

# WIAS News

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## WIAS Peer Review

Yesterday, the international WIAS Peer Review was concluded with a public debriefing meeting. For those who could not attend, the major conclusions and recommendations are summarised here:

- The review committee called WIAS 'a vibrant school' that is 'highly visible and well regarded internationally'.
- The committee remarked that several Chair groups are quite small and suggested to cluster them in some way to increase critical mass.
- 'Succession planning', i.e. making plans for a successor well before someone leaves, could be improved, the committee said.
- Collaboration with DLO institutes has increased, the committee remarked, but it saw room for even more collaboration.
- The committee recommended to design a WIAS-wide strategy to increase NWO and EU funding.
- The committee observed that in several PhD theses the literature overview is very short and not comprehensive and recommended strongly to pay more attention to it.
- In a review such as this one, the committee recommended to have more emphasis on the outcomes (the impact of science) than on the output.
- The committee recommended that WIAS should get continuous support for its successful 'Talents and Topics' programme.

Individual scores of the Chair groups were not provided yet. The committee's report will be available in a couple of weeks.

A final conclusion by the committee: 'We are absolutely clear that the future prospects for WIAS are very strong.'

## Inaugural lecture by Prof. Jaap Keijer

On **Thursday 18 June at 16:00 in the Aula**, our new Professor in Human and Animal Physiology, Prof. Jaap Keijer, will present his inaugural lecture titled 'Lichaam in Balans'. The lecture will be in Dutch. Please feel invited.