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News from the WIAS office

External member WIAS Board
From 1 January 2019 prof. Arjan Stegeman is appointed as external member of the WIAS Board. We are looking forward to work together with Prof. Stegeman.

Prof. Wouter Hendriks appointed as Dean of Research WU
We are happy to inform you that WIAS chair holder prof. Wouter Hendriks has been appointed as Dean of Research of Wageningen University from 1 April 2019. We congratulate Wouter with this new task and wish him good luck!

WIAS Lunch Lectures
The upcoming WIAS lunch lecture will be on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 12.15 in room A0107 of the Zodiac building. The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month.

Course Highlights

WIAS would like to recommend the following courses:

- WIAS/PE&RC advanced statistics course Design of Experiments (21-23 May 2019)
- WIAS Course Statistics for the Life Sciences (27-29 May + 3-5 June 2019)

News from the WIAS PhD (WAPS) council

WIAS Science Day
The 2019 edition of the WIAS Science Day is approaching and we are looking forward to seeing many of you on the 18th of March!
If you want to know more about the program of the day, please use the link below:

WSD 2019 committee: Eline Burgers (ADP), Folasade Elesho (AFI), Adrià López Nadal (CBI), Mojtaba Porbahaie (CBI)
**Excursion to the Floating farm**
The WAPS council is exited to announce the next excursion, which will take place on the **10th of May 2019**. We will visit the Floating Farm in Rotterdam (for more info: [https://floatingfarm.nl/](https://floatingfarm.nl/)), a newly developed animal-friendly and sustainable dairy farm on water. During the excursion we will have the opportunity to visit not only the farm itself, but also get a better idea of future circular production system. More information about registration will follow up soon.

**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**
15 January: **Uroš Cerkvenik** (EZV) “Biomechanics of a parasitic wasp ovipositor - Probing for answers”

**Courses and seminars**

**WIAS Courses**

**Discussion Group WIAS - Animal Welfare and Adaptation**
When: Monday/Tuesday, once a month from 12:15-12:45
Organization: Laura Webb
Ongoing group

**20th Fish Immunology Workshop**
When: 28-29-30 April, 1-2 May 2019
Location: Wageningen
Registration is open

**Scientific integrity & Ethics in Animal Sciences**
When: 13-14-15 May 2019
Location: Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS/PE&RC advanced statistics course Design of Experiments**
When: 21-22-23 May 2019
Location: Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS Course Statistics for the Life Sciences**
When: 27-28-29 May + 3-4-5 June 2019
Location: Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS Introduction Day**
When: 6 June 2019
Location: Wageningen
Registration is open
**WIAS Course on Essential Skills**
When : 11-12-13 June 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS course High Impact Writing in Science**
When : 17-18-19-20 June 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS course Survival Guide to Peer Review**
When : 21 June 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS Course The Final Touch: Writing the General Introduction and Discussion**
When : 19 November 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS Seminars**

**WIAS Science Day**
When : 18 March 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is closed

**WIAS-VLAG seminar “Immunology: Combining Models with Experiments” (tentative seminar title)**
When : 3 April 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is will be opened soon. For now: save the date!

**WIAS-F4F symposium Improving Nitrogen Efficiency in Cows: Impact of Protein and Energy Metabolism**
When : 12 April 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

**WIAS Seminar Natural antibodies in poultry - science and application**
When : 25 April 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

**PhD courses of other WUR graduate schools**

**VLAG course International Master Class on Healthy and sustainable diets: synergies and trade-offs**
When : 8-9-10 July 2019
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open
Wageningen Graduate Schools courses

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

Highlights - register now for:

Running courses:
- **Start to teach at university** (deadline: 5 March)
  This introductory course is meant for PhD candidates who want to explore the art of teaching within university settings
- **Reviewing a Scientific Paper** (13 March)
  To obtain insight in the aspects of reviewing scientific papers
- **Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates** (14 March)
  Introduction to the tools and services of the Library relevant to the first steps of your research (free)
- **Posters and Pitching** (14 March – 11 April)
  Want to learn how to sell your ideas and yourself in a poster presentation? Want to know how to design an appealing poster and to enticingly pitch your poster to an audience?
- **Competence Assessment** (3 and 4 April; only at 1 date, which takes 1.15 hour)
  Gives insight in competences as organising capacity, analytical thinking, collaboration and personal characteristics
- **Intercultural Personal Communication for PhD candidates** (4 and 5 April; deadline 12-3 !)
  Designed to help you to improve your communication and negotiation skills, but not to help you to improve your English language skills

Other relevant courses given in the coming period:
- **Searching and Organising Literature** (16, 17 April)
  Make effective use of scientific information sources in the Wageningen University & Research Digital Library and EndNote
- **Brain Training** (17 April 2019)
  Increase reading speed, brain rhythm and memory boost.
- **Scientific Publishing** (17 April)
  Providing insight and awareness in the process, rules, ethical aspects of scientific writing and publishing
- **Career Development for Postdocs: Science and the Alternatives** (Intakes: 29 April-10 May, Course days: 15 May and 22 May, Coaching meetings: 27 May–7 June)
  Supports in making career choice in science or beyond and making a plan of action how to reach the desired goal.
- **Stress Identification & Management** (7 May)
  Giving insight and learns you how to deal with, avoid and tackle stress
- **Research Data Management** (9, 16, 23 May)
  This course consists of lectures and practical assignments that cover various aspects of managing research data: from organising your data files during data collection to publishing your final dataset.
- **Career assessment**
  The career assessment is individually based and you can plan a date with the organisers upon registration

Special information:
- **Scientific Writing**
  Wageningen in’to Languages will offer an additional course round starting March 14.
  Contact in respect of information or participation: send your e-mail to into@wur.nl.
Overview of all courses 2019
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

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More information about the courses. You can register for a course via the WGS course page.

Activities

12 March 2019
PhD Graduation Maulik Upadhyay
Title: Genomic variation across European cattle: contribution of gene-flow
Chair group: Animal Breeding and Genomics (ABG)
Promotor: prof. dr MAM Groenen
Time and Place: 16:00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

Other

Wageningen PhD Council (WPC) housing crisis meeting for stakeholders: 6 March 2019
On 6 March at 12:30 in the Impulse building, the WPC will organise a meeting on the current PhD housing crisis in Wageningen, i.e. concerning the difficulties PhD candidates encounter regarding finding appropriate housing. In December, the Wageningen PhD Council (WPC) sent out a survey among the entire Wageningen PhD population, which got a high response rate and the results indicate severe housing difficulties. During the meeting, the results of this survey will be presented, and stakeholders are invited to present their view on this crisis. The WPC will host a discussion, and hopes to find solutions together. For more information, please contact: wpc.wgs@wur.nl

Horizon 2020 Masterclass: Writing Successful ERC Advanced Grants: 7 March & 5 April 2019
This Masterclass is organised by Yellow Research, and will be held in Amsterdam on Thursday 7th March 2019 and Friday 5th April 2019. The next deadline for submitting an ERC Advanced Grant proposal is scheduled end of August 2019. In this workshop the ERC and panel specifics for the scientific proposal and Principal Investigator will be discussed. For more information and registration, please see: https://www.yellowresearch.nl/events/horizon-2020-writing-successful-erc-grant-proposals-2/
**WISE 2019 “Unity in Science Diversity for Indonesia Future”: 12 March 2019**
The Wageningen Indonesia Scientific Exposure 2019 (WISE 2019) committee would like to invite all Indonesian PhD students and postdocs to join this event. The WISE event will be held on March 12th, 2019 at Orion, WUR. For more information, please contact Apriana Vinasyiam, PhD candidate at AFI: apriana.vinasyiam@wur.nl.

**NWO informative meeting concerning the NWA call: 12 March 2019**
On March 12th (from 10 till 12, room C1032, Orion, Wageningen) NWO will come to Wageningen to give information about the NWA call. NWO will look back on the 2018 NWA call and ahead to the 2019 call. For more information: henrieke.denuiter@wur.nl

**WUR PhD scholarships for Uruguays: deadline for application: 14 March 2019**
Please let your contacts in Uruguay know there are scholarships available for PhD research in Wageningen. Deadline for application March, 14 2019. [http://www.anii...ingen--holanda/](http://www.anii...ingen--holanda/)

**MSCA ITN workshop for the 2020 Call: ‘Writing Competitive ITN Proposals in the H2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Programme’: 19 March 2019**
This workshop is organised by Yellow Research and is to be held in Amsterdam on Tuesday 19th March 2019. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN) can take the form of collaborative European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or European Joint Doctorates (EJD). While the final call for proposals is not published yet, the provisional deadline for the last round of H2020 MSCA ITN proposals is January 14th 2020.
This workshop aims at researchers who plan to submit an ITN proposal for the last call of H2020. For more information and registration: [https://www.yellowresearch.nl/events/marie-curie-itn-call-2020-at-yellow-research/](https://www.yellowresearch.nl/events/marie-curie-itn-call-2020-at-yellow-research/)

**Call for members for new discussion group “Modelling and Simulation”: second meeting: 20 March 2019**
Within WUR a new discussion group on modelling and simulation has been initiated. In many fields of research, modelling and simulation are critical tools. As their popularity has grown, so has the discourse surrounding why and how they should be used. To help inform this debate, we want to create a cross-institutional forum for discussing systems modelling and simulation, as well as the interpretation of simulation insights. Topics of interest include:
- Problem conceptualization and decomposition.
- Choices in modelling paradigms.
- Simulation verification and validation.
- Sensitivity analysis and experiment design.
- Model-based decision support methods.

