

DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2013

WASS

Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS) is one of the six graduate schools at Wageningen University. WASS brings together senior researchers, post-docs and PhD candidates in the social sciences and interdisciplinary fields of research. WASS hosts more than 430 PhD candidates and about 220 senior researchers, belonging to a variety of chair groups and research institutes.

The research programme of WASS addresses some of the major concerns of the globalized world we live in today, characterised by huge challenges, contrasts and inequalities. WASS' mission is to bring international, comparative, disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives and approaches to bear on core challenges and concerns related to food quality and food safety; to environmental protection and sustainable resource use; to healthy lifestyles and sustainable livelihoods; and to equal access to development opportunities. In 2010, the request for reaccreditation at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) was successful, which means that WASS functions as a KNAW accredited graduate school at least until 2017.

WASS Developments

For WASS, scientific integrity and data management were important topics in 2013. An ad-hoc WASS Committee organised discussions with fellows and PhD candidates on research integrity and supervision. The Committee developed a set of recommendations to the WASS Board. The Committee outlined a framework for a data management policy of social sciences chair groups, after several consultation rounds within the School.

On the basis of the work of the Committee, WASS Office published a guide for supervisors "Procedures, Principles and Good Practices for Supervising PhD Candidates". This guide outlines the principles for supervision and presents tips and tricks, based on the experiences of WASS supervisors.

Within Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS), WASS co-organised a competences and skills course programme for PhD candidates, a training programme for postdocs, and a support programme for personal grants applicants.

In November 2013, Eveline Vaane left WASS Office on the occasion of her retirement. Eveline has played a major role in the development of WASS as a school. Her commitment and ability to put things in perspective will be missed.

WASS Seminar on the San Francisco Declaration

In October 2013 a large group of WASS researchers joined a discussion organised by the WASS Publication Policy Committee on "The Implications of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment". This international Declaration, signed by many scientists and scientific organisations worldwide, recommends specific changes to the way scientific journal rankings are used in hiring scientists, funding research and publishing papers. The San Francisco Declaration challenges the strategic games played in the world of academia to increase productivity, get tenure and climb the rankings, which could easily lead to both a decline of scientific quality and an erosion of trust in science all together. The seminar participants discussed alternatives for the current assessment procedures in WASS and at Wageningen University.

WASS Visiting Research Grants

WASS offered 18 visiting grants to foreign senior researchers visiting WASS chair groups. Together with the chair groups, WASS regularly organises seminars, lectures and master classes with esteemed visiting scholars from all over the world. Some examples:

- Professor Michael Woods (Aberystwyth University, UK) and Professor Sally Shortall (Queen's University Belfast) on "(Re-)Assembling Rural Places?"
- Professor Theodore Schatzki (University of Kentucky) and Professor Elizabeth Shove (Lancaster University) on "Practicing Practice Theory: Exploring the Relevance for Social Change"
- Professor Rodrigo Lozano (Utrecht University) on "Exploring the Interrelations between Individual CSR Competencies and Sustainable Business Practices"
- Professor James Robinson (Harvard University) on "State and Development in Colombia"



R. (Rixt) H. Komdeur
Considering the path of nutrigenomics: a pragmatic ethical approach
17 May 2013



L. (Lilian) A. Ayete-Nyampong
Entangled realities and the underlife of a total institution: an ethnography of correctional centres for juvenile and young offenders in Accra, Ghana
23 May 2013



W. (Wenling) Liu
Exploring a low carbon development in rural China: the role of households
27 May 2013



A. (Adana) H. Tufa
Economic and agronomic analysis of the seed potato supply chain in Ethiopia
12 June 2013



F. (Fábio) Homero Diniz
From landless to forestless?: settlers, livelihoods and forest dynamics in the Brazilian Amazon
28 June 2013



