News from the WIAS office

WIAS wishes you a happy, healthy and most of all a scientific productive 2014!

WIAS Science Day
The WIAS Science Day committee announced that this day be organized on Thursday 13th of February 2014 at the Orion Building in Wageningen. Unfortunately after this announcement we learned that this would be at the same time as the farewell of Aalt Dijkhuizen. The committee is now looking for an alternative date and location. We will let you know the new date and deadlines as soon as possible!

New WIAS Members
In November and December we have welcomed the following PhD candidates: Renny van Hoeij (ADP), Nekane Alzorriz Gamiz (AFI), Wossenie Mebratie (ABG), Sabine van Engelen (ABG)

Recent PhD graduations
4 November        Juan Herrero Medrano (ABG) ‘Conservation genetics of local and wild pig populations: insight in genetic diversity and demographic history’
15 November       Cindy van Damme (AFI) ‘Don’t put all your eggs in one basket! Reproductive strategies and fecundity regulation in temperate marine teleosts’
22 November       Marcin Pszczola (ABG) ‘Optimizing genomic selection for scarcely recorded traits’
2 December        Mazhar Ali (ANU) ‘Grain filling, starch degradation and feeding value of maize’
4 December        Saravanan Subramanian (AFI) ‘Feed intake and oxygen consumption in fish’
18 December       Danilo Pietretti ‘Stimulation of carp innate immune system: role of Toll-like receptors’

News from the WIAS PhD (WAPS) council

General Members Meeting – 27th November
On the 27th of November, the General Members Meeting of the WAPS council was held. Theme of the meeting was “How is your relationship with your supervisor?” Guided by five propositions, we discussed supervisor functioning and how this might be improved. It was a very interesting afternoon in which everybody contributed greatly to the conversation. A general summary of the findings of the GMM is being prepared to be shared with WIAS.

WAPS dinner – 14th November
On November 14th, the WAPS organized a pancake dinner at Koekoekpannenkoek for all WIAS PhD students. It was an enjoyable evening with a good turnout and lots of delicious pancakes! Fancy joining the next WAPS dinner? Keep an eye out for this newsletter or the WAPS Facebook page.

Facebook
Tetske Hulshof was up next to share her experiences abroad. She described her time at an energy and protein metabolism conference in California. Interested in her full story? Check out our Facebook page.

We are looking for more international PhD stories. Would you like to write a short blog post about your time away from Wageningen? Please let us know.

Facebook and LinkedIn
Please join our Facebook group for the latest activities, photos, and polls. You can find photos of June’s BBQ there. And join our LinkedIn page or visit our website for more information about and news from the WAPS council.

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses

**Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences**
When: 28 -31 January 2014
Teachers: Prof. Tjard de Cock Buning (VU, Amsterdam), Prof. Bart Gremmen (Wageningen University)
Location: Cheese and Camping Farm Hoekelum, location De Barg, Edeseweg 122, 6721 KE Bennekom
Register before: only 2 places available!

**Advanced statistical and genetical analysis of complex data using ASReml 4**
When: 10-15 February 2014
Teachers: Prof. Arthur Gilmour
Location: Wageningen

**WIAS Introduction Course**
When: 18 – 21 March 2014
Teachers: Frank Little
Location: Wageningen
Register before: 18 February 2014

**Statistics for the Life Sciences**
When: End May/Beginning June
Teachers: Gerrit Gort, Bas Engel, Henk Bovenhuis
Location: Wageningen
Registration not open yet

**Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences**
When: June
Teachers: Prof. Tjard de Cock Buning (VU, Amsterdam), Prof. Bart Gremmen (Wageningen University)
Registration not open yet

**WIAS Introduction Course**
When: June
Teachers: Frank Little
Location: Wageningen
Registration not open yet
Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences
When: October
Teachers: Prof. Tjard de Cock Buning (VU, Amsterdam), Prof. Bart Gremmen (Wageningen University)
Registration not open yet

Design of Experiments
When: October
Teachers: Mike Grossman, Wiebe Koops
Location: Wageningen
Registration not open yet

WIAS Introduction Course
When: November
Teachers: Frank Little
Location: Wageningen
Registration not open yet

WIAS Seminars
WIAS Science Day 2014
When: March
Location: Wageningen

Wageningen Graduate Schools Courses

Open for registration
PhD Competence Assessment (21 January, 25 March)
Project and Time Management (22 January, 5 February, 5 March; 28 January, 11 February, 11 March; 19 March, 2 and 29 April)
Data Management (24 February)
Information Literacy (25 and 26 February)
Mobilising your – scientific – network (19 and 27 March)
Techniques for Writing and Presenting a Scientific Paper (11, 12, 13, 14 February)
Career orientation (28 February, 7, 14, 21 March)
Scientific Writing (4, 11, 25 March, 1, 15, 22 April, 6 May)
Career Assessment (each month)

Pre-registration
Reviewing a Scientific Paper
Scientific Publishing
Stress Identification & Management
Techniques for Writing and Presenting a Scientific Paper
Voice Matters - Voice and Presentation Skills Training (V&PT)
Fraud, plagiarism and co-authorship

For other courses of the Wageningen Graduate School look at the [website](#).

Other courses/seminars

Seminar Systems Biology for Food, Feed, and Health

On January 16th the Wageningen Centre for Systems Biology (WCSB) will organise a seminar on systems biology. The seminar will take an hour and will be followed by drinks. No registration is necessary, so feel free to come by!
Matthias Reuss, Centre Systems Biology, University of Stuttgart
“Multiscale modeling for linking subcellular networks with cellular behavior at tissue level”

Date: Thursday January 16th 2013
Time: 16:00 – 17:00 hours, followed by drinks
Location: Chemistry Building, Dreijenplein 10, room C8

Activities

17 January 2014
**PhD Graduation Jerke de Vries**
Title: From animals to crops - Environmental consequences of current and future strategies for manure management
Chair group: Farm Technology, Animal production Systems
Promotor: Prof. dr ir PWG Groot Koerkamp, Prof. dr ir IJM de Boer
Time and Place: 13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

24 January 2014
**PhD Graduation Evelien Hoeven-Hangoor**
Title: Broiler excreta composition and its effect on wet litter. Aspects of nutrition
Chair group: Animal Nutrition
Promotor: Prof. dr ir WH Hendriks , Prof. dr ir MWA Verstegen
Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

14 February 2014
**PhD Graduation Ane Marie Closter**
Title: Quantitative Genetic Analysis of Ascites in Broilers
Chair group: Animal Breeding and Genetics
Promotor: Prof. dr MAM Groenen , Prof. dr ir JAM van Arendonk
Time and Place: 13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

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