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News from the WIAS office

We hope you are still doing well working (mostly) from home. The WIAS team is still working from home, but of course you can contact us via e-mail, Skype and phone.

New colleague WIAS office

I am Paddy Haripersaud. I live in Rhenen with my partner and our cat. I like hiking, experimenting with cooking and reading. I have the pleasure of joining the WIAS team as an administrative support staff. I look forward to working with you!

PhD projects and COVID

We wonder how WIAS PhDs are doing in this lockdown period. The WIAS office and the WAPS council kept in touch informally with all PhDs but in the coming weeks, we would like to get a more comprehensive overview of the effect that the lockdown has on our PhDs and their projects. We will be sending around a survey mid-June in which we will ask you a few questions about your progress and possible delays that you are experiencing in your PhD. We count on your collaboration and hope that you will complete this survey.

In the meantime, if you would like to get in touch with us personally, please contact janneke.vanseters@wur.nl or marianne.bruining@wur.nl or send a message to our general e-mail address: wias@wur.nl.

As part of the measures taken, PhD candidates were not allowed to travel to Wageningen. As of the 1st of August, this restriction will be lifted allowing PhD candidates to come to Wageningen again. Once in Wageningen, they should strictly adhere to the safety rules, regulations and guidelines of WUR for working in WUR facilities.

All updates regarding corona measures and PhD are published on [the Intranet](#).

Emergency Fund open for applications

The University Fund Wageningen helps current PhD candidates with an external, non-commercial scholarship or who are self-funded who are in acute financial need because of COVID-19. Due to

limited financial means the emergency fund must be a last resort: to be eligible for the emergency fund other solutions must not be possible. More information and the application form can be found on the website of UFW: www.universityfundwageningen.eu/emergencyfund

Call for WIAS fellowships 2020

Slowly, countries are beginning to open their boundaries again and we therefore open our call for WIAS fellowships again. We invite PhD candidates who wish to travel abroad, postdocs who want to write a grant proposal and staff members who wish to invite guest researchers to submit a proposal for a WIAS fellowship. More information and application information can be found on the [WIAS website](#).

Africa Talent Programme grant

We congratulate Gibbs Kuguru with his PhD grant from the Africa Talent Programme. All six Wageningen graduate schools could nominate one candidate within this programme and the three best candidates received a PhD or postdoc grant. Gibbs will work on the side-effects of fisheries induced bottlenecks within the Animal Population, Diversity and Genomics cluster.

Reminder call WIAS graduate programme

The graduate school WIAS offers funding to enable at least one MSc student to start a PhD at a WIAS group and subject of his/her choice. The WIAS graduate programme call is open to all MSc students from Wageningen University who graduate in 2020 and the deadline for submission is Monday 13 July 2020. For more information and the proposal template, visit our [website](#).

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures are cancelled until September 2020.

News from the WIAS PhD (WAPS) council

WAPS Board Change:

The WAPS has had a board change this May. After serving two years in the WAPS we have had to say goodbye to our chair Eline Burgers, our secretary Joëlle Janssen, our WPC representative Henri Kruistum, our Education committee member Ibrahim Jibrila and our WIAS Annual Conference chair Bahadir Guz.

We would also like to introduce our new board:

WAPS chair: Annemiek Blasweiler (AFI)

WAPS secretary: Evelien Bos (ANU)

Education committee members: Xiaofei Yu (ABG) Julia Celis Moreno (CBI), Arabela Ritchie Martinez (HMI)

WPC members: Fatma Akin (ABG), Nokuthula Lorraine Mhlongo (WEC)

ACCIE : Evelien Bos (ANU) Corentin Lannuzel (ANU)

WAC Chair: Tiffany Ernst (EZO)

General members: Hugo Loning (BHE) Wouter Lokhorst (WBR), Benan Gulzari (ABG), You Chang (QVE)

Are your research group's PhD's not represented? Join us as a general member!

Want to know what we do? you can always email us at waps.wias@wur.nl

Or follow us on:

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/](https://www.instagram.com/wias_phds/)

The WIAS Annual Conference committee is looking for two more PhDs to join their team!

A special interest goes out for someone that can speak Dutch.

Interested in organising a great scientific event? Email Tiffany Ernst at tiffany.ernst@wur.nl

WANTED:
PhD Candidates for the
WAC COMMITTEE 2021



The WIAS Annual Conference is a very important yearly event that is organized by a PhD candidate committee, under supervision of WIAS and the WAPS Council.

It aims to show everyone within WIAS the research that is being carried out by the PhD candidates and to promote integration between WIAS PhD candidates, WIAS staff members and other partners (partners WIAS, IAB).

The 2021 event will consist of a 1 day conference in February where WIAS PhD students can network and present their work.



