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News from the WIAS office

WIAS office moved from Zodiac to Radix

The WIAS office has moved from the Zodiac to the Radix building (to Room E0.176). We are still working mostly from home, but our office is staffed on Mondays (Lisette), Tuesdays (Marianne), Wednesdays (Janneke) and Thursdays (Paddy). You can drop by our new office on any of these days if you need assistance. You can also reach us by e-mail, Skype, MS Teams and phone.

New colleague WIAS office

Hello, I am Lisette Boon-Bourquin. For the past 8.5 years, I have been working at ABG/QVE as a management assistant. From 1 August 2020, I will be working at WIAS as an assistant for 20 hours per week. I will work in the mornings so that I can be at home with my almost four year-old son, Jason, in the afternoons when he comes home from school. I am born and raised in Wageningen and so is my husband. We love to travel but we always come back home to Wageningen.

Survey PhD projects and COVID

We have sent a survey to all PhD candidates so we can get some feedback about your progress and possible delays that you might be experiencing with your PhD project. We count on your collaboration and hope that you will complete this [survey](#).

Postdoc Talent Programme grant

We congratulate Bienenke Bron with her postdoc grant from the Postdoc Talent Programme. Bienenke will work on unraveling the routes to pathogen persistence and spillover within the Population Dynamics and Genomics cluster.

WIAS Lunch Lectures

The WIAS lunch lectures are cancelled until September 2020.

Recent PhD graduations

- 5 June: **Sem Jacobs** (CBI) *“Visualising blood flagellates infections in transparent zebrafish”*.
- 22 June: **Annelieke Wentzel** (CBI) *“Polarized innate immunity: conservation of macrophage polarization in carp”*

Calls

TKI call for proposals by MSc students

The TKIs Agri & Food (A&F) and Tuinbouw & Uitgangsmaterialen (T&U) will fund four PhD proposals written by MSc students. Applicants with a private partner may submit to both the internal WIAS graduate programme and TKI. In that case, the interviews and decision-making for the TKI round and the WIAS internal call will be coordinated. Wageningen projects with a private partner that are not selected by the TKI committee may still have a chance of getting internal WIAS funding. A separate interview will be held for the selection of the WIAS positions. In this interview, candidates will be tested against the WIAS criteria. For more information, including the complete call text and application form, please visit the [WIAS website](#).

Call for proposals for the 3rd round of the Agriculture Green Development (AGD) PhD programme of China Agricultural University and Wageningen University & Research

The Sino-Dutch Agriculture Green Development (AGD) Programme is a PhD programme by China Agricultural University (CAU) and Wageningen University & Research (WUR). The programme hereby sends out its third and last call for proposals. In this last call, we are especially looking for projects that complement the current already approved projects in order to reach the overall AGD aims.

Please find the complete call text, priority topics and proposal template on the website:

<https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/AGD-PhD-program/Call-for-proposals-AGD-2020.htm>

Please submit all the documents required using the attached template before 4 September 2020 to agd-csc@cau.edu.cn with the email title 'Third Call for the AGD Program'.

Reminder call for WIAS fellowships 2020

Slowly, countries are beginning to reopen their borders 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. The deadline for submission is Monday, 20 July 2020. More information about applying can be found on the [WIAS website](#).

Reminder call WIAS graduate programme

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

Courses and seminars

WIAS Courses

From September 2020, some courses will be held in classrooms. However, COVID-19 measures restrictions - like maintaining the 1.5 m distance apart will be enforced in the classrooms. Some courses will still continue online to accommodate PhD candidates who cannot be in Wageningen and the restricted classroom availability.

(New) Course announcements (registration is now open):

-WGS Scientific Integrity:

21 September (*online course*)
27 October
20 November
18 December

-WGS Ethics in Animal Sciences: 6 - 7 October (*online course*)

-LAS Species specific course on fish: 16 - 18 September

-WIAS Introduction Day: 14 October

-WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for PhDs: 21 - 23 October

-WIAS course The Final Touch: 27 October

Summer school Global One Health: 17 - 28 August 2020 (online course)

Deadline for registration: 31 July 2020

For information and registration see: <https://onehealthjp.eu/summer-school-2020/>

Upcoming courses (dates to be confirmed, registration will open soon):

-WIAS/PE&RC advanced statistics course Design of Experiments: 15 - 17 December (*online course*)

Wageningen Graduate Schools courses

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

Please note that to adhere to government restriction on classroom education, all of our training sessions will be online until 1 September. From September we will offer a combination of physical classroom-based (COVID-proof) and online training sessions. Please check the training schedules on our [website](#) for the most recent updates.

Highlights:

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.

Competence Assessment (individually based, after registration you will receive instructions by email to schedule your personal assessment).

Gives insight in competences as organising capacity, analytical thinking, collaboration and personal characteristics.

Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript (3 September and 12 November)

To obtain insight in the aspects of reviewing scientific manuscripts.

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 and 5 October)

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

The Choice: Un-box your PhD process & take charge of your performance (11, 24 September and 14 October 2020. With an individual coaching session.)

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).

Project and Time Management (17 September, 1 October, 29 October + 23 September, 7 October, 3 November)

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

[Developing my Research Vision \(Postdocs and junior Tenure Track staff\)](#) (29 September)

Having a research vision is crucial, especially for those who want to proceed in science and must demonstrate a clear research vision, an (international) visibility and ambition for a tenure track.

[Ethics and Animal Sciences](#) (6 - 7 October)

This 2-days course aims at PhD candidates interested in ethics and animal sciences.

[Scientific Integrity](#) (27 October + 20 November + 18 December)

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

[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.

[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.

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 process. 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 us 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](#).

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