All WIAS PhD candidates are invited to join, and especially welcome are all modellers, regardless of experience or preferred modelling practice. Upcoming events are (every third Wednesday of the month):
- 2019-03-20, 1300-1500, Radix (107) room W03: Sensitivity analysis
- 2019-04-17, 1300-1500, Radix (107) room W03: TBD

To register interest or for further information, please contact Henry Payne: henry.payne@wur.nl or Patrick Steinmann: patrick.steinmann@wur.nl.
Course “Navigating Brussels with ELLS 2019”: deadline for registration: 25 March 2019
How can the EU help you to develop your scientific career? This 3 days intensive course is organized by ELLS ST Reseach Support Offices, and will take place in, Brussels, Belgium on 3 - 5 June 2019. This course is designed for junior post docs (1 yr < PhD < 4 yrs). To make the course interactive the number of participants is limited to a maximum of 20 persons. Three slots / university are pre-allocated, unused slots will be passed on based on a waiting list. For more information and registration: https://www.euroleague-study.org/en/phd-course

In Dutch: InterScience bijeenkomst Wat je niet weet: 27 March 2019
De bijeenkomst wordt georganiseerd door Studium Generale van de Universiteit van Utrecht. De Jonge Akademie houdt de serie publieksbijeenkomsten InterScience. Daarin belichten wetenschappers hetzelfde thema vanuit hun eigen vakgebied. Vaak zijn er onverwachte raakvlakken, die de onderlinge verbondenheid tussen verschillende disciplines benadrukken. In deze bijeenkomst komt de vraag aan orde wat zou er gebeuren als we onzekerheid vaker zouden omarmen in onderzoek. Sprekers zijn: Daniël Oberski (statisticus), universitair hoofddocent, Universiteit Utrecht, Hanneke Hulst ( hersenwetenschapper), universitair hoofddocent, VUMC, Rivke Jaffe (over urban science), hoogleraar Universiteit van Amsterdam, en Arfan Ikram (epidemioloog), hoogleraar Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam. Voor meer informatie: https://www.dejongeakademie.nl/nl/actueel/agenda/interscience-de-jonge-akademie-onzekerheid

NVVI Lunteren Symposium 2019: "Induction & resolution of inflammation": 28 & 29 March 2019
The Dutch Society for Immunology organises a two-days symposium in Congrescentrum De Werelt, Lunteren, The Netherlands. For more information on the programme: https://www.dutchsocietyimmunology.nl/uploadedfiles/finalprogramnvivilunteren2019.pdf . For registration information, you can contact: Congress Company, info@congresscompany.com, Phone: 073-7003500

NWO life sciences congress: Life2019: deadline for registration: 1 May 2019
The first NWO life sciences conference called Life2019 will take place on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May 2019 at the Postillion Convention Centre, Bunnik. The theme of the congress is: Communication in life. Life2019 is meant to connect researchers covering the broad spectrum of the Dutch Life Sciences, to explore boundaries, to lively discuss new or desirable developments in the field and to get inspired to start new interdisciplinary collaborations.

Several internationally renowned speakers have already confirmed their oral presentation: Ottoline Leyser (plant development, keynote), Iain Couzin (collective behaviour, keynote), Sigal Ben Yehuda (communication between bacteria), Wolf Reik (epigenetic reprogramming), Hans Clevers (communication of stem cells in the intestine), Duncan Odom (genome evolution), Louise Vet (ecology and evolution of multitrophic interactions), David Reznick (evolutionary adaptation) and Angela Douglas (animal-microbial symbioses and nutritional physiology).
Info and registration: www.nwolife.nl

Training course on Recirculating Aquaculture System (Ras) Technology: 6-9 May 2019
This is a free training course, taking place in Wageningen from 6 to 9 May 2019. There is place for 25 participants. The course is designed for aquaculture professionals (e.g. engineers, researchers, etc.) interested in the potential applications of RAS. Participants should have (basic) knowledge of aspects of recirculation technology. This knowledge can be on the design or operational use. The industry mini-seminar is designed (1) for the participants to network with professionals and (2) for professionals who would like to hear the latest discussions and scientific developments in the RAS sector and to better understand the needs for RAS development in other countries.
Official registration forms and additional course information can be found on the AQUAEXCEL2020 website at https://aquaexcel2020.eu/training-courses/upcoming-training-courses-apply-now.
Call for WGS Sandwich PhD programme 2019: submission deadline: 20 May 2019
Sandwich PhD candidates are international PhD candidates from specific countries who only spend part of their time at Wageningen University. Only persons from one of the countries in the following regions can apply for a WGS Sandwich PhD: Middle and South America, Africa, countries that belong to the former Soviet Union and that are not an EU-member state and all Asian countries except China, Israel, Japan, South Korea and Singapore. Dutchmen, including those who hold dual citizenship, will not be admitted into the Sandwich PhD programme. The budget of around € 60,000 covers eighteen months of stay in Wageningen and reimbursements for travel costs of student and supervisors. Additionally, Wageningen University will provide supervision, education and training, and a waiver for the university fee. Please note that the WGS sandwich PhD position only finances the eighteen months of the PhD programme that is spend in the Netherlands. The submission deadline is 20 May 2019. Applicants must be a professor at Wageningen University and only one application per professor may be submitted. See the WUR-website for the application form and more information.

If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact Bernie Coenders (secretary WIAS) at wias@wur.nl