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The WIAS office wishes you a pleasant summer holiday!

Vacancies Education Committee

The WIAS Education Committee (EC) has the task of advising the WIAS director and WIAS office on PhD and postdoc education and training. More specifically, the EC gives advice on new and ongoing courses and on the Training and Supervision Plan of PhD candidates. The EC meets four times per year and is composed of 3 WIAS staff, 3 PhD candidates and 1 postdoc. If you are interested in either of the positions listed below and would like more information, please contact Paddy (paddy.haripersaud@wur.nl). Please send your application to wias@wur.nl by 3 September 2021.

Staff member

WIAS is looking for a new volunteer staff member from the IB cluster to join our EC. If you are from the chair groups BHE, CBI, EZO, HAP, HMI or WEC and are interested in joining our committee for a three-year period (with a possibility for reappointment), please apply!

Postdoc member

WIAS is looking for a new volunteer postdoc member to join our EC. If you are interested in joining our committee for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years, please apply!

Open office hour confidential PhD advisors

Are you experiencing problems with your PhD programme? Do you have a PhD-related problem and would you like to discuss it with a WIAS PhD advisor? The WIAS confidential PhD advisors hold an open office hour every Tuesday between 13.00-14.00 in Office E 0.172 in the Radix building.

If you prefer to make an appointment, it is always possible to plan a meeting with one of the WIAS PhD advisors (online or in person), contact Paddy Haripersaud or Nicole Rodenburg for the possibilities.

WIAS Fellowships

WIAS invites PhD candidates who wish to travel abroad and staff members who wish to invite guest researchers to submit a proposal for a WIAS fellowship. Please note that the activities should start in calendar year 2021. Proposals should be submitted before 15 August 2021 to nicole.rodenburg@wur.nl. More information about the conditions of the WIAS fellowships can be found [here](#).

TKI graduate school Green Top Sectors call

In addition to the graduate programme calls from the Wageningen graduate schools, the TKIs Agri & Food (A&F) and Horticulture & Starting Materials (T&U) will fund 4 PhD proposals written by MSc students. The aim of the programme is to facilitate innovative and high-quality scientific research within the research field of the top sectors by engaging young talented researchers

at the start of their career. Per top sector, there is budget to fund 2 PhD proposals. The details of the call can be found [here](#).

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12:15-13:00. The next WIAS lunch lecture will be given by Bienenke Bron on 7 September 2021.

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in December 2021 or 2022. Fourth-year PhD candidates are also welcome to present their work. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl.

WAPS News

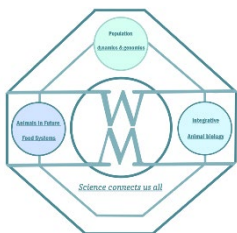
The WAPS/WIAS is looking for 4 PhD's for organising the WAC 2022!

WAPS/WIAS is looking for the next four PhD's who will organise the WIAS Annual Conference, February 2022! If everything goes according to plan, this conference will be an in person event including keynote speakers, presentations, poster sessions, network drinks etc.

The date and place have been set, now we only need a new WAC committee that will put this wonderful conference together!

Are you interested in organizing an event that the whole graduate school can attend? Please email us at waps.wias@wur.nl!

About WIAS Magazine



WIAS magazine aims to strengthen the community of WIAS PhDs and postdocs, because science connects us all. We do this by offering a platform to showcase the amazing work being performed under the WIAS umbrella and combine this with a personal touch. The WIAS magazine committee, consists of the Editorial board (Editor-in-chief and co-editor(s)), Head designer and Promotion manager. All members are WIAS PhDs and/or Post-Docs. The committee is supported by an academic advisor.

Call for submissions

The WIAS magazine is now open for submissions.

What type of article will you submit?

1. Research overview.
2. Research highlight.
3. Research light.
4. Student lifestyle.

The online WIAS magazine supports written articles, as well as, video material. Check the details in the author guide. Submission to WIAS magazine proceeds online. All correspondence, including notification of the Editorial Board's decision and requests for revision, takes place by e-mail: wias.magazine@wur.nl. Always include your supervisor in the CC of your mail, independently of whether his/her name is included in the article.

We are looking for more enthusiastic PhDs to join Daisy Obdam (AFI) & Kaylee van Dijk (AFI) in designing the new WIAS Magazine! Are you interested in pop scientific writing, design or editing? Please contact us at waps.wias@wur.nl and join the team.

WAPS social media

Follow the WIAS associated PhD Students council on:

Facebook group: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: [wias_phds](#)

WIAS Courses

Measures Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We are offering training sessions as stated below (in-person, online), provided government guidelines permit this at that time. Please check the training schedules on our website for the most recent updates.