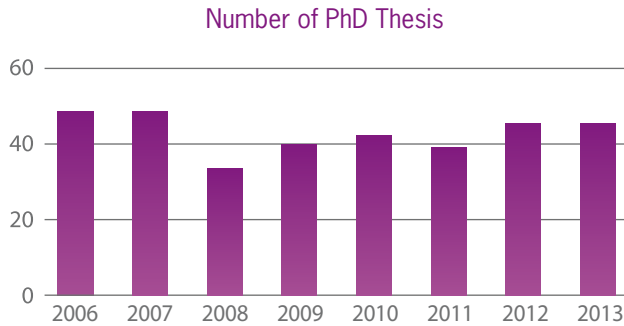
G. (Gumataw) K. Abebe
Coordination mechanisms for quality improvement and market access in Ethiopian potato value chains
2 July 2013



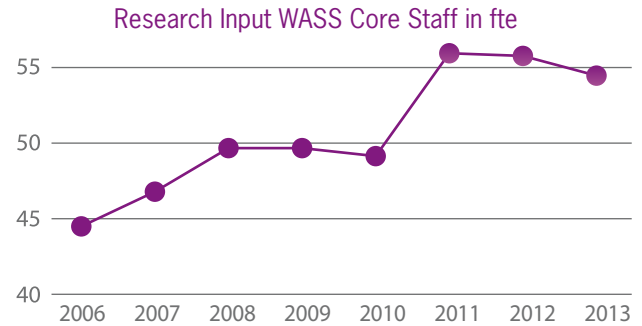
Z. (Zhen) Liu
Vegetable breeding innovation in China and the Netherlands: a study at sectoral, company and project level
26 August 2013

DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH INPUT AND OUTPUT

Developments in Research Input



The number of WASS PhD candidates increased from 301 in 2006 to 439 in 2013. In 2013, the number of completed PhD theses was 45. This fits the steady trend of around 43 theses per year.



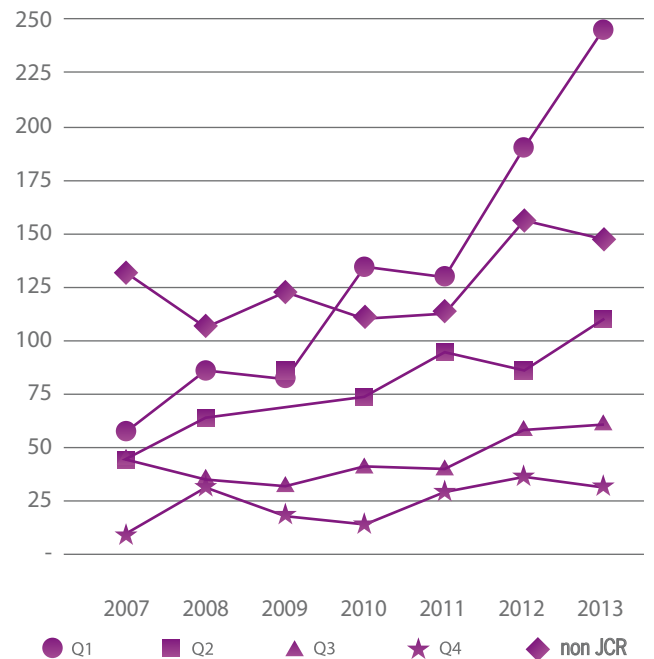
The research input from core staff members (fellows) increased as well, from 44.3 full time research years (fte) in 2006 to 54.5 in 2013. A slight decline is shown in the research input as from 2012 due to a changed system of administration of the input data.

Developments in Research Output



The number of refereed articles still shows a steady increase. The number of refereed book chapters grew to 175. The increasing number of Q1 articles reflects WASS' policy to stimulate quality and international visibility of the research output.

Number of Refereed Journal Articles



Full publication lists can be found on the WASS website: www.wageningenur.nl/wass



J. (Jaime) D. Hoogesteger van Dijk
Movements against the current: scale and social capital in peasants' struggles for water in the Ecuadorian Highlands
27 August 2013



A. (Andrei) D. Cechin
Governance of the member-cooperative relationship: a case from Brazil
29 August 2013



D. (Daphne) M.I. Verreth
Economic analyses of the Dutch greenhouse chain in a changing environment
30 August 2013



H. (Huan) Yang
Farmer cooperatives as intermediaries for agricultural and rural development in China
3 September 2013



L. (Lei) Zhang
Water, food and markets: household-level impact of irrigation water policies and institutions in northern China
3 September 2013