Develop your organisation skills:

- Establish the theme
- Plan the scientific and social events (poster sessions, talks, pitches)
- Propose, select and invite guest speakers
- Arrange the location and logistics
- Manage the call for oral and poster presentations
- Invite a jury to select and judge the presentations
- Create the event booklet
- Etc.

This is what you get:

- A great experience of organising a scientific event
- A chance to network within the WIAS graduate school research groups
- 1-3 credits depending on your role within the committee



Recent PhD graduations

12 May: **Heleen van Kernebeek** (APS) *"Towards efficient use of resources in food systems. Exploring circular principles and strategies"*.

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses

Courses for PhDs and postdocs organized by WIAS and WGS.

Until September 1, due to COVID-19 measures, professional competence/general courses have become online courses whenever possible. These courses included the WIAS TSP mandatory courses "Scientific Integrity" and "Ethics in Animal Sciences".

Also other popular courses, like scientific writing, project and time management, brain training etc. are now online. For a complete overview see: <https://wgs.crs.wur.nl/>

Unfortunately many disciplinary courses had to be cancelled or postponed (like the WIAS summer schools).

The WIAS GAMS modelling course will be online on 10, 12, 17 and 19 June.

Several statistic modules are offered online by the graduate school PE&RC. See: <https://www.pe-rc.nl/courses-activities/postgraduate-courses/current-courses>

Please note: WIAS PhDs also can register for disciplinary and statistics courses at the other 5 graduate schools in Wageningen, with subsidy from WIAS.

Hope is that only during half a year less (disciplinary) courses can be attended, and that from September class room education will be possible again. Probably some courses then still will have online editions, especially for PhDs who cannot be in Wageningen.

Some WIAS PhD candidates may have concerns about their TSP and fulfilling the requirements, especially those who are at the end of their PhD period. If needed WIAS will look for tailor-made solutions; for that please contact marianne.bruining@wur.nl

New course dates available:

WGS Scientific Integrity, 21 September (online)

WGS Ethics in Animal Sciences, 6 and 7 October (dates to be confirmed)

WIAS Introduction Day, 14 October

WIAS Introduction on Personal Effectiveness, 21, 22, 23 October (dates to be confirmed)

WIAS course The Final Touch, 27 October

Wageningen Graduate Schools courses

Courses for PhDs and Postdocs organized by Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS).

Please note that as long as the government does not allow classroom education, we offer courses until September 1 online whenever possible, please check the course schedules our [website](#) for the most recent updates.

Highlights:

[Career Development for Postdocs: Science and the Alternatives](#) (Individual Intake Meetings: 7 - 18 September, Course days: 23 and 30 September, Individual coaching meetings: 12 - 23 October)
Supports in making career choice in science or beyond and making a plan of action how to reach the desired goal.

[Career perspectives](#) (7, 14, 21, 28 September, 5 October)

Meant for PhDs in their third or fourth year who want support in defining and taking the next step in their career.

[Communication with the Media and the General Public](#) (12, 13 November, 10 December)

Provides you with the necessary ideas and skills to communicate your work to non-scientists.

[Intensive Writing Week](#) (from 13 – 17 July)

Organised by Radboud in' to Languages. Optimise your writing process in only one week, from the planning to the revision phase. Improve your text in terms of style, impact, structure and language and maximize your output.

[Introduction to the Strength of Visual Thinking](#) (26 June)

This short workshop will focus on how visual thinking can enhance creativity, improve clarity and how it can help you to engage others. You will also be introduced to the basic drawing alphabet which you can use to visualize your message.

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#) (11 June and 13 August)

Introduction to the tools and services of the Library relevant to the first steps of your research

[Scientific Integrity](#) (21 September)

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

New Dates available:

[Career Orientation](#) (17 November, 24 November, 1 December, 8 December, with personal interviews on 14 & 15 December)

Meant for PhD candidates and postdocs who are orienting themselves in what future career to choose, in or outside of science.

[Ethics for Social Sciences Research](#) (15 September + 7 December)

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

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#) (3 July + 2 October + 11 December)

Issues and questions: what must you do first, who is responsible, printing your thesis, do's and don't's.

[Mobilising your - scientific - network](#) (22, 29 September)

Offers you the essential tools to create a network through a variety of introductions, discussions and assignments.

[Project and Time Management](#) (15 September, 29 September, 27 October + 17 September, 1 October, 29 October + 23 September, 7 October, 3 November + 30 October, 13 November, 11 December + 2 November, 18 November, 16 December.)

Planning, control, monitoring and management of the research project and time are essential in accomplishing the PhD.

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#) (3 September)

To obtain insight in the aspects of reviewing scientific manuscripts.

