News from the WIAS office

WIAS receives NWO Graduate Programme grant!
We are very pleased to announce that WIAS has been selected for the NWO Graduate Programme Grant of €800,000. The selection committee of NWO stated that based on the applications, opinions of the referees, the rebuttal and the interview, our application has been awarded the qualification very good. With this grant we can give the 4 most excellent Research Master students, that followed the programme as described in the application, the opportunity to do a PhD in the research area of their interest. This will be the start of the WIAS Graduate Programme where we are able to support excellent students with the start of their academic career.
To celebrate this wonderful news you are invited on Monday 10 September at 10.00 a.m. at the main hall in Zodiac for cake.

New employee
Since August WIAS has secretarial support from Lisette Bourquin. Lisette also works at the secretariat of Animal Breeding and Genetics and is in the WIAS office on Thursday. Welcome to WIAS Lisette!

Midterm Peer Review 2012
The Midterm will take place Monday 22 October – Wednesday 24 October and preparations are progressing well. The members of the Midterm Committee are:
- Prof. dr. ir. Sjoerd Wendelaar Bonga (Professor in Zoology)
  Department of Animal Ecology and Ecophysiology, Radboud University of Nijmegen
- Dr. Shirley Tarawali (Director of Institutional Planning (former director ILRI’s People, Livestock and Environment Theme)
  International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kenya
- Dr.Karen Plaut (Director of Ag Research Programs/Assoc. Dean of Agriculture/ Prof. in Animal Science (former Chair of the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University 2005-2010))
  Purdue University, USA
- Prof. dr. Jos van Putten (Director Institute of Veterinary Research)
  Universiteit Utrecht
- Prof. Paul Moughan (Co-director Riddet Institute)
  Massey University, Nieuw-Zeeland
- Dr. Fritz Köster (Director general)
  DTU Aqua National Institute of Aquatic Resources
- Prof. dr. Nico M. van Straalen (Professor of Animal Ecology)
  Vrije Universiteit
- Prof. Marten Hofker (Professor of Molecular Genetics)
  University Medical Center Groningen

Talents & Topics
In February the 6th round of Talents & Topics will start if there are enough participants. At this moment Kor Oldenbroek is recruiting candidates. For more information send an email to kor.oldenbroek@wur.nl.
The Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) have organised a VENI Talents & Topics programme that starts September/October for promising excellent young researchers and postdocs who want to apply for a personal VENI grant in January 2013.

New WIAS Members
In July, August and September we have welcomed to following PhD candidates: Yvonne van der Meer (ANU), Geronda Klop (ANU), Rianne van Binsbergen (ABG) and Sanne van Gastelen (ANU), Juncai Chen (ADP), Simion Omasaki (ABG), Charles Kariuki (ABG), Farhad Ghafour-Kesbi (ABG-EGS), Merina Shrestha (ABG-EGS), Matthieu Besson (ABG-EGS).

Recent PhD graduations
In July and August there were no PhD defences.

2nd IMARES Science Day
Friday 30 November there will be a second edition of the IMARES Science Day. The aim of this day is for IMARES PhDs and Postdocs to come together and share their experiences and advancements.

For more information check this website.

Project “Meer Academici voor de Klas” (More Academics in the Classroom)
The goal of this project is to give PhD students, Postdoc’s or Master students the opportunity to learn about teaching in secondary schools from the perspective of scientific research.

Your employment as PhD student can be extended with 180 hours if the promotor and supervisor approve.

Because it concerns teaching on Dutch school you must be fluent in Dutch. For more information click here or e-mail marieke.mantje@wur.nl.

News from the WAPS council

General Members Meeting WAPS
The minutes of the last General Members Meeting (GMM) of the WAPS can be found on the WIAS board in the hall of Zodiac. The next GMM will take place at Thursday November 29th 2012 at 15.30h. The exact location will be announced beforehand. So, please put this date already in your agenda, because your input is appreciated!

In-depth courses
As you might know, WIAS and WAPS want to increase the number of in-depth courses for the PhD students. Therefore, WAPS is making an inventory of possible subjects for in-depth courses according to PhD students. In case you know a subject for an in-depth course, contact us via waps.wias@wur.nl.

Social activities
The next WAPS dinner will take place at Thursday October 25th 2012, which is during the Introduction Course. All PhD students are welcome during this dinner, especially the students following the introduction course! (Note: dinner is at your own expense.)

In the beginning of 2013, an excursion is planned to CARUS, the experimental facilities of Zodiac. As soon as more information is available about this excursion, we will let you know!

Social Media
WAPS is active on LinkedIn and Facebook, so please join! You can use these links (login first):
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/79412465586/
LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?id=3903895&trk=hb_side_g

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses
WIAS Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences
When: 12-14 September
Teachers: Prof. Tjard de Cock Buning, Prof. Elsbeth Stassen, Dr. Simon Oosting
Location: Polysport, Admiraal Helfrichlaan 89, 6952 GD Dieren
Register before: registration closed

**WIAS and Ghent University Fatty acids in dairy cattle in relation to product quality and health**  
When: 17-21 September  
Teachers: Dr. A. van Knegsel (WIAS), Prof. V. Fievez and dr. B. Vlaeminck (Ghent University, Belgium)  
Location: Ghent University, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering  
Register before: registration closed

**WIAS Advanced Statistics Course: Design of Experiments**  
When: 10-12 October  
Teachers: Prof. Michael Grossman and Dr. Wiebe J. Koops  
Location: Wageningen  
Register before: 12 September