E. (Evelien) van de Veer
Relying on satiety cues in food consumption: studies on the role of social context, appearance focus, and mindfulness
1 October 2013

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Research funding

WASS researchers successfully obtained a variety of external research grants in 2013. Some examples:

- Several NWO programme funding for WASS fellows:
 - Deepa Joshi and Margreet Zwartveen (Water Resources Management),
 - Dik Roth (Sociology of Development and Change),
 - Piety Runhaar and Renate Wesselink (Education and Competence Studies),
 - Annemarie Wagemakers and Kirsten Verkooijen (Health and Society).
- UK Research Council funding for Art Dewulf (Public Administration and Policy)

Newly appointed WASS Professors

- Marcel Verweij, Full Professor Philosophy
- Ruud Huirne, Special Chair Cooperative Entrepreneurship
- Peter Feindt, Full Professor Strategic Communication
- Hedwig te Molder, Personal Professor on Science and Technology
- Petra Hellegers, Professor Water Resources Management

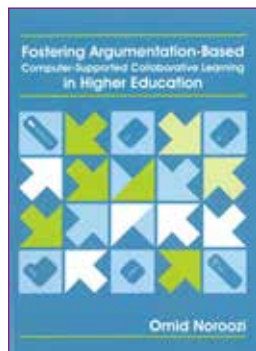
Wageningen Young Academy

Wageningen Young Academy is an independent platform that brings together enthusiastic, ambitious and outstanding young scientists of Wageningen University across all its scientific disciplines. 4 WASS fellows are member of the Wageningen Young Academy: Ewout Frankema (RHI), Michel Handgraaf (ECH), Silvia Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen (PAP) and Esther Turnhout (FNP).

Cum laude PhD

On 11 January, WASS PhD student Omid Noroozi (ECS) received a cum laude degree for his dissertation “Fostering Argumentation-Based Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning in Higher Education”.

This thesis explores Argumentation-Based Computer-Supported Collaborative



Learning (ABCSCCL) as a promising environment in which to facilitate collaborative argumentation and learning. Using a multi-method approach, the thesis assesses what factors influence and constitute the results of ABCSCCL. Special attention is paid to the role of ABCSCCL in collaborative discussion and argumentation in a multidisciplinary group of learners, with divergent domains of expertise. The thesis also investigates how computer-supported collaboration scripts can be designed to facilitate knowledge sharing and transfer, argumentative knowledge construction, and domain-specific learning in a multidisciplinary setting. The results show that ABCSCCL is an interactive process, whereby the components student, learning environment and learning process determine the component learning outcomes.

Wageningen Social Sciences Publication Award

The jury of the Wageningen Social Sciences Publication Award 2013 consisted of Rob King, professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota and member of the WASS International Advisory Board, Laan van Staaldunin, Director of the Social Sciences Group, and Arthur Mol, Director of WASS.



The Best Wageningen Social Sciences Publication Award 2013 went to **Ewout Frankema**, for the paper “Structural Impediments to African Growth? New Evidence from Real Wages in British Africa, 1880-1965”, written together with Marlous van Waijenburg and published in *The Journal of Economic History*.

The Most Promising WASS Publication Award went ex aequo to two junior scientists:

Omid Noroozi for the co-written publication “Argumentation-based computer supported collaborative learning (ABCSCCL). A systematic review and synthesis of fifteen years of research”, published in *Educational Research Review*; and **Maarten Voors** for the co-written publication “Violent Conflict and Behavior: A Field Experiment in Burundi”, published in *American Economic Review*.

