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News from the WIAS office

New Research Committee member

WIAS has appointed a new member for its Research Committee. The Research Committee advices the scientific director of WIAS about various research topics and consists of scientists the last phase of Tenure Track. Current member Martien Groenen became a chair holder of ABG and therefore left the Research committee. We are happy to announce that Mario Calus will replace Martien from 1 October 2017. We wish Mario lots of luck with his work for the Research Committee and look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Midterm review 2018

Every six years, the graduate schools of WU are peer reviewed. In between the peer reviews, a midterm review is organised to discuss the follow up of recommendations from the previous peer review and the future strategy of the research groups. In 2018 WIAS will have its next midterm review. In the past the chair groups have been evaluated as separate research units. Since the Executive Board of WU has decided that research units of minimal 5 fte research capacity have to be reviewed, each graduate school is currently forming programmatic clusters of chair groups to function as such a review unit. We will keep you updated about these clusters.

WIAS lunch lecture

The next WIAS lunch lecture will be on Tuesday 31 October 2017 at 12.15 in room A0107 of the Zodiac building. *The WIAS lunch lectures take place every last Tuesday of the month*.

Course Highlights

WIAS course "Societal impact of your research" (February 2018)

The course is highly relevant to PhD students. It was **one of the recommendations in the 2015 assessment report of the WIAS External Peer Review**: "*One area that deserves further consideration concerns the competence of students to contextualize their research within broader societal issues and debates.* ***This is important for future leaders in all fields of animal research****; we encourage the school to find ways to build this competence in their students*".

Therefore, societal relevance has become a **recommended part of the TSP**. A good opportunity to fulfil this recommendation is the course ***Societal impact of your research***, which will take place in the afternoons of **7, 14 and 21 February 2018**. The course consists of three half day workshops**, led by two experienced science journalists**, Rob Buiter and Astrid Smit. In the workshops they will be giving you theory, practical exercises and tools to trigger the audience you want to reach. For more information and registration, please check **here**.

News from the WIAS PhD (WAPS) council

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

4 July:	Nirupama Benis (HMI) "Interactions and functionalities of the gut revealed by computational approaches"
5 July:	Rianne van Binsbergen (ABG) "Prospects of whole-genome sequence data in animal and plant breeding"
7 July:	Yvonne van der Meer (ANU) "Nutrition of pigs kept under low and high sanitary conditions. Effects on amino acid and energy metabolism and damaging behaviour"
1 September:	Iris Boumans (APS) "Simulating pigs. Understanding their motivations, behaviour, welfare and productivity"

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses

Discussion Group WIAS – Animal Immunology and Health
When : Every last Monday of the Month from 15.30h – 17.00h
Location : Wageningen, Zodiac Room A0108
Organization : Mirelle Geervliet / Anouschka Middelkoop
Ongoing group

Course Design of breeding programs with Genomic Selection
When : 16-20 October 2017
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS Introduction Day
When : 22 November 2017
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WGS course: Research Integrity & Ethics and Animal Science
When : 30 November - 1 December & 5 - 6 December 2017
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS course Essential Skills
When : 13-15 December 2017
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS/PE&RC advanced statistics course Design of Experiments
When : 20-21-22 December 2017
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS course Societal impact of your research
When : 7, 14 and 21 February 2018 (afternoons)
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS course Techniques for Scientific Writing and Presenting
When : 1 – 4 May 2018
Location : Wageningen
Registration is open

WIAS Seminars

WIAS mini-seminar: Evolutionary Ecology - Biodiversity from genes to species communities – 23 October 2017
Keynote speaker is Prof. Dr. Rosemary Gillespie, University of California Berkeley.
For more information and registration, please check **here**

International Symposium on Dairy Cattle Nutrition 2017 – 26 October 2017
During the International Dairy Nutrition Symposium 2017, experts from the Netherlands and abroad will present their vision on different aspects of dairy cow nutrition in relation to the transition period, in Hotel Hof van Wageningen, The Netherlands on Thursday 26 October 2017.
For more information and registration, please check **here**

Other courses and activities supported by WIAS

WASS autumn school Food Value Chain research: Registration deadline: 16 October 2017
The WASS Autumn School "Food Value Chain research ; Understanding Inter Organizational Relationships" will take place from 30 October to 3 November 2017; credits: 1.5 ECTS
To understand inter-organizational relationships across the food chains, going beyond the dyad, is a new multi-disciplinary area of research encompassing organizational, sustainability and quality perspectives. This autumn school will give students insights in the different theories in this area and learn them how to apply these, in an integrated way, to their own research project.
For more information and registration, please check: **http://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Graduate-Schools/Wageningen-School-of-Social-Sciences/Courses/Show/Food-Value-Chain-Research-Understanding-Inter-Organizational-Relationships-1.5-ECTS.htm**

Farmhack – Fertility and "big"data – Registration deadline: 10 November 2017
PhD student / Postdoc / data wizard? Register yourself for a FarmHack on male fertility in livestock, at Dairy Campus on November 24-25, 2017. The winning team is awarded €2500. For more information and registration, please check: **http://www.farmhack.nl/activiteiten/fertility-and-bigdata/**

Upcoming WIAS courses (exact dates will follow later)

WIAS Course The Final Touch: Writing the General Introduction and Discussion: scheduled for March 2018

Wageningen Graduate Schools PhD/Postdoc courses

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

Highlights - register now for:
Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates (12 October)
Introduction to the tools and services of the Library relevant to the first steps of your research

Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings (17, 24, 31 October, 7 November)
Assisting you in building and empowering your attitude, behaviour and position in your professional surroundings
Mobilising Your – Scientific - Network (17 and 24 October)
Knowing what networking is can help you to make optimal use of it. Networks are essential for scientists
Scientific Publishing (19 October)
Providing insight and awareness in the process, rules, ethical aspects of scientific writing and publishing
Stress Identification & Management (24 October)
Giving insight and learns you how to deal with, avoid and tackle stress
Bridging across cultural differences (2 and 9 November)
Key tactics for a global career
Interpersonal Communication for PhD Candidates (20 – 21 November)
Designed to help you to improve your communication skills
Reviewing a Scientific Paper (23 November)
Obtaining insight in the aspects of reviewing scientific papers

Overview of all courses 2017
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** and **swimming lessons for international students/employees**.
Introduction to the Netherlands

WUR Library courses

WUR Library courses can be found **here**

Activities

1 November 2017
PhD Graduation Ioannis Sitaras

Title	On the Role of Vaccine Dose and Antigenic Distance in the Transmission Dynamics of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 Virus and its Selected Mutants in Vaccinated Animals
Chair group	Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology group (QVE)
Promotor	prof. dr ir MCM de Jong
Time and Place	11:00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

17 November 2017
PhD Graduation Mahmoud Haidar

Title	The evaluation of energy in fish feed
Chair group	Aquaculture and Fisheries group (AFI)
Promotor	prof. dr JAJ Verreth
Time and Place	13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

22 November 2017

PhD Graduation Wenjuan Mu

Title	Benchmarking environmental performance of dairy farming systems
Chair group	Animal Production Systems group (APS) and Operations Research and Logistics group
Promotor	prof. dr ir IJM de Boer , prof. dr JM Bloemhof-Ruwaard
Time and Place	13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

22 November 2017

PhD Graduation Hsuan Chen

Title	Protein digestion kinetics in pigs and poultry
Chair group	Animal Nutrition group (ANU)
Promotor	prof. dr ir WH Hendriks
Time and Place	16:00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

Other

PhD Day: 4 October 2017

On the 4th of October, the PhD Network of the University of Twente (P-NUT) organizes this PhD Day themed 'Professional Career Development – your PhD as a stepping stone in your career'. It will be the first PhD Day organized for all 4 technical universities in the Netherlands. Besides an inspiring keynote speech by Björn Harink (Stanford University, Silicon Valley), the PhD Day offers a variety of professional workshops and is an unique opportunity to strengthen your academic network.
For more information and registration, please see **https://www.utwente.nl/p-nut/Events/PhD_day/**

Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology: deadline for applications: 10 October 2017

The Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology supports research on behavioural biology, in particular animal behaviour studies. The Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation subsidises research in the fields of behavioural biology and comparative psychology, in so far as such research focuses on animal behaviour. The Foundation also awards grants to cover the cost of study trips, the organisation of symposiums, and publications.
For more information visit: **http://knaw.nl/en/awards/funding/dobberke-stichting-voor-vergelijkende-psychologie**

In Dutch: Masterclass - Working as a strategy consultant after your PhD: deadline for registration: 12 October 2017

The masterclass will take place on the 9th of November. PCDI organises a masterclass to learn the ins and outs of working at Gupta Strategists as a strategy consultant (in Dutch), for Postdocs and final stage PhD students with strong interest in consultancy and health. For more information and registration: **https://www.pcdi.nl/events/masterclass-strategy-consulting**

International Symposium 'Gene edited animals; applications and implications': 19-20 October 2017

The Netherlands Commission on Genetic Modification (COGEM) is organizing an international symposium on gene editing of animals, to be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
With this symposium COGEM aims to provide insight into current developments in the field, to draw up an inventory of the ethical and societal aspects linked to gene editing of animals, and to provide food for thought about the possible implications from a governance perspective. Participation is free of charge. For more information and registration, please check: **www.cogemsymposium.nl**

Course Employability outside Academia: first course date: 27 October 2017

Course days are 27 October, 24 November and 5 January (all Fridays).
Employability Outside Academia is a course that supports PhD students and postdocs in their preparation to make the transition to industry and/or non-profit organisations. It helps them finding out what position would suit them. For more information and registration, please check:
https://www.pcdi.nl/events/employability-outside-academia

Call: Visiting Professors Programme (VPP): deadline for submission: 1 November 2017
The Visiting Professors Programme enables outstanding foreign researchers to spend time working in the Netherlands. The programme acts as an incentive for Dutch science and scholarship. The Academy funds a research budget and covers the Visiting Professor's travel and accommodation expenses. The Dutch university acts as the host organisation.
For more information: **https://www.knaw.nl/en/awards/funding/visiting-professors-programme-vpp**

NWO Talent Scheme Information Meeting (Veni, Vidi, Vici) – 3 November 2017
On Friday 3 November 2017 NWO is organising an information meeting for researchers that want to apply for a Veni, Vidi or Vici grant. Practical information will be given and laureates, selection committee members and NWO coordinators will share their experiences. The morning programme and the afternoon programme are both for all disciplines. The meetings will be held in English.
In view of the considerable interest for the information meetings, registration is compulsory. There is no charge for participating. For more information and registration, please see:
https://www.nwo.nl/en/research-and-results/programmes/Talent+Scheme/talent+scheme+information+meeting
The information meeting will be held at the NWO Java building, Laan van Nieuw Oost-Indië 300, 2593 CE, The Hague.

Symposium Zoology 2017: 'Genotype-phenotype map: from model systems to ecosystems': 23-24 November 2017
Mapping the link between phenotype and genotype is at the heart of genetics, breeding and natural evolution. High throughput analyses of omic data provide the basis for understanding the complex genetic architecture underlying many different phenotypes, including disease, pathogen or parasite interactions, economic traits as well as well traits that are important for natural evolution or nature conservation. This exciting conference brings together the newest insights and developments and serves as a networking place for early career students up to group leaders!
During the Zoology Symposium 2017, experts from the Netherlands and abroad will present their vision on "Genotype-phenotype map: from model systems to ecosystems". It offers opportunities for best presentation and poster prize, and it will be held on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November 2017 in Wageningen, The Netherlands.
For more information, registration and abstract submission, please check here:
https://www.wur.nl/en/activity/Zoology-2017-Genotype-phenotype-map-from-model-systems-to-ecosystems-1.htm

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