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## WIAS News

### WIAS lectures

WIAS would like to give postdocs, staff members or guest researchers 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](mailto:wias@wur.nl).

#### WIAS lecture Programme 2025

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
8 May		
3 June	Laura Webb	APS
3 July		
4 September		
7 October		
6 November	Chris Tyson	BHE

### Research awards - Supervisor of the year 2025



With great pleasure, we would like to share with you that Johan Schrama from AFI (right) was awarded supervisor of the year! He shared this honour with Erik Poelman

In this category, exceptional mentors who inspire, lead, and empower the next generation of researchers are honoured! These nominees set the standard in leadership, career development, and inclusivity.

## 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](mailto:waps.wias@wur.nl).

### Stargazing Event 13 March 2025

The WAPS organized the first Stargazing Event. We were very happy to see that over thirty people showed up, including some partners and enthusiastic kids! We started out the evening with some pizza and drinks. Thereafter, our very own WAPS board member Ilva Noa, who is a member of the Young Dutch Astronomical Society, gave an interesting presentation about astrology, and told us all about the birth of the universe, the life cycle of stars and the different kinds of celestial bodies. Unfortunately, the sky was too cloudy to go stargazing outside, but Ilva Noa prepared a very nice alternative: Stellarium. This program allowed us to explore the night sky and is free to access on your computer or download on your phone. In the future, we hope to organize another stargazing event so that we can apply what we've learned, but for now, we would like to thank everyone for their active participation. We hope to see you all at the next WAPS Activity!



### Contact WAPS

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LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

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## 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.

More information about the WUR Postdoc council can be found on:

<https://intranet.wur.nl/Project/postdocnetwork> and <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13121171/>.

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

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

Date	Course
25 April 2025	<a href="#">WGS: PhD Workshop Carousel</a>
27 April – 1 May 2025	<a href="#">Fish Immunology Workshop</a>
28 & 29 April 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator (MoBPS)</a> <a href="#">The Future of Tropical Livestock Systems</a>
7 - 9 May 2025	
19 May 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Introductory course for New PhD Candidates</a>
20 May 2025	<a href="#">Midterm Reflection Day</a>
26 – 28 May 2025	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC statistics course Design of Experiments</a>
10 June 2025	<a href="#">The Final Touch</a>
8 & 9 July 2025	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
17 - 18 September 2025	<a href="#">Laboratory Animal Science - Specific Course on Wildlife</a>

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](mailto: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](mailto:scientific.diving@wur.nl)

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## **Other Courses**

### **WGS Courses**

16 April 2025

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

16 April 2025

[Writing Grant Proposals](#)

22 April, 6 May, 3 June 2025

[Project and Time Management](#)

23 & 24 April 2025

[Student Expedition Wageningen Campus](#)

25 April 2025

[PhD Workshop Carousel](#)

28 April 2025

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

2 May 2025

[Introduction to Latex](#)

7 May 2025

[Scientific publishing](#)

May/June 2025 - online

[Mindful Productivity for Scientists](#)

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](#)

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**

November 2024 – June 2025 (VLAG)

[Advanced Organic Chemistry](#)

7 April 2025 (WIMEK)

[Lunch meeting: Managing stress when supervising students](#)

22 - 24 April 2025 (VLAG)

[Lipid oxidation in foods and nutrition](#)

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](#)

### **Library courses**

8 April 2025 - Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: Open Access Publishing](#)

10 April 2025 - Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: Open education and copyrights in teaching materials - hybrid](#)

10 April 2025 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration](#)

15 April 2025 – Presentation

[WUR Library essentials: Research Data Management](#)

17 April 2025 – Presentation

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

8, 14, 21 May 2025 – Course

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

13 May 2025



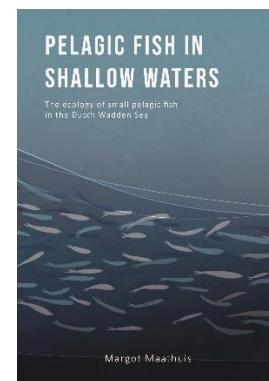
**Tristan Kistler**

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 8 April 2025 (Paris)  
Time: 14:00