WASS main publications per theme

In 2013, WASS fellows, postdocs and PhD candidates published more than 100 papers in journals ranked in the top 10% of their domain in Web of Science. Some examples from the four WASS research themes:



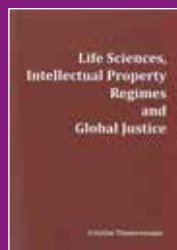
V. (Vitaly) Popov
Scripting intercultural computer-supported collaborative learning in higher education
8 October 2013



F.V. (Vladimir) Diaz Copado
Shaping multiple Aijjics and development: a Mexican town in the context of the international retirement migration
17 October 2013



E. (Edson) Gandiwa
The numbers game in wildlife conservation: changeability and framing of large mammal numbers in Zimbabwe
29 October 2013



C. (Cristian) A. Timmermann
Life sciences, intellectual property regimes and global justice
1 November 2013



Y. (Yves) P.B. van Leynseele
Landscapes of deracialization: power, brokerage and place-making on a South African frontier
5 November 2013



L. (Lise) A. van Oortmerssen
Working both ways: the interplay of trust and interaction in collaborations
8 November 2013

Theme 1: Disparities

Anyango, M.N., Duim, V.R. van der, Peters, K.B.M. (2013). Spending of Dutch Tourists: The Locality of Money: Research Note. *Annals of Tourism Research* 43, 639-642.

Warner, J.F. (2013). The Toshka Mirage in the Egyptian Desert - River Diversion as Political Diversion. *Environmental Science & Policy* 30 (6), 102 - 112.

Liu Wenling, Spaargaren, G., Heerink, N., Mol, A.P.J., Wang, C. (2013). Energy Consumption Practices of Rural Households in North China: Basic Characteristics and Potential for Low Carbon Development. *Energy Policy* 55, 128-138.

Gardebroek, C., Hernandez, M.A. (2013). Do Energy Prices Stimulate Food Price Volatility? Examining Volatility Transmission between US Oil, Ethanol and Corn Markets. *Energy Economics* 40, 119-129.

Theme 2: Responsible Production and Consumption

Bush, S.R., Belton, B., Hall, D., Vandergeest, P, Murray F.J., Ponte S., Oosterveer P., Islam, M. S., Mol, A.P.J., Hatanaka, M., Kruijssen, F., Ha T.T.T., Little, D.C., Kusumawati, R. (2013). Certify Sustainable Aquaculture? *Science* 341(6150), 1067-1068.

Michalopoulos, A., Hogeveen, H., Heuvelink, E., Oude Lansink, A.G.J.M. (2013). Public Multi-Criteria Assessment for Societal Concerns and Gradual Labelling. *Food Policy* 40, 97-108.

Handgraaf, M.J.J., Lidth de Jeude, M. van, Appelt, K.C. (2013). Public Praise vs. Private Pay: Effects of Rewards on Energy Conservation in the Workplace. *Ecological Economics* 86, 86-92.

Fischer, A.R.H., Dijk, H. van, Jonge, J. de, Rowe, G., & Frewer, L.J. (2013). Attitudes and Attitudinal Ambivalence Change towards Nanotechnology Applied to Food Production. *Public Understanding of Science*, 22(7/8), 817-831.

Theme 3: Natural Resources and the Environment

Pascucci, S., Magistris, T. de, Dries, L.K.E. (2013). Participation of Italian Farmers in Rural Development Policy. *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 40 (4), 605-631.

Bitzer, V.C., Glasbergen, P., Arts, B.J.M. (2013). Exploring the Potential of Intersectoral Partnerships to Improve the Position of Farmers in Global Agrifood Chains: Findings from the Coffee Sector in Peru. *Agriculture and Human Values* 30 (1), 5-20.

Richter, A.P., Soest, D. van, Grasman, J. (2013). Contagious Cooperation, Temptation and Ecosystem Collapse. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 66 (1), 141-158.

Monteiro Novo, A.L., Slingerland, M.A., Jansen, K., Kanellopoulos, A., & Giller, K.E. (2013). Feasibility and Competitiveness of Intensive Smallholder Dairy Farming in Brazil in Comparison with Soya and Sugarcane: Case Study of the Balde Cheio Programme. *Agricultural Systems* 121, 63-72.

Theme 4: Knowledge and Society

Klerkx, L., Aarts, N. (2013). The Interaction of Multiple Champions in Orchestrating Innovation Networks: Conflicts and Complementarities. *Technovation* 33 (6-7), 193-210.

Seuneke, P.L.M., Lans, T., Wiskerke, J.S.C. (2013). Moving beyond Entrepreneurial Skills: Key Factors Driving Entrepreneurial Learning in Multifunctional Agriculture. *Journal of Rural Studies* 32, 208-219.

Dewulf, A.R.P.J. (2013) Contrasting Frames in Policy Debates on Climate Change Adaptation. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Climate Change* 4 (4), 321-330.

Volpato, G. (2013). Eghindi among Sahrawi Refugees of Western Sahara. *Medical Anthropology* 33 (2), 160-177.

WASS Thematic activities

PhD candidates from different chair groups organised two large thematic activities in 2013:

“Voluntary Simplicity in Food Choices – A Seminar to Navigate through Theory and Practices of Responsible Food Consumption” organised by Simona D’Amico, Robert-Jan Geerts and Esther Veen, with key note speaker Professor Philip Cafaro (Colorado State University) and local practitioners.

PhD workshop “Transnational Feminist Research: Global Connections and Rural Realities from a Critical Perspective”, organised by Lisa Bossenbroek, Carolina Dominguez and Xiangdan Meng, with key note speakers Dr Wendy Harcourt (ISS), Professor Priti Ramamurthy (University of Washington) and Seema Kulkarni.

This workshop was followed by a seminar “(Re)Engaging with Agrarian Transformation: the Rural, a Battlefield of New Social Hierarchies”, with Mostafa Errahj (Ecole Nationale d’Agriculture de Meknès) and Andrea Nightingale (Gothenburg), Ben White (ISS), Jan Douwe van der Ploeg (WU).



C.W. (Catherine) Wakesho Kilelu
Unravelling the role of innovation intermediaries in smallholder agricultural development: case studies from Kenya
19 November 2013



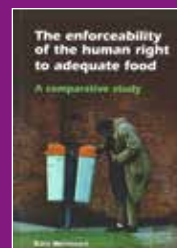
D. (Diana) van Dijk
Decision making under uncertainty in fisheries management: capital adjustment, fishermen behavior and stochasticity in fish stocks
25 November 2013



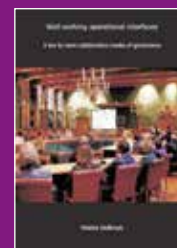
K. (Karin) Nijenhuis
Farmers on the move: mobility, access to land and conflict in Central and South Mali
25 November 2013



X. (Xavier) Poshiwa
African wildlife and people: finding solutions where equilibrium models fail
2 December 2013



B. (Bart) F.W. Wernaart
The enforceability of the human right to adequate food: a comparative study
3 December 2013



W. (Wiebke) Wellbrock
Well-working operational interfaces: a key to more collaborative modes of governance
4 December 2013

PhD EDUCATION

WASS PhD Education 2013

During 2013 WASS was able to introduce 83 new PhD candidates during three editions of the regularly occurring WASS introduction course for new PhD candidates. Further, WASS offered regular courses such as “Research Methodology: From topic to proposal”, “Interpretive analysis” as well as a summer school on “Efficiency and productivity analysis”. The graduate schools was also involved in co-organising courses with other Wageningen Graduate Schools, such as the 28 regular reoccurring skills courses. The PhD course entitled “Hunger defeated? Long-term dynamics of global food security” attracted PhD candidates and junior scholars from around the globe. It tackled societal challenges around resource depletion and hunger induced by poverty. Another joint course was organised in Ethiopia: “Farming Systems and Rural Livelihoods: Vulnerability and Adaptation”. Here, PhD candidates learned how to analyse farming systems as embedded in the complex livelihoods of rural people in Africa. The course took place in Wondo Genet, Ethiopia.

New WASS PhD courses in 2013

Critical perspectives on social theory

The chair group Cultural Geography (GEO) has organised, in collaboration with other WASS chair groups, a new course on critical perspectives on social theory. Critical social theoretical perspectives are a well-established and essential part of academic debate. For researchers entering their voices into these debates, it is necessary to have a working knowledge of many branches of such theories, both to effectively carry out new research and to engage in dialogue with an international audience about this research. Moreover, theoretical development is a cumulative process: as new theories come to the fore, they are built on foundations from historical waves of theoretical development. To engage with new developments, it is often vitally important to have a working knowledge of what preceded them, and the different interpretations and influences that situate the historical progression of theoretical perspectives. The objective of this course was to give participants the opportunity to engage with some of the major foundational movements in critical social theory: Marx, Marxisms, Feminisms, Colonialisms and Decolonisation as well as Governmentality and power. The second part explored different expansions of those movements in three individual seminars on important contemporary branches of theory.

