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News from the WIAS office

WIAS science day

We look back at a very nice WIAS science day yesterday and would like to thank the organizing committee and all those who contributed to the day! Please find the presentations from the keynote speakers attached to this newsletter.

Winner Publication prize

During the WIAS science day the publication prize was awarded for an innovative publication written by a PhD candidate and published in 2017. We received three nominations and they were all of high quality. The WIAS International Advisory Board judged the nominations and awarded the prize to Uros Cerkvenik for the publication "[Mechanisms of ovipositor insertion and steering of a parasitic wasp](#)". We congratulate Uros with his prize and look forward to the lunch lecture that he will give about this publication on Tuesday 27 March.

Winner Education prize

The education prize was also awarded during the WIAS science day. The education prize is not awarded automatically every year but is awarded when an extraordinary educational achievement was delivered. Several courses with excellent evaluations qualify for the education prize. This year the WIAS Education Committee decided to award an activity that will be organized this year for the 19th time: the Wageningen fish immunology / vaccination workshop. This workshop has been organized since 1998 already and provides participants with advanced knowledge on theoretical and practical knowledge on the immune system of fish. The workshop attracts a large number of international participants each year, of which a considerable number of PhD students and is highly appreciated. We congratulate the organizing team with their prize and look forward to future editions of the course.

New member WIAS Board

The WIAS board has been temporality extended to represent all evaluation units/clusters in 2018. We warmly welcome prof. Imke de Boer as new member of the board!

New confidential advisors Scientific Integrity

Two new confidential advisors have been appointed for WUR: [prof. Ellen Kampman](#) and [prof. Huub Savelkoul](#). You can contact them with any question or issue regarding scientific integrity.

Reminder: Call WIAS fellowships, deadline 18 February 2018

WIAS invites PhD candidates who wish to travel abroad, post-docs who want to write a grant proposal and WIAS staff members who wish to invite guest researchers to submit a proposal for a WIAS fellowship. Find all information about this call on our website:

<https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Graduate-Schools/Wageningen-Institute-of-Animal-Sciences/WIAS-calls/Fellowships.htm>.

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The upcoming WIAS lunch lecture will be on Tuesday 27 February at 12.15 in room **A0107 of the Zodiac building**. *The WIAS lunch lectures take place every last Tuesday of the month.*

Course Highlights

Resilience of living systems – from fundamental concepts to interdisciplinary applications (April-May 2018)



Ready to look at resilience from an interdisciplinary perspective? Then the PhD course “Resilience of living systems – from fundamental concepts to interdisciplinary applications” is perfect for you! The course is scheduled from Sunday 29 April 2018 until Friday 4 May 2018. Find all information and registration at the [course website](#).

News from the WIAS PhD (WAPS) council

WAPS Council – Call for New Members!

We are currently recruiting new members to join our council! If you are interested in cooperating with a dynamic group of fellow WIAS PhDs to influence, maintain and improve the quality of the PhD experience in the WIAS graduate school, please inform us by sending an email to waps.wias@wur.nl. The positions of Secretary and Activities/Social Media Coordinator are available, but we welcome anyone who is interested in bringing their service to the council to contact us – PhDs from all chair groups are welcome!

YoungWUR: Young Professionals Network WUR

YoungWUR is a network for WUR-employees (PhDs included!) at the beginning of their career. With this network, young professionals from the WUR organization pursue various goals such as building a social network across campus, building a professional network, and building your career. To get in touch with the YoungWUR network, search ‘YoungWUR’ on the WUR Intranet and/or on Facebook. On these online platforms, you can easily get in touch with your fellow YoungWUR colleagues by sharing and discussing upcoming professional and social activities, and find information about events organized by YoungWUR.

To stay up to date about the activities of YoungWUR, send an email to young.wur@wur.nl to be added to their mailing list.

WIAS Science Day 2018

Monday 5th of February, the Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences (WIAS) Science Day was a great success, counting over 130 registrations and 44 contributions from PhD-candidates. The WIAS oral presentation prize was awarded to Jules Petit, a PhD candidate at the Cell Biology and Immunology Group, for his presentation entitled *Training the immune system to become as healthy as a fish*. The WIAS poster prize was awarded to the first-year PhD candidate Margret Wenker from the Animal Production System Group for her poster entitled *Implications of cow-calf contact for dairy calf health and welfare*.

The WIAS publication prize was awarded to the 4th-year PhD candidate Uros Cerkvenik for the outstanding research methods and interdisciplinary approach carried out in his study. And finally, the WIAS education prize was awarded to the Immunology and fish workshop, which has been organised 18 consecutively times by Prof. Geert Wiegertjes and Dr. Maria Forlenza from the Cell Biology and Immunology group.

