Food or Fuel: Governing for sustainability

90th Dies Natalis Wageningen University
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90 years Impact on science, Society and Business

Prof. dr. Martin Kropff, rector magnificus
Meeting place
Mission

...To explore the potential of nature, to improve the quality of life...
The origin of the trade mark Wageningen
Rijkslandbouwschool

Duivendaal 1886
Three soil types

- Binnenveld
- Wageningse berg
- Uiterwaarden
Emerging Science in 19\textsuperscript{th} century

Justus von Liebig laid foundation for modern fertilizers

Mendel laid foundation for modern genetics
Number of theses per year

- 1920 - 1960: 20
- 1970: 30
- 1980: 70
- 1990: 110
- 2000: 220
- 2007: 240

Overall, the number of theses per year has increased.
Sicco Mansholt

1956 honorary doctorate

Sicco Mansholt
Modernizing our university in the seventies

The Dreijen chemistry 1950's

The Dreijen 2008
Broadening our domain
Our approach
Smart, fast and social
Co-innovatie
Modernizing education
Some examples

- Nano technology
- Energy
- Nutrigenomics
- Bio polymer
A next generation university
- Rondo 2nd serenade – Johannes Brahms
- Fortune Alors - Pierre Certon
- Hark, all ye lovely saints - Thomas Weelkes
- Laudate – Knutt Nystedt

Conductor orchestra - Fons Rats
Conductor choir – Loes Egbers