

WIAS News



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Test course registration via Internet

To make registration for courses easier, we have developed a registration tool via Internet. Peter van der Togt has done the programming work. We want to test the new tool first and have selected the Philosophy of Science and Ethics Course as the 'test rabbit'.

The seven participants who already registered via Gerrie van Eck have been invited, by a personal e-mail, to register once more via Internet and to give feed-back on the new tool.

Other PhD students can register directly via www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=43. There are still a few places available. Note that a course on philosophy and/or ethics is mandatory for WIAS PhD students. This course offers such an opportunity.

Registration for WIAS Science Day open now

We kindly invite you to the **WIAS Science Day** on **March 9th**. This not-to-be-missed annual event is organised by the WAPS Council. During this day PhD students of our graduate school will present results of their research. There will be 12 presentations of PhD students and two invited speakers. Furthermore, the education prize and publication prize of the year of 2005 will be awarded, and awards for the best presentation and best poster. Participation in the WIAS Science day is free of charge and lunch and drinks afterwards are included if you register.

To finish the day, there will be a dinner at 18h00 at the restaurant of the Hotel De Nieuwe Wereld. The dinner is free of charge, but there is a limit of 50 places. Tickets for the dinner will be given on a first-'registered', first-served basis, therefore we advise you to register for the dinner as soon as possible.

Please fill in the form below, copy it into an e-mail and send to gerrie.vaneck@wur.nl.

Deadline for registration is February 22nd.

REGISTRATION FORM: (DEADLINE FEBRUARY 22nd)

NAME:

GROUP:

I WILL ATTEND THE WIAS SCIENCE DAY AND:

- LUNCH	yes	no
- DINNER	yes	no

Mention any food restrictions so that we can inform the restaurant in advance:

Two new WIAS Board members

Harry Flore and Paul Vriesekoop have been appointed by the University as members in the WIAS Board. They succeed Kor Oldenbroek who left the Board recently.

Dr. Harry Flore (left) is head of the Division of Infectious Diseases of the Animal Sciences Group in Lelystad.

Dr. Paul Vriesekoop (right) is head of the Division of Animal Production, also in Lelystad.

By appointing both these division heads, WIAS hopes to stimulate the collaboration between the university and the CRO members in the graduate school. Already, the CRO has expressed its ambition to increase again the number of PhD students, in WIAS and e.g. the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.



Media Training: 'Getting your message across'

There are still a few places available in the WGS PhD course Media Training: 'Getting your message across'. Media skills for scientific researchers (9, 10 & 30 March 2006)

Deadline for registration: 21 February 2006

For more detailed information and registration, I refer to the following website:

www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_Media+Training+for+PhD+Students

This course has been evaluated very well by the participants. Some remarks:

- Good practice for interviewing or being interviewed
- It will be much helpful to improve my presentation skills.

For registration: Egbert Nab +31 (0)317-485090

Email: Egbert.Nab@wur.nl

For registration please mention:

- Name
- E-mail address
- Name and address of research group (if applicable internal post number)
- Research school
- Whether you have an approved education plan (TSP) or not

Career Orientation

Dates: 3, 10, 17 & 24 March 2006, individual interviews 31 March & 7 April 2006

This course is meant for young scientists (PhD candidates and postdocs) who have doubts about their future career and which direction to decide for. The aim of this course is to support participants to think about career possibilities in the realm of their own competences / skills and background and assist to write a personal action plan. You will start where you once started, with your dreams; with your own ideas of the perfect job. You will then focus on ways to transform these dreams into specific actions with concrete results. It is a practical programme with many exercises and some homework. At the end of the programme each participant is offered an interview to discuss their personal situation more in depth.

For more information and registration look at:

www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_CareerOrientation

Career Perspectives

Course 1: 4, 11, 18, 25 April & 9 & 23 (morning) May 2006

Course 2: 5, 11 (morning), 12 (morning), 19, 26 & 10 & 23 (afternoon) May 2006

Plus a visit to the PhD Career Event (11 May) or Bio Career Event (18 May)

Career Perspectives aims for preparation and conducting an effective job search. Career Perspectives is meant for young scientists (PhD candidates and postdocs) who know what they want, but have trouble getting a handle on how to find this job or even in general: the right track to follow the desired career. Questions like: What kind of jobs are available? Which one fits my interests and skills? Where do I find such jobs? And most of all: How do I get this job when there are many others who apply for it? will be dealt with. The goals of this course are:

- Awareness of one's talents, skills and ambitions
- Exploring career options
- Preparing for job search proces
- Maintaining employability on the long run

For more information and registration look at:

www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_CareerPerspectives

STILL PLACES AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Information Literacy (21 & 22 February 2006)

www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_Information+Literacy+Course

Project- and Time Management (14, 28 March & 25 April 2006)

http://www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_Project+and+Time+Management

PhD Competence Assessment (11 April and 25 or 27 April 2006)

http://www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_PhD+Competence+Assessment

Kennis maken we samen

GeNeYouS werkt aan een Europees project over nieuwe publiekscommunicatie.

Maar liefst 69% van de Nederlanders vindt dat ze niet genoeg betrokken wordt bij beslissingen over wetenschap en techniek. Dit terwijl het merendeel dat wel belangrijk vindt. Deze uitkomst is afkomstig uