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To all involved in PhD supervision

Dear madam, sir,

In a statutory amendment of the Higher Education and Research Act, effective as of June 2017, the *ius promovendi* (right to supervise PhD candidates as a promotor) has been extended from full professors to include also other employees of the university. These employees must have been granted a doctoral degree and should, according to the Academic Board, be adequately qualified to fulfil the task of promotor. For Wageningen University, the Academic Board, with approval of the Executive Board, has decided to make use of this statutory extension of the *ius promovendi* and to grant the *ius promovendi*, next to the full professors (who have the *ius promovendi* based on the law), to associate professors 1 in Tenure Track and to others fulfilling the relevant criteria of Tenure Track for associate professor 1.

This decision will take effect on 1 March 2018 and is subject to the following:

- The Academic Board confers the *ius promovendi*.
- Associate professors 1 in Tenure Track will be conditionally appointed as promotor. These conditions are: 1) the individual is an associate professor 1; 2) the individual is in the Tenure Track system; and 3) the individual is employed by Wageningen University.  
If the individual is no longer employed by Wageningen University or is no longer an associate professor, the *ius promovendi* for this individual and thus the individual's right to be a promotor will be discontinued automatically, without any formal notification of this discontinuation being necessary.
- The Academic Board confers an associate professor 1 in Tenure Track the *ius promovendi* for a five-year period. If promoted to full professor at Wageningen University, the person involved will have the *ius promovendi* on the basis of the law. If an associate professor 1 in Tenure Track is not promoted to a full professorship, his / her right to exercise the *ius promovendi* will be evaluated by the Academic Board every five years following the relevant criteria of Tenure Track.
- An honourably discharged professor retains the right to act as a promotor for five years after discharge. This is statutory prohibited for an associate professor 1. When leaving Wageningen University or by discontinuation of the *ius promovendi*, in consultation with each PhD candidate, the discharged associate professor (former promotor) or the relevant chair holder must give a shortlist of potential replacement promotors to the Dean of Research. The Dean of Research will, on behalf of the Academic Board, appoint a new promotor to the involved PhD candidate.

The honourably discharged associate professor can still be a co-promotor.

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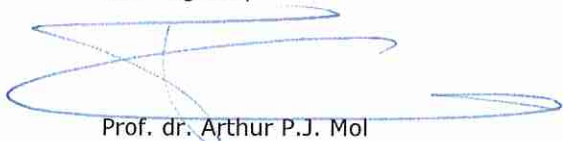
- The Academic Board decision is that the *ius promovendi* will automatically be granted to associate professors 1 in Tenure Track. Others, fulfilling the relevant criteria of Tenure Track, can lodge a formal request to the Academic Board to be granted the *ius promovendi*. Information on this request and the procedures can be found on intranet and in the Doctoral Degree Regulations.
- The Academic Board wishes to emphasise that it remains desirable for a PhD candidate to be supervised by more than one supervisor.

Changes concerning the expansion of the *ius promovendi* have been recorded in the Doctoral Degree Regulations. Additionally, the Doctoral Degree Regulations are actualised and adapted to be more practical in application. The updated version can be found on internet as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2018.

Information about the *ius promovendi* and this expansion can be found on the intranet as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2018.

The current associate professors 1 in Tenure Track separately received a letter in which they are granted the *ius promovendi* for the coming five years.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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