**WIAS and VLAG Workshop on Techniques for Measuring Milk Phenotypes**  
When: 10-12 October  
Teachers: Kees Olieman (NIZO food research, the Netherlands), Lotte Bach Larsen (Aarhus University, Denmark), Patrice Martin (INRA, France), Henk Bovenhuis (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)  
Location: Wageningen Campus  
Register before: 1 August

**WIAS and CAN International Symposium on Dairy Cattle 2012, Nutritional management in early lactation**  
When: 25 October  
Teacher: Wouter Hendriks (Wageningen University, the Netherlands), Björn Kuhla (Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology, Germany), Roselinde Goselink (Wageningen University, the Netherlands), José E. Santos (University of Florida, USA), Kees de Koning (Wageningen University, the Netherlands), Saskia van der Drift (Utrecht University, the Netherlands), Stephen Whelan (University College, Ireland), Ric Grummer (Balchem Corporation, USA), Gert van Duinkerken (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)  
Location: Wageningen  
Register before: 21 October

**WIAS Introduction Course**  
When: 23-26 October  
Teacher: Frank Little  
Location: Hof van Wageningen  
Register before: fully booked: registration from 12-07-2012 will be on the waiting list

**WIAS Advanced methods and algorithms in animal breeding with focus on genomic selection**  
When: 12-16 November  
Teacher: Prof. Ignazy Misztal (University of Georgia, USA)  
Location: Wageningen  
Register before: 1 November

**Wageningen Graduate Schools Courses**  
Open for registration

- **Scientific Writing** (next course: September till November waiting lists and 6 December)  
- **Presentation Skills** (next course: 12 and 26 September)  
- **Information Literacy** (next course: 30 and 31 October)  
- **Career Assessment** (next course: each month, schedule available for registration)  
- **Competence Assessment** (next course: 23 October, 20-22 November)  
- **Communication in Interdisciplinary Research** (next course: 5, 19 and 26 September)  
- **Interpersonal Communication for PhD Students** (next course: September fully booked. Next course December)  
- **The Last Stretch of the PhD Programme** (next course: 14 September)  
- **Mobilising your – scientific- network** (next course:18 and 25 September)  
- **Scientific Publishing** (next course: 2 October)  
- **Stress Identification & Management** (next course: 11 October)  
- **Writing Grant Proposals** (next course: 6 sessions in October/November)  
- **Communication with the Media and the General Public** (next course: 13, 14 November and 4 December)
Information Literacy including EndNote Introduction  (next course: 30 and 31 October 2012)

Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings (next course: 8 and 29 November 2012)

Data Management  (next course: 13 November 2012)

Fully booked

• Techniques for Writing and Presenting a Scientific Paper  (fully booked until December. Next course spring 2013)

• Project and Time Management  (September till November fully booked. Next course 18 December)

• Career Perspectives  (September/October waiting list. Next course: Available schedule Spring 2013)

• Career Orientation  (next course: September waiting list)

• Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences  (September waiting list. Next course: not determined yet)

For other courses of the Wageningen Graduate School look at the website.

Other courses

PhD course ‘Organization and Leadership for PhD students’

PhD students are increasingly expected to take on a leadership role in the organization such as being a coordinator of a project. The course ‘Organization and Leadership’ is meant for PhD students who are interested in taking up this role in their present and future work.

The course last nine days and give participants the opportunity to learn about organization processes (why are things organized, or not organized, as they are?) and leadership (how can I influence these processes?). In addition, course participants are given the opportunity to learn practical skills that can help them to function better in a leading role.

Activities

September 11th
PhD Graduation Macha Sappok MSc
Title: ‘In vitro fermentation capacity of hindgut microbiota in pigs in relation to dietary fibre’
Chair group: Animal Nutrition
Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. M.W.A. Verstegen & Prof.dr.ir. W.H. Hendriks
Time and Place: 11.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

September 11th
PhD Graduation Willem Smink MSc
Title: ‘Fatty acid digestion, synthesis and metabolism in broiler chickens and pigs’
Chair group: Animal Nutrition
Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. M.W.A. Verstegen & Prof.dr.ir. W.H. Hendriks
Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

September 17th
PhD Graduation Luqman Aslam MSc
Title: ‘Genetic control and variation in turkey: molecular insights in selection’
Chair group: Animal Breeding and Genetics
Promotor: Prof.dr. M.A.M. Groenen
Time and Place: 16.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 2nd
PhD Graduation Eleonor Tendencia MSc
Title: ‘The relation between farming practices, ecosystem, and White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV) disease outbreaks in Penaeus monodon farms in the Philippines’
Chair group: Aquaculture and Fisheries
Promotor: Prof.dr. J.A.J. Verreth
Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen
October 10th

PhD Graduation Marike Boer MSc
Title: ‘All in good time. Dynamics of the bovine estrous cycle investigated with a mathematical model’
Chiar group: Adaptation Physiology
Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. B. Kemp, Prof. dr. ir. R.F. Veerkamp
Time and Place: 16.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 26th

PhD Graduation Lotte van de Ven MSc
Title: ‘Hatching Time and Hatching System effects on Broiler Chick Development’
Chiar group: Adaptation Physiology and Farm Technology
Promotor: Prof.dr.ir. B. Kemp, Prof. dr. ir. P.W.G. Groot Koerkamp
Time and Place: 13.30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

October 26th

PhD Graduation Apostolos Stathopoulos MSc
Title: ‘Therapeutic brain cancer targeting by gene therapy and immunomodulation’
Chiar group: Cell Biology and Immunology
Promotor: Prof.dr. V.E.J.C. Schijns, Prof. dr. ir. H.F.J. Savelkoul
Time and Place: 16.00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen

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