13 May 2022

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

19 May 2022

[Posters and Pitching](#)

20 May 2022

[PhD Workshop Carousel](#) **TIP!!**

30 & 31 May 2022

[RMarkdown](#)

1 June 2022

[Stress Identification & Management](#)

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

[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

12 May 2022 – Course

[Scientific Publishing](#)

12 May 2022 – Presentation

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

12 May 2022 – Workshop

[Mindfulness meditation in Forum library](#)

17 May 2022 – Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

2 June 2022 – Workshop

[Mindfulness meditation in Forum library](#)

9 June 2022 – Presentation

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

13, 20, 27 June & 4 July 2022 – Course (online)

[Scientific Artwork, Data visualization and Infographics with Adobe Illustrator](#)

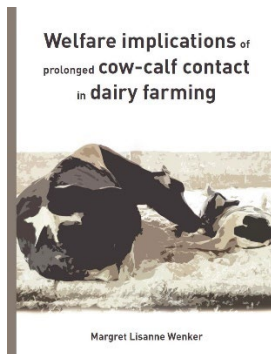
14 & 15 June 2022 – Course

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

16 June 2022 – Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

PhD graduations



Margret Wenker

Animal Production Systems (APS)

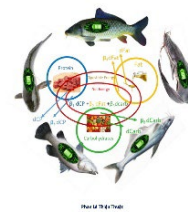
Date: 13 May 2022

Time: 11:00

Welfare implications of prolonged cow-calf contact in dairy farming

(co)promotors: Dr EAM Bokkers,
Dr CG van Reenen, Dr C Verwer

Net energy evaluation for fish feed



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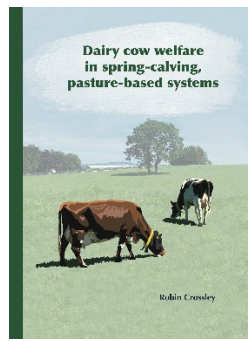
Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 20 May 2022

Time: 16:00

Net energy evaluation for fish feed

(co)promotors: Dr JW Schrama, Dr J Kals

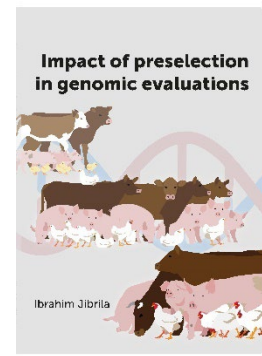


Robin Crossley

Animal Production Systems (APS)
Date: 23 May 2022
Time: 13:30

*Dairy cow welfare in spring-calving,
pasture-based systems*

(co)promotors: Dr EAM Bokkers, Dr M
Conneely, Dr E Kennedy



Ibrahim Jibrila

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)
Date: 25 May 2022
Time: 16:00

*Impact of preselection in genomic
evaluations*

(co)promotors: Prof. Dr RF Veerkamp,
Dr MPL Calus, Dr J ten Napel

Other news

Looking for research support? Go to the SupHub

Since last week, [the Research Support Hub](#) is live! The SupHub brings together information on research support services that are available at WUR for every stage of the research cycle. From writing a proposal, funding, lab work and data gathering to analysing, publishing, and creating impact for your research output. You can find information in the portal in several ways. Each service comes with a concise description, a link to the service itself, a contact person and contact information. If you have suggestions for content or features that would make your research experience at WUR easier, [contact the SupHub team](#) with your ideas.

4th 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.

First meeting Parent Support Group

16 May 2022 this first meeting is organized 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)
 - WU: Claudius van de Vijver (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.

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):

- 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) 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)*