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open):

11, 12, 14, 18, 21 October 2021

[WIAS Image Analysis course](#)

18 October 2021

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

18 October 2021

[Fish Nutrition: Interaction with Aquaculture system and Water Quality](#)

26 October 2021

[WIAS Introduction Day](#)

16 November 2021

[WIAS course The Final Touch](#)

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

Other Courses

WGS Courses

2, 16 September & 14 October, incl. individual coaching session

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

16, 30 September & 28 October (in person) (more options available check the WGS Website)

[Project and Time Management](#)

23 & 30 September 2021

[Mobilising your - scientific - network](#)

29 September or 1 December 2021

[Stress Identification & Management](#)

5 October 2021

[Scientific Publishing](#)

11 November 2021

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

10 December 2021

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

10 December 2021

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

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](#)

[English for IELTS and RATER](#)

[Sports Centre the Bongerd](#) offers [health courses](#)

Library courses

9 September 2021 – Presentation

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

14 September 2021 - Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

16 September 2021 – Course

[Research Data Management, part 1](#) (online course)

23 September 2021 – Course

[Research Data Management, part 2](#) (online course)

30 September 2021 – Course

[Research Data Management, part 3](#) (online course)

4, 6, 11, 12 October 2021 – Course

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

7 October 2021 - Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

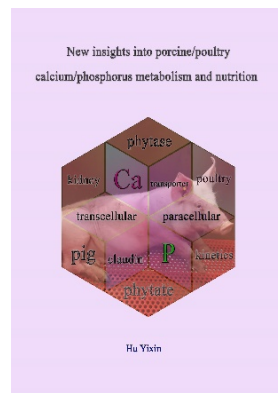
14 October 2021 – Presentation

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

26-27 October 2021 – Course

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

PhD graduations



Yixin Hu

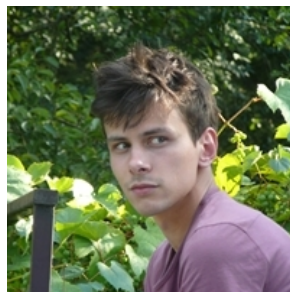
Animal Nutrition Group (ANU)

Date: 8 September 2021

Time: 16:00

New insights into porcine/poultry
calcium/phosphorus metabolism and
nutrition

(co)promotors: Prof. Dr W.H. Hendriks,
Dr P. Bikker and Dr J. van Baal

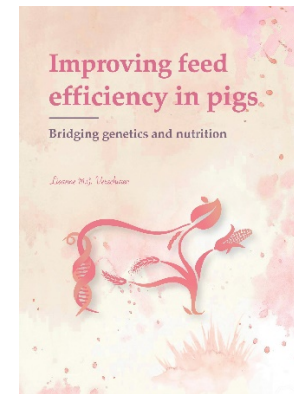


Antoine Cribellier

Experimental Zoology (EZO)

Date: 11 October 2021

Time: 16:00



Lianne Verschuren

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 10 September 2021

Time: 16:00

Improving feed efficiency in pigs: bridging
genetics and nutrition

(co)promotors: Dr M.P.L. Calus,
Dr A.J.M. Jansman, Dr J. van Milgen and
Dr R. Bergsma



Siyuan Xing

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 13 October 2021

Time: 11:00

Biomechanics of the capture and escape of flying mosquitoes

(co)promotors: : Prof. Dr J.L. van Leeuwen, Dr F.T. Muijres and Dr J. Spitzen

Molecular Mechanism of Differential Deposition of Intramuscular and Abdominal Fat in Chicken

(co)promotors: : Prof. Dr M.A.M. Groenen, Prof. Dr J. Wen, Dr R.P.M.A. Crooijmans and Prof. Dr R. Liu



Gavin Boerboom

Animal Nutrition Group (ANU)

Date: 15 October 2021

Time: 13:30

MINERAL CHELATION FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK FARMING Enhancing mineral availability with L-glutamic acid, N,N-diacetic acid in animal production systems

(co)promotors: : Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr C Smits



Xiaoqian Gong

Cell Biology and Immunology (CBI)

Date: 1 November 2021

Time: 16:00

Eluding innate immune responses by IBV
Role of non-structural protein 15

(co)promotors: : Prof. Dr HFJ Savelkoul, Dr L Ying, Dr E Tijhaar, Dr CA Jansen

Other news

Data Driven & High tech: knowledge support enquête - 10 min

Where do you go or who do you send an email to if you want to integrate data science into your project? The Wageningen Data Competence Center notes that it takes a long time to involve the right experts in data science projects, if they can be found at all. To improve the Wageningen Data Competence Center wants to involve you by asking about your experiences in searching for data-driven high-tech (DDHT) people. [To questionnaire.](#)

Call for collaborative projects WU-CAAS

We hereby invite academic staff of WU and CAAS to submit a joint PhD project in this second phase programme.

Please note the following:

A cluster of PhD projects around specific theme is also possible. In this situation it is recommended that more than one WU chair group is involved. Please check the website <http://gs.caas.cn> for more detailed information or go to the [WIAS website.](#)

If WU or CAAS scientists would want to collaborate but do not have a point of entry with the other institute then please contact the two programme coordinators:

- Mingjun Zhang (zhangmingjun@caas.cn) and
- Claudius van de Vijver (claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl)

Deadline for submission: 25 August 2021

Please send your submission to:

Mingjun Zhang (zhangmingjun@caas.cn) and

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.

ERC starting grant course by Yellow Research

Researchers who plan to submit an ERC starting grant application this year can register for the ERC starting grant course given by Yellow Research on Thursday 16 September 2021 from 9:00–17:00. Researchers who meet the ERC starting grant submission criteria (see the website) can register by sending an email to henriekederuiter@wur.nl before 1 September 2021. Indicate in your email how you meet the submission criteria, when you obtained your PhD and in which chair group you want to do your research.

Transformative Dialogues @WUR

A year-long series to explore how we can step outside of our individual 'boxes' and co-develop more transformative approaches in our research and teaching, building on the recent [71 Visions Report](#). See [here](#) for recordings of past dialogues, information about future ones, and to join sessions live. If you have not yet received a calendar invite for this or future events in the series, please [Register here](#)!

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