*Multitrait selection breeding plans for honeybees (Apis Mellifera): design and efficiency*

(co)promotors:  
Dr P Bijma, Dr F Phocas



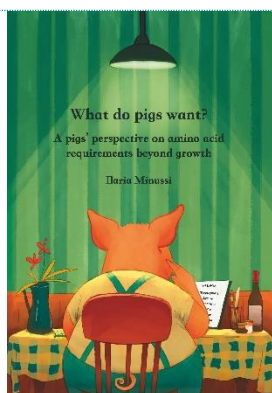
**Margot Maathuis**

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 17 April 2025  
Time: 13:00

*Pelagic fish in shallow waters  
The ecology of small pelagic fish in  
the Dutch Wadden Sea*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr GF Wiegertjes, Dr JJ Poos, Dr IYM Tulp



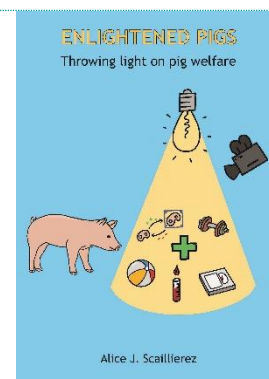
**Ilaria Minussi**

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 25 April 2025  
Time: 15:30

*What do pigs want?  
A pigs' perspective on amino acid  
requirements beyond growth*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WJJ Gerrits, Dr JE Bolhuis,  
Dr AJM Jansman



**Alice Scallierez**

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

**Calls**

**ERC information session, 17 April 2025 14.00-15.30, Orion C.3033**

Are you considering applying for an ERC Starting or Consolidator grant? During this RVO information session (Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland is the national contact point for Horizon Europe) you will find out all you need to know to best prepare yourself.

You will gain insight into:

- ▣ the ERC rules and procedures and possible implications for your proposal
- ▣ the profile of a potentially successful candidate
- ▣ the term 'frontier science'

These insights will help you decide whether you are ready to apply for the upcoming ERC calls. For more information please contact Henrieke de Ruiter, [Henrieke.deruiter@wur.nl](mailto:Henrieke.deruiter@wur.nl).

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## Other news

### **NLSEB 7 April 2025 (Wageningen) – 8 April 2025 (Ede)**

The Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB) Junior Board is organizing the next PhD/Postdoc meeting on [Monday 7 April 2025](#), at Wageningen University. This event will take place just one day before the main NLSEB event on [Tuesday 8 April 2025](#) in Ede.

The PhD/Postdoc Day is designed to connect junior researchers in evolutionary biology across the Netherlands and to provide valuable insights into soft skills essential to scientific careers. Last year's program included workshops on mentoring and infographics, along with a panel discussion on work-life balance in academia. Stay tuned for updates as we finalize this year's program—we'll share more details soon! Save the date, and we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Annual Conference 'Back to the future. The next two decades of doctoral education'. 9 & 10 April 2025 in London (ICPPD)**

For more information, please visit the [website](#).

### **WGS PhD Workshop Carousel, 25 April 2025**

Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) is organising a day of diverse workshops for PhD candidates. Four rounds with six parallel workshops with important elements for PhD candidates and the PhD track. Workshops are either stand-alone sessions or teasers that give a taste of more elaborate training and courses organised by WGS. Participating in the workshop carousel also gives you a good networking opportunity. At the end of the day there will be drinks and bites!

For more information, the programme, workshop descriptions, and online registration go to the <https://www.pe-rc.nl/wgs-carousel>

### **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](mailto: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](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 organised 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](mailto: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 April 27 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](https://betainbestuurenbeleid.nl/zomerschool). For any questions, feel free to email [zomerschool@betainbestuurenbeleid.nl](mailto: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 (CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, 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](#).