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News from the WIAS office

WIAS Graduate programme

We would like to congratulate Kaylee van Dijk and Hannah de Waele with their first and second place in the WIAS graduate programme!

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The next lunch lecture will be given on Tuesday, December 1st at 12.15 by Roos Molenaar. She will present her work about **Healthy Livestock: Can we make our chicks more resilient?**

The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month. WIAS is looking for post-docs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2021. Interested? Please send an email to wias@wur.nl

News from the WAPS council

WAPS Fall Event!



After few months of silence, you may wonder if the pandemic got rid of the WAPS events... This was without counting on the resilience of the WAPS members. Here they are back to propose you an original mixture of quiz and board game: **THE CLUE!** To find out which famous WUR animal scientist committed a murder somewhere on campus using the most unsuspected weapon available, join our online evening **Wednesday 11th of November from 18:00-19:00**. Derived from the famous board game "THE CLUE" (also called cluedo), together with your team, answer questions specially developed by the WAPS to gather clues and solve the crime haunting Campus. If you are willing to join, **please accept the Microsoft team meeting invite**. You will be then assigned to a team. Counting on your inspections skills, we look forward to see you!

WAPS PhD Defense promotion

Would you like to have your PhD defense and experience shared on our social media platforms (Facebook/LinkedIn/Instagram)? We would like to include a picture of you, your thesis cover, a picture from your thesis defence, a short story (if you like), anything else you want to share with other PhD candidates and the link to your online defence. Interested? Please email us at waps.wias@wur.nl

WAPS social media

Follow the WIAS associated PhD Students council at:

Facebook group: WIAS PhD students <https://www.facebook.com/groups/79412465586/>

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8866367/>

Instagram: wias_phds https://www.instagram.com/wias_phds/

For more information or questions regarding the WIAS PhD Council please send an e-mail to waps.wias@wur.nl.

WIAS Science Day (WSD)

Would you like to join the annual WIAS Science Day (WSD) in a Covid-adapted format in Spring 2021? Since the 2020 WSD, celebrating the 25th anniversary of WIAS, a lot has changed. While we were learning lessons from the past, embracing challenges of the present and making aspirations for the future none of us could have imagined the challenges that would come as the year progressed. In response to Covid19 many aspects of our lives and our research have changed, but our passion for science will never vanish. Human beings are resilient, just like the animals we study, and together we can get through the toughest of times. To celebrate the continued work being done within WIAS we would like to host a successful and safe WSD in the spring of 2021. To do so, we would like to get your input as WIAS members about how to organize this special day in these changing times. We ask that you fill out the linked survey below with your preferences for the 2021 WSD by **November 30th**. Your opinion counts so any and all input is much appreciated.

The survey: <https://forms.gle/HT5QQM2KqFZnm7hU9>

New WIAS Magazine!



We are looking for more enthusiastic PhD to join **Daisy Obdam** (AFI) & **Elizabeth Phillips** (BHE) in designing the new WIAS Magazine!

Are you interested in pop scientific writing, design or editing? Please contact us at waps.wias@wur.nl and join the team!

PhD's please take your Vacation! You can transfer only 40 hours to 2021!

Starting this year you will only be able to take 40 of your regular vacation hours with you to next year! Do not forget to relax, spend all your compensation hours and take a vacation or two. Still too many hours left? Please check **Optare** for return possibilities (do not hesitate to ask your group for help)

WIAS Course Highlights

WIAS Courses

Measures Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Until the end of 2020, we offer online, in-person and blended training sessions. This may change according to the corona guidelines of the government at that time. Please check the training schedules below for the most recent updates. Please note that for educational purposes, on-site personal training is still permitted. We keep group sizes small (30 participants maximum, but preferably less), we pay close attention to the 1.5 meters distancing and only choose locations with proper ventilation systems.

Furthermore, we strictly adhere to the corona rules of Wageningen University and the Dutch government, safety and health are paramount. So keep in mind to take a mouth mask to the training facilities.

For the Dutch (RIVM) measures against coronavirus, click [here](#).

For more information about Covid-19 please visit:

- [WUR guidelines and updates in relation to corona outbreak](#)
- [WUR Intranet Phd and Corona](#)

WIAS recommends the following courses (still a few places available):

- **WGS Scientific Integrity:**
 - 18 December (*online course*)
- **WIAS/PE&RC advanced statistics course Design of Experiments:**
 - 16 - 18 December (*online course*)

New course dates available (*registration will open soon*):

- **WGS Ethics and Animal Sciences:**
 - 26-27 January 2021 (*in-person course in Wageningen*)
- **WIAS Introduction on Personal Efficacy:**
 - January 2021 (*exact dates to be announced; online course*)

- **WIAS course The Final Touch, writing the general introduction and discussion:**
 - 29 June 2021 (*in-person course in Wageningen*)

For an overview of WIAS courses and seminars please go to: <https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Graduate-Schools/Wageningen-Institute-of-Animal-Sciences/Courses-and-seminars.htm>

WGS Courses

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#) (next online workshop on 12 November)

In 30 minutes, you will be introduced to the tools and services of WUR Library relevant to the first steps of your research.

[Searching and Organising Literature](#) (online training on 1, 2 December)

Make effective use of scientific information sources in the Wageningen University & Research Digital Library and EndNote

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#) (12 November)

To obtain insight in the aspects of reviewing scientific manuscripts

[Ethics in Plant and Environmental Sciences](#) (13 November)

This one-day course focuses on ethical issues that are encountered when doing research in plant and environmental sciences.

[Scientific Integrity](#) (20 November and 18 December)

This 1 day-course focuses on an array challenges related to scientific integrity.

[Ethics for Social Sciences Research](#) (in-person training on 7 December)

One-day seminar on dealing with ethical issues in human subjects' research

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#) (in-person training on 11 December)

Can be combined with Last Stretch of the PhD Programme.

Workshop on propositions of the PhD thesis, including a lecture on propositions and possibility to submit your own (draft) proposition.

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#) (in-person training on 11 December)

Can be combined with Writing propositions for your PhD.

New dates available

[Working on your PhD research in times of crisis](#) (online training on 9, 11, 19 November)

[Introduction to LaTeX](#) (online training on 25 November)

Overview of all PhD training sessions 2020

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](#).

The Modelling & Simulation Discussion Group

In many fields of research, modelling and simulation are critical tools. As their popularity has grown, so has the discourse surrounding why and how they should be used. To help inform this debate, we have created a university-wide platform for discussing systems modelling. We are open to all skill levels and backgrounds. Our upcoming schedule (every third Wednesday of the month):

- 18 November 2020, 13:00-15:00, online: Open Forum
- 16 December 2020, 13:00-15:00, online: Sensitivity analysis: concepts and methods, Dr Marc Jaxa-Rozen (Uni Geneva)

If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with Patrick: patrick.steinmann@wur.nl.

Library Courses

WUR Library courses

5 November 2020 – Workshop	Plan for success
9/10 November – Course	Adobe InDesign Essential Training (online course)
10 November – Presentation	EndNote, demonstration session
12 November – Course	Research Data Management, part 1 (online course)
12 November – Workshop	Search efficiently in the right database: lunch workshop for students
12 November – Presentation	Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates (online session)
17 November – Course	Introduction to Git for scientific software development
19 November – Course	Research Data Management, part 2 (online course)
19 November – Workshop	Optimize your personal writing style. Lunch workshop for students.
26 November – Course	Research Data Management, part 3 (online course)
26 November – Workshop	Optimise your text: lunch workshop for students
1/2 December – Course	Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates (online course)
3 December – Workshop	Citing and referencing: lunch workshop for students

PhD Graduations

Recent PhD graduations

- 5 October: **Wouter van Veen** (EZO) “Aerodynamics of insect flight”
- 7 October: **Haibo Lu** (ABG) “Genetic-wide interaction analyses of milk production traits in dairy cattle”
- 7 October: **Sandra Vreman** (CBI) “Toll-like receptor agonist adjuvanted vaccination: steering immune responses in neonate and adult pigs”
- 9 October: **Anouschka Middelkoop** (ADP) “Foraging in the farrowing room: getting piglets to eat is bitter sweet”
- 12 October: **Aisling O’Connor** (APS) “Suboptimal mobility in spring calving, pasture-based dairy systems: causes and economic consequences”
- 14 October: **Chiara Bortoluzzi** (ABG) “Using whole-genome sequencing data for demographic and functional evaluations of small managed populations”
- 21 October: **Nedup Dorji** (FTE & APS) “Transhumant pastoralism in a changing world: challenges and opportunities to sustainable yak farming in Bhutan”
- 28 October: **Natasja Costermans** (HAP & ADP) “Physiological and molecular aspects of ovarian follicular developmental competence in sows”
- 30 October: **Ollie van Hal** (APS) “Upcycling biomass in a circular food system the role of livestock and fish”

Upcoming PhD graduations

9 November 2020

PhD graduation Nina Bircher

Title The role of male song in spatial behavior and reproductive decisions in the great tit (*Parus major*)

Chair group Behavioural Ecology Group (BHE)

Promotor Prof. Dr M. Naguib & Prof. Dr K. van Oers

Time and Place 13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen.

13 November 2020

PhD graduation Tessa Brinker

Title Genetics and genomics of direct and social genetic effects on survival time and plumage condition in laying hens

Chair group Animal Breeding and Genomics (ABG)

Promotor Prof. Dr Ir H. Bovenhuis

Time and Place 11:00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen.

20 November 2020

PhD graduation Maarten Hollemans

Title Short and long term effects of early nutrition in broiler chickens

Chair group Adaptation Physiology Group (ADP) & Animal Nutrition Group (ANU)

Promotor Prof. Dr Ir B. Kemp

Time and Place 16:00 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen.

14 December 2020

PhD graduation Edward Schram

Title Geosmin depuration from fish
Chair group Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI) & Marine Animal Ecology (MAE)
Promotor Prof. Dr J.A.J. Verreth, Dr. J.W. Schrama en Prof. Dr A.J. Murk
Time and Place 13:30 hrs in the Aula, General Foulkesweg 1 Wageningen.

Other news

Call Aspasia Fund 2020

The second call for the Aspasia fund is currently open with deadline 15 November 2020. This fund offers female scientists opportunities through grants, coaching, training, workshops and networking. Aim of the fund is to progress more female scientists to associate and full professorships. Are you looking for a way to boost your career? Find out what the Aspasia fund can do for you in the attached flyer.

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Invitation to Nominate for the Volvo Environment Prize 2021

The Volvo Environment Prize Foundation invites universities, research institutes, scientists and engineers as well as other individuals and organizations to submit nominations for the Volvo Environment Prize. The Prize consists of a diploma, a glass sculpture and the Laureate is awarded a prize of SEK 1.5 million.

Please nominate for the Volvo Environment Prize 2021. To be eligible for consideration, nominations must be submitted by January 10, 2021 at the latest. Nomination guidelines and nomination forms are available on the [website](#).

If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at wias@wur.nl