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WIAS graduate programme call 2022

The WIAS Graduate Programme call 2022 involves the funding of (a maximum of) three PhD positions and aims to stimulate talented MSc students of WU to obtain their PhD through research at one of the WIAS chair groups on a subject of their choice. The call for the WIAS graduate programme is open to all MSc students from Wageningen University who graduate in 2022. The project proposals must be written by the candidate with feedback from the anticipated supervisors. All applications need to be accompanied by a letter of support from the main supervisor(s) of the project and must be submitted latest on 15 August 2022 to Nicole Rodenburg (nicole.rodenburg@wur.nl). More information about the criteria and conditions of the WIAS graduate programme 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 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 take place in calendar year 2022. Proposals must be submitted before 15 August 2022 to nicole.rodenburg@wur.nl. More information about the conditions of the WIAS fellowships 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 hybrid WIAS lunch lecture will be given by Dr David Glassom on 6 September 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.

WAPS News

WAPS social media

Follow the WIAS associated PhD Students council on:

Facebook group: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: [wias_phds](#)

WIAS Magazine



Next edition: Winter 2022

Now that summer is officially here, it is time for us to work on our fourth and final edition of this academic year: the 1 year anniversary summer edition!

You can find all of our previous editions on our website ([WIAS magazine - WUR](#)). We are always happy to receive pieces or suggestions for our magazine, so please get in touch with us via wias.magazine@wur.nl.

A 7-step **author guide** is available [here](#), to make submitting even easier. You can submit your piece to wias.magazine@wur.nl.

WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open):

21 September 2022

[LAS Species specific course on fish](#)

29 September 2022

[Symposium Automated phenotyping](#)

10, 12 & 13 October 2022

[Computer vision for animal scientists: tracking and pose estimation \(1 ECTS\) **TIP!!!**](#)

11, 18, 26 October & 1 November 2022

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

17 – 20 October 2022

[Fish Nutrition Workshop 2022](#)

17, 18, 20 & 21 October 2022

[Genomic prediction in animal and plant breeding \(1.5 ECTS\) **NEW!!!**](#)

19 October 2022

[WIAS Introduction Day](#)

8 & 9 November 2022

[Ethics and Animal Sciences](#)

9-11 November 2022

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

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

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

13 December 2022

[Final touch **NOW OPEN!**](#)

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

Other Courses

WGS Courses

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

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

8 September, 6 October, 3 November (individual coaching session between day 2&3)

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

9 September 2022

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

14, 28 September, 27 October 2022 (ONLINE)

[Project and Time Management](#)

27 September, 11 October, 8 November 2022 (In-Person)

[Project and Time Management](#)

31 October, 7, 14, 21, 28 November 2022

[Career Perspectives](#)

28 September 2022

[Stress Identification & Management](#)

29 September 2022

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

25 November 2022

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

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

8 September 2022 – Presentation

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

13 September 2022 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

15 September 2022 – Course

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

22 September 2022 – Course

[Reviewing a scientific manuscript](#)

22 September 2022 – Course

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

26 September, 3,10 & 17 October 2022 – Course

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

29 September 2022 – Course

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

6 October 2022 - Course

[Scientific Publishing](#)

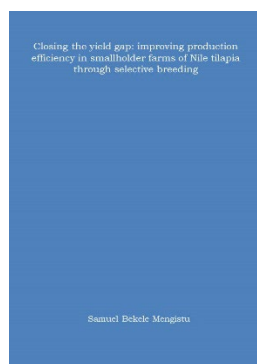
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Samuel Bekele Mengistu



Fasil Getachew Kebede

Animal Breeding and Genomics (ABG)
Date: 29 August 2022
Time: 11:00

Closing the yield gap: improving production efficiency in smallholder farms of Nile tilapia through selective breeding

(co)promotors: Prof. Dr J Komen,
Dr HA Mulder, Dr J Benzie

Animal Breeding and Genomics (ABG)
Date: 29 August 2022
Time: 13:30

Adaptive phenotypic and genetic variation in chickens: a landscape genomics approach

