

WIAS News Special

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Peer review: good results

All university research in the Netherlands is evaluated once every six years. In June 2009, WIAS was reviewed by an international peer review, the third review in the existence of the school. Both the institute and its ten Chair groups were evaluated.

The review committee has done a fair and thorough job. The scores given reflect the improvements made and at the same time challenge us to aim even higher. The recommendations by the committee will help the Chairs and the management of ASG and WIAS to further improve our research and PhD programme.

Present WIAS peer review results compared to previous review

Average score of the Chair groups (scale 1-5)	2003-2008	1999-2003
Quality	4.2	3.7
Productivity	3.8	3.2
Relevance	4.1	3.8
Vitality and Feasibility	3.9	3.5
# Chairs with average score of 4.0 or more	6	2

A few quotes from the committee's report

- The Review Committee was very impressed overall by the leadership of the Animal Sciences Group, of WIAS and of the individual Chair groups. [...] The prospects for the Institute are excellent.
 - The Committee in particular was impressed with the development of the 'Talents and Topics' programme which already seems to be having an impact in this regard.
 - The Graduate School has a well developed and well organised system for the research training and education of PhD scholars.
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New WIAS Secretary

As of 1 October, Gab van Winkel, who has been WIAS Secretary since the school started in 1993, will leave us and move on to a three-year, grant-funded research project on quality indicators for European PhD programmes. In December 2009, Patricia Huijbers will start as new WIAS Secretary. In the coming two months, Egbert Egberts will do the job *ad interim*.

Also Joke Heijnekamp ends her WIAS tasks. The Secretary (Egbert Egberts and from December onwards Patricia Huijbers) will take over her general tasks for WIAS, while Marianne Bruining will take care for the organisation of courses and seminars, and Kor Oldenbroek will handle the project proposals. Please, send emails regarding WIAS in the future to:

wias@wur.nl – for all general WIAS matters

edu.wias@wur.nl – for questions about courses and seminars.

This will ensure that your email reaches the right person, regardless of the changes in personnel.

End of the Year Party and farewell to Gab van Winkel

It's a good tradition in WIAS to celebrate the end of a successful year with a party in mid December. The next issue will be on **Tuesday 15 December** and it will be combined with a farewell to former WIAS Secretary Gab van Winkel. The party will start at 17:00 h. Attendance is free, but if you want to enjoy the buffet (which starts at about 18:00 h), you need to register at http://www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=138 before 8 December 2009. The buffet will have enough choice to fulfil several dietary preferences.

Graduations

- Sander Abrahamse	ANU	2 October 16:00
- Frank Oudshoorn	APS	7 October 13:30
- Maria Forlenza	CBI	30 October 13:30
- Martijn Bouwknecht	QVE	13 November 11:00
- Ruth Adriaansen	CBI	20 November 16:00

NWO Talent Classes

More than a 1,000 researchers have already participated in the NWO Talent Days, since we have started organizing them in 2003. Most participants clearly indicated to have a need for a follow-up, with more in-depth and personalized information. We received a lot of positive and enthusiastic reactions from the participants, and also many requests for continuing with these Talent Classes.

In Fall, NWO organises 2 more days of Talent Classes: on 10 November and 8 December. It is still possible to register for most of the courses. More information about the Classes offered these days, will be available on our website: www.nwo.nl/talentclasses.

These master classes take up one full day. The classes are in Dutch, unless indicated otherwise. If you don't speak Dutch, but would like to participate in a Dutch-spoken workshop, let us know by sending an email to verdieping@nwo.nl. Indicate your name, email address and workshop of choice, and the organisation will do its best to respect your wish.

You can register on www.nwo.nl/talentclasses to participate in the masterclasses. **Please note that your participation in this Talent Class is only confirmed if we receive your direct debit mandate on time!** The registration fee is € 95.00.

If you wish to participate, we would strongly advice you to register as soon as possible, since the number of places available is limited and registration will be closed for fully booked masterclasses.

Pump your Career - Talentendag voor vrouwelijke wetenschappers

1 oktober 2009 in het Museum voor Communicatie, Den Haag.

De Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO) en het Landelijk Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren (LNVH) willen de doorstroom van vrouwelijke wetenschappers in academia vergroten. Om vrouwelijke wetenschappers te ondersteunen met het verwerven van een hogere positie in de universitaire wereld organiseren NWO en het LNVH een speciale talentendag.

Tijdens 'Pump Your Career' kunnen vrouwelijke wetenschappers bijvoorbeeld kennismaken met rolmodellen en leren van hun ervaringen. Ook kunnen de deelnemers netwerken met mentoren, die ondersteuning kunnen bieden bij hun carrière of met Vernieuwingsimpuls-coördinatoren die tips kunnen geven over de VI, met name Vidi en Vici. Daarnaast zijn er een aantal workshops die handreikingen geven over hoe je als vrouwelijke wetenschapper hogerop kunt komen.

De talentendag is speciaal voor vrouwen werkzaam in de wetenschap: postdocs, universitair docenten en hoogleraren. Ook welkom zijn (universitaire) beleidsmedewerkers en beleidsmakers die zich richten op vrouwenbeleid.

Meer [informatie over dag](#) en het [inschrijfformulier](#).

Info in English on http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOA_7T4GSE_Eng

If enough non-Dutch speaking participants are present, parts of the programme will be offered in both languages.

Courses and seminars

WIAS courses: www.wias.wur.nl.

For professional skills courses, check out:

<http://www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/General+Courses/>