The theme of the seminar was “WIAS: Work on your Impact in Animal Sciences and Society”. Important questions related to the societal impact of the scientific research have been addressed by two renowned keynote speakers, Dr. Arnold van Vliet from Wageningen University & Research and Prof. Jaap Schouten from the Nederland Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). The inspiring talks of the keynote speakers have taught us that communicating scientific results to society is not only our responsibility and does not only increase our societal impact and the quality of our science, but it is also fun. It is therefore time to start to think beyond our research project’s life span and think more about the societal impact of our work. Only by doing that, we can make societal changes to improve the quality of life.

The WIAS Science Day committee would like to thank all PhD-candidates and staff members for their contribution and active participation. We really enjoyed organizing the event for all of you. We are already looking forward to the WIAS Science Day 2019.



Facebook and LinkedIn

Please join our [Facebook group](#) for the latest activities, photos, and polls. In addition, join our [LinkedIn page](#) or visit our [website](#) for more information about and news from the WAPS council.

Recent PhD graduations

19 January: Tom Berghof (ABG) “Selective breeding on natural antibodies in chickens”

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses

Discussion Group WIAS – Animal Health and Immunology

When : Every last Monday of the Month from 15.30h – 17.00h
Location : Wageningen, Zodiac Room A0108
Organization : Mirelle Geervliet / Anouschka Middelkoop
Ongoing group

WIAS Course The Final Touch: Write the General Introduction and Discussion

When : 10 April 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

Wias Introduction Day

When : 12 April 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WGS course Scientific Integrity & Ethics and Animals Science

When : 16 April – 18 April 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

Summerschool: Resilience of living systems – from fundamental concepts to interdisciplinary applications

When : 29 April – 4 May 2018
Location : Lunteren
Registration is open

WIAS course Techniques for Scientific Writing and Presenting

When : 1 – 4 May 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

Symposium and Workshop: Principles and dynamics governing transmission of mycobacterial infection

When : 22-24 May 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WGS course Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings

When : 22, 29 May, 5, 12 June 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS/PE&RC advanced statistics course Design of Experiments

When : 23-25 May 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS course Statistics for the Life Sciences

When : 30-31 May, 1-4-5-6 June 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

Summer School on agroecology and animal production

When : 4 to 5 days in the first week of July 2018
Location : Clermont-Ferrand (France)
Pre-registration is open

Symposium and Workshop: Principles and dynamics governing transmission of mycobacterial infection

When : 22-24 May 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WGS course Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings

When : 23, 30 October, 6, 13 November 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

Courses of other graduate schools

Graduate School VLAG course “Energy metabolism & Body composition”: 5-7 March 2018

The course consists of a series of lectures, interspersed with short presentations of recent studies performed at Wageningen University & Research. As part of the programme the opportunity will be provided to discuss participant’s own research (plans). The focus of this year's course is on ageing, with as keynote speaker prof. John Speakman. Participants are encouraged to apply for a short oral presentation or a pitch. An abstract should be send to Dr. Marco Mensink **before 1 February 2018**. Six abstracts will be selected and included as part of the programme (‘masterclass’).

For more information and registration, please check:

<http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/en/courses/course/embc18.htm>

Wageningen Graduate Schools PhD/Postdoc courses

Courses for PhD’s and Postdocs organized by Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS).

Highlights - register now for:

[Information Literacy](#) (6, 7 February 2018)

Make effective use of scientific information sources in the Wageningen University & Research Digital Library and EndNote

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#) (8 February 2018)

Introduction to the tools and services of the Library relevant to the first steps of your research

[Writing Grant Proposals](#) (starting 22 February 2018)

Teaches you how to write a project proposal for funding

[Career Orientation](#) (6, 13, 20 and 27 March 2018 - personal interviews on 3 and 4 April 2018)

Meant for PhD candidates and postdocs who are orienting themselves in what future career to choose, in or outside of science

[Reviewing a Scientific Paper](#) (15 March 2018)

To obtain insight in the aspects of reviewing scientific papers

[Career Perspectives](#) (22, 29 March, 5, 12 and 19 April 2018)

Meant for PhDs in their third or fourth year who want support in defining and taking the next step in their career

[Scientific Publishing](#) (5 April 2018)

Providing insight and awareness in the process, rules, ethical aspects of scientific writing and publishing

[Interpersonal Communication for PhD candidates](#) (19, 20 April 2018)

Designed to help to improve your communication, but not to help to improve your English language skills

[Professional in Supervision](#) (7, 8 May and 7 June 2018)

Focus on communication styles, coaching formats, leadership, cultural issues, distance based supervision and personal needs

[PhD Peer Consultation - a powerful tool to tackle PhD challenges](#) (to be determined)

Learn from issues and challenges in everyday work with a group of colleague PhD candidates

Overview of all courses 2018

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](#).

[Introduction to the Netherlands](#)

WUR Library courses

WUR Library soon organises the following courses/demonstrations:

- 8 February, Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates, 12.30-13.15, room 259, Forumbibliotheek (free)
- 14 February, Mendeley Demonstration Session, 12.30-13.00, room C0091, Radix (free)
- 15 February, EndNote Demonstration Session, 12.30-13.00, room C0097, Atlas (free)

Registering for the free demonstrations is not necessary.

[More information](#) about the courses/demonstrations. Registering for a course is possible by inserting an order in ProQme. All library courses can be found in the catalogue

Activities

9 February 2018

PhD Graduation Inma Aznar Asensio

Title Infection dynamics and effective control strategies of tuberculosis in badgers and cattle in Ireland

Chair group Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology (QVE)

Promotor prof. dr ir MCM de Jong

Time and Place 13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

21 February 2018

PhD Graduation Wassie Abebe

Title Bovine lumpy skin disease: epidemiology, economic impact and control opportunities in Ethiopia

Chair group Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology (QVE)

Promotor prof. dr ir MCM de Jong

Time and Place 13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

23 February 2018

PhD Graduation Sonia Eynard

Title Using genomic information to conserve genetic diversity in livestock

Chair group Animal Breeding and Genetics (ABG)

Promotor prof. dr ir J Komen

Time and Place 16:00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

Other

University Fund Wageningen (UFW) Research Award 2018: deadline for submission: 22 February 2018

This prize will be awarded on a yearly basis by the University Fund Wageningen (UFW) to a researcher of Wageningen University & Research (WUR), younger than 40 years of age, who has published an outstanding and original scientific article in the calendar year 2017. The award comprises a certificate with jury decision, a replica of the Wageningen Tree and a monetary prize of €2500, which can be spent as the researcher desires. The award ceremony will be on the 12th of March, during the symposium 'What's life'. Please submit publications that you believe are of great scientific importance! It is possible for all members of the scientific staff of WUR to nominate excellent researchers. For more details on guidelines, criteria and submission please have a look at the [website of UFW](#) . If there are any questions or suggestions, please feel free to send an email to ufw@wur.nl.

Visit of the Ambassador of Uruguay: 21 February 2018 / Call for scholarships: deadline 15 March

The ambassador of Uruguay to the Netherlands will visit Wageningen University & Research on Wednesday, February 21st, 2018. Further, there are PhD scholarships available for Uruguayans who want to do their full or sandwich PhD at Wageningen University. The deadline for application at ANII is 15 March 2018. When applying, the candidates must already have approval for admittance of the WUR professor. For more information, you can contact Ria Hulsman (ria.hulsman@wur.nl), or you can check: <http://www.anii.org.uy/apoyos/formacion/97/doctorados-anii-wageningen--holanda/> (in Spanish only)

Call for applications Academy Colloquia: deadline 1 March 2018

Academy Colloquia are small, exclusive expert meetings, hosted and funded by the Academy. They are held at the Academy's Trippenhuis Building in Amsterdam. The aim is to bring together a select international group of no more than fifty top researchers to discuss a subject in which key innovations are expected. The Academy contributes a maximum sum of EUR 6500 a day. A maximum of EUR 3500 is available to organise a related master class for at least 15 PhD candidates. The Academy also makes all the practical arrangements.

More information: <https://www.knaw.nl/en/awards/funding/akademie-colloquia/academy-colloquia>

Dutch only: Publieke consultatie conceptversie Nederlandse gedragscode wetenschappelijke integriteit: open tot 1 maart 2018

Vanuit de VSNU wordt de huidige De Nederlandse Gedragscode Wetenschapsbeoefening momenteel herzien. Deze code is zowel van toepassing voor Wageningen University als voor Wageningen Research. De VSNU stelt de conceptversie van de nieuwe code in de periode tot 1 maart 2018 open voor onderzoekers en andere geïnteresseerden om hierop te kunnen reageren. Dit is hét moment te reageren en mogelijke feedback te geven aan de commissie. Zie de [website](#) van de VSNU voor de conceptversie en het consultatieformulier.

Netherlands-CGIAR partnership call on seed systems in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa: deadline 12 April 2018

NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development, in close collaboration with CGIAR and the Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP), launches a call for proposals on generating insights that contribute to improving seed systems in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. Applications for pre-proposals can be submitted until 12 April 2018. The deadline for full proposals will be 30 August 2018. For this Call, a maximum budget of 8,500,000 euros is available. The total funding of one project must be between 600,000 and 1,000,000 euros for a period of 36 months.

In many LMICs, getting improved seed and animal seed stock of good quality from breeders to smallholder and family farms is challenging. The call builds on the premise that development of the seed sector may benefit from research collaboration between practitioners and research institutions from CGIAR, the Netherlands and selected partner countries. New insights and innovative solutions may evolve from synthesising academic expertise, farmers' experiences and knowledge, as well as the practical knowledge of companies and NGOs working within the seed sector and its value chains. For more information: <https://www.nwo.nl/en/news-and-events/news/2018/01/nl-cgiar-call-launched.html> and <https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/wotro/cgiar-research-programme/cgiar-research-programme.html>

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