(co)promotors: Prof. Dr J Komen,
Dr JWM Bastiaansen, Dr T Dessie

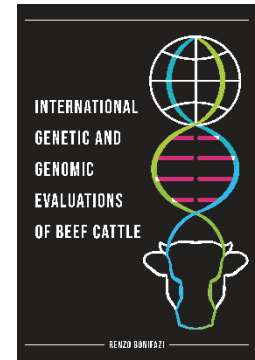


Joaquín Barca Tarigo

Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology (QVE)
Date: 30 August 2022
Time: 16:00

The effect of pegbovigrastim on health, fertility, culling and economic performance during a full lactation in grazing dairy cows

(co)promotors: Prof. Dr YH Schukken,
Prof. Dr H Hogeveen, Dr A Meikle



Renzo Bonifazi

Animal Breeding and Genomics (ABG)
Date: 16 September 2022
Time: 16:00

International genetic and genomic evaluations of beef cattle

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

Other news

Pfizer Young Talent Awards 2022

The Holland Society Young Talents Awards are yearly awarded to students in science and technology:

GRADUATION AWARDS 16 prizes for exceptional achievements (master thesis/research report) at a Dutch institution of academic education:

INCENTIVE AWARDS for the best grades achieved in the first year at a Dutch institution for academic education, 65 prizes of each € 500:

More information can be found on the website of KHMW, [Jong Talent Prijzen / Young Talent Awards | KHMW](#). **Deadline for nominations is 15 September 2022**

Environmental and Resource Economics – Module: Climate Economics 3-7 October 2022 – Location: Wageningen Campus

<https://sense.nl/course/environmental-and-resource-economics-module-climate-economics/>

Short scope: What are the economic consequences of climate change? By how much should these consequences be reduced by climate change adaptation and mitigation policies? Which economic instruments are effective and efficient in stimulating a low-carbon economy and how do these instruments function? The module "Climate Economics" picks up these questions. Knowledge of "intermediate" microeconomics is beneficial, but selected readings will be provided, so PhD-candidates without this pre-knowledge can follow the course.

**SAVE THE DATE for the Life Sciences Data Integration Challenge
(24-28 October '22 – location: Wageningen Campus)**

Organized by [Robert Smith](#) & [Maria Suarez Diez](#) (Laboratory of Systems and Synthetic Biology, Wageningen University) and The Graduate School VLAG

Current and future scientific problems require multi-disciplinary solutions and research teams composed of members from broad domain backgrounds. As an educational simulation of such an experience, the Life Sciences Data Integration Challenge 2022 is targeted at PhD candidates from life science, biotechnology, and bioinformatics fields. Over 5 days, participants will form multi-disciplinary teams to analyse a research problem using statistical and mathematical modelling pipelines, with the aim of uncovering new insights and observations. On the final day, a panel of judges will determine the winners!

If you wish to learn more about participating, or if you would like to supply a data problem to be analysed in the challenge, then please get in touch! Information about the final projects being used in the challenge will be revealed at a later date.

[Registration for this challenge is open!!!!](#)

TedX Wageningen University – United for Change

Call for collaborators! Showcase your creativity at the next TedX Wageningen University event!

The next TedX Wageningen University is coming up on November 5th 2022. This year's theme is United for Change. The Event Experience team is looking for WUR PhD candidates or members of Wageningen-based start-ups to collaborate for the stage design of this year's event. The idea is to come up with a physical representation of your project, which we can use to decorate the stage (and perhaps the event venue too). Think: a real-life Tree of Life, a carbon-capture prototype, an insect hotel, real-time poacher detection technology, a hydroponic farm... the options are endless! We will support you to bring your idea to life, and together we can showcase your work on the day of the event.

Since TedX is run by a group of volunteers, your contribution would also be voluntary. Interested? Reach out to info@tedxwur.com and tell us a bit about yourself and your project. We look forward to hearing from you!

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