[The Choice: Un-box your PhD process & take charge of your performance](#) (11, 24 September, 14 October 2020. With an individual coaching session. New time on 11 September!)

The Choice is an experiential personal leadership course that provides you with tools and insights to become more in charge of your own performance as you proceed with your PhD process, using both reflection and physical exercise (boxing).

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#) (3 July + 2 October + 11 December)

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

Overview of all courses 2020

For a complete overview of all competence, skills and career development training activities, please click [here](#).

Other courses and training of interest

[Talking About your PhD](#) (free online meet-ups every Friday from 15:00-16:00)

As a community of PhD candidates we can share our worries, coping mechanisms and most importantly we can hopefully help each other out while making friends in the progress. The idea is to form a group, or multiple groups online to talk about anything that may have happened since the university lockdown. We are helped in this by two of the social workers of the university, Lyda and Elsbeth, who can also help out and give advice. Our goal is to let the PhD community start connecting and getting to know each other not only in our respective groups but throughout Wageningen University & Research. We will open a Skype channel every Friday from 15:00-16:00, which can be found through this link: <https://join.skype.com/KTKEVvAJAn1K>, no registration needed. For more information contact Nicolas Vecchini Santaella (nicolas.vecchinisantaella@wur.nl)

[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](#).

WUR Library courses

8- 9 June 2020 – Course	Scientific Artwork, Data visualization and Infographics with Adobe Illustrator (online course)
9 June 2020 – Workshop	Optimize your text (online workshop)
11 June 2020 – Course	Research Data Management, part 3
11 June 2020 – Presentation	Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates (online session)
16 -17 June 2020 – Course	Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates (online course)
16 June 2020 - Workshop	Paraphrasing (online workshop)
23 June 2020 – Workshop	Citing and referencing: online workshop for students

[More information](#) about the courses. You can register for a course via the [WGS course page](#).

Activities

As of the 23rd of March all our PhD defence ceremonies will be held online. Candidates are able to choose whether they prefer their defence to be postponed to a later date, or to continue online according to plan, in consultation with their supervisor. If a postponement is elected, the ceremony will be held at a later date. The online defence is mainly similar to a standard, physical, ceremony. This regulation applies at least until 1 August.

The defense is streamed live (via <https://weblectures.wur.nl>).

5 June 2020

PhD graduation Sem Jacobs

Title	Visualising blood flagellates infections in transparent zebrafish.
Chair group	Cell Biology and Immunology Group (CBI)
Promotor	dr. M. Forlenza, prof. dr. ir. G.F. Wiegertjes
Time	13:30 hrs

22 June 2020

PhD graduation Annelieke Wentzel

Title	Polarized innate immunity: conservation of macrophage polarization in carp.
Chair group	Cell Biology and Immunology Group (CBI)
Promotor	dr. M. Forlenza, prof. dr. ir. G.F. Wiegertjes
Time	16:00 hrs

Other

Introduction to Data Science with R and R Studio (online)

The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to data science, using R and R Studio. Participants will be introduced to R language syntax, enabling them to write their own R code. Participants will learn about R data-types and data-structures, and they will be taught how to explore data and produce plots. Finally we will showcase how to use R for analyzing experimental data using simple

statistical techniques like t-tests, analysis of variance and linear regression. The focus is on the application of the techniques with R, and not the underlying statistical theory behind them. This is the first module in a series of courses in Data Science with R, covering many different subjects, from cleaning up datasets to creating interactive and reproducible reports with transferable skills that would apply to any scientific or business domain. The course will be a combination of lectures and practicals.

More information: <https://www.pe-rc.nl/data-science-r>

When: 24 – 26 June 2020

Other Online courses by PE&RC and WIMEK:

[Linear Models 9- 11 juni](#)

[Generalized Linear Models 15- 16 juni](#)

[Mixed Linear Models 22- 23 juni](#)

ERC starting and advanced grant course

October 6th 2020 Yellow Research will give an ERC starting grant and consolidator course. During this 1-day training course in Wageningen, the ins and outs of writing a good ERC proposal will be covered.

You can register by sending an e-mail to henrieke.deruiter@wur.nl

See: <https://intranet.wur.nl/umbraco/en/practical-information/education-research-support/personal-grants/>.

KNAW Early Career Award

The KNAW Early Career Award is intended to support and encourage talented PhD graduates. The Award is aimed at researchers at the start of their career who are capable of developing innovative and original research ideas.

A maximum of twelve Awards are presented each year, divided among the four Academy domains (see below). The KNAW Early Career Award consists of a sum of 15,000 euros, made available from the Academy Fund, and an artwork. The money may be spent at the discretion of the winners on their own research careers.

More information: <https://www.knaw.nl/en/awards/awards/knaw-early-career-award/knaw-early-career-award>

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