Doing systematic literature reviews

As a joint initiative of the graduate school, the research methodology group and the library, a course on doing systematic literature review was set up. The seminar style course leads PhD candidates through a pilot systematic literature review that is relevant to their own PhD project. Systematic reviews have long been used in medical disciplines to aggregate findings across multiple empirical studies. As their importance in the social sciences is rapidly growing the course aims at strengthening the quality of the literature reviews conducted by PhD candidates. The collaboration with the library guarantees the acquisition of necessary competencies relating to bibliographic databases, their analysis and the synthesis of the results. At the end of the course participants should have a draft literature review on which they can do further research.

WASS PhD grants and scholarships

In 2013 WASS conducted an open round to recruit new PhD researchers. A selection committee consisting of seven WASS senior scholars had the task to select four PhD candidates out of the 56 applications that WASS received. Finally the committee selected the following PhD candidates:

- Nowella Ayango (GEO, ENP): **Tracing Conservation Finances as Global Flows**
- Rosa de Vos (SDC): **The Politics of Scale in Palm Oil Land Disputes in West-Kalimantan, Indonesia**
- Tjidde Tempels (PHI): **Food and Virtues: Corporate Social Responsibility in the Food Industry**
- Sebastian Hoenen (MST): **Factors Affecting the Time Lag before Academic Knowledge is Used by Industry**

WASS Junior Grant

In 2013, 11 proposals in the annual competitive call for proposals for junior travel and visiting funds have been granted. WASS PhDs visited amongst other locations, CIFOR Indonesia, Michigan State University and University of Queensland in Australia.

“The WASS grant made it possible for me to work with Chris O’Donnel on the model in which measures to improve pig husbandry could be compared with Societal concerns, costs for the pig farmers and animal welfare. It was good to experience the working conditions in another country.” (Tamara Bergstra)



E. (Essegbemon) Akpo
Analysing seed systems performance: the case of oil palm in Bénin
9 December 2013



N. (Nidhi) Gupta
The views of experts and the public regarding societal preferences for innovation in nanotechnology
9 December 2013



X. (Xian Lei) Ma
Does tenure security matter?: rural household responses to land tenure reforms in northwest China
9 December 2013



A. (Amadou) Sidibe
Analysis of collective performance in the Malian shea sector: from fields to markets
10 December 2013



C.E. (Codjo Euloge) Togbe
Cotton in Benin: governance and pest management
10 December 2013



G.G.E. (Gnangnimon Gbènakpon Edmond) Totin
An institutional perspective on farmers' water management and rice production practices in Benin
10 December 2013

ACTIVITIES BY THE PhD COUNCIL

The PhD Council of **WASS** represents the interests of the **WASS** PhD candidates in the **WASS** Board (graduate school level), the Education and Research Committees of the **WASS** (department level), as well as in the plenary PhD-councils meetings of all Wageningen Graduate Schools (university level), informs PhD candidates on urgent matters via newsletters, e-mail and website, and organises formal and informal activities for PhD candidates.

In March, the PhD Council organised the annual **Career Event**, titled: '**WASS** Next?'. Two former **WASS** graduates shared their experiences of life after graduation with current PhD candidates.

These graduates represented the areas of academia and consultancy (business). Furthermore, an interactive workshop was organised by a career coach on the self-assessment of competencies and transferable skills. Many PhD candidates enjoyed the afternoon and used the opportunity to broaden their network and rethink their career strategy. In May, the **WASS** PhD Council organised the annual **WASS PhD Day**. With up to 120 attendants, this day was a great success. Twenty-three papers were presented by PhD candidates in three parallel sessions. The reviewers commented on their work, offering them new and insightful ideas for their PhD research.

WASS Scientific Director Prof. dr. ir. Arthur Mol opened the PhD Day.



The keynote speech was delivered by Marlies Honingh and Marieke van Genugten from the Radboud University of Nijmegen. They gave an interesting speech, titled: 'The public sector: In pursuit of passion'. Based on the edited book 'Passie voor de publieke zaak', the speakers provided the audience with an interesting insight on the extent to which young social scientists still show passion for the public good and how they can put this into practice. The day ended with drinks, providing the PhD candidates the opportunity to get in touch with the reviewers of their papers in an informal setting and share experiences with fellow PhD candidates.

Throughout the year, **informal lunch meetings** were organised to provide PhD candidates the opportunity to discuss suggestions, ideas, or problems they encounter during their PhD. These meetings were quite successful as PhD candidates can easily walk in and give their feedback or suggest new ideas for the **WASS** PhD Council.

The **WASS** PhD Council has created an **information package** for new PhD candidates, enabling them to start their research well prepared and informed. The latest version of this package, as well as news on upcoming activities, can be found on the **WASS** PhD Council website. For questions and suggestions, please contact the **WASS** PhD Council by e-mail: (phdcouncil.wass@wur.nl).

INAUGURAL AND FAREWELL ADDRESSES



Cor N. van der Weele

"Want to Know: Yes / No, Meat / Meat Cultivation"
Inaugural lecture upon taking up the post of Special Professor at Wageningen University on 17 January 2013.



Adrie J.M. Beulens

"Innovation and Future Internet: Virtualisation and Internet of Things are More than Vogue Words"
Farewell address as Professor of Applied Information Science at Wageningen University on 28 February 2013.



Anke Niehof

"The 'Facticity' of Households and its Significance"
Farewell address as Professor of Sociology of Consumption and Households at Wageningen University on 18 April 2013.



Ewout Frankema

"Africa and the Green Revolution"
Inaugural lecture upon taking up the post of Professor of Rural and Environmental History at Wageningen University on 23 May 2013.



Cees Leeuwis

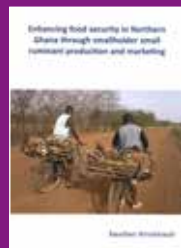
"Coupled Performance and Change in the Making"
Inaugural lecture upon taking up the post of Professor of Knowledge, Technology and Innovation at Wageningen University on 6 June 2013.



Linden Vincent

"Making Irrigation and Water Systems Work"
Farewell address as Professor of Irrigation and Water Management at Wageningen University on 19 December 2013.

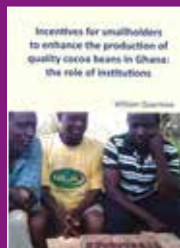
The full texts of inaugural and farewell addresses are available on the **WASS** website.



K. (Kwadwo) Amankwah
Enhancing food security in Lawra and Nadawli districts in northern Ghana through smallholder small ruminant production
12 December 2013



C. (Charity) Osei-Amponsah
Improving the quality of crude palm oil: transdisciplinary research on artisanal processing in Kwabibirem District, Ghana
16 December 2013



W. (William) Quarmin
Incentives for smallholders to enhance the production of quality cocoa beans in Ghana: the role of institutions
12 December 2013



J.C. (Jean Carlo) Rodriguez de Francisco
PES, peasants and power in Andean watersheds: power relations and payment for environmental services in Colombia and Ecuador
16 December 2013



J. (Jia) Li
Large-scale bioenergy and oil forestry programs in rural China: an institutional analysis
17 December 2013



C. (Chaohui) Zheng
Assessing environmental impacts of Chinese livestock policies: an agent-based approach
17 December 2013

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Member



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Environmental Economics and Natural Resources (ENR)

Environmental Policy (ENP)

Forest and Nature Conservation Policy (FNP)

Health and Society (HSO)

Information Technology (INF)

Knowledge Technology and Innovation (KTI)

Land Use Planning (LUP)

Law and Governance (LAW)

Management Studies (MST)

Marketing and Consumer Behaviour (MCB)

Operations Research and Logistics (ORL)

Philosophy (PHI)

Public Administration and Policy (PAP)

Rural and Environmental History (RHI)

Rural Sociology (RSO)

Sociology of Consumption and Households (SCH)

Sociology of Development and Change (SDC)

Strategic Communication (COM)

Water Resources Management (WRM)

Research Institutes

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Alterra, Research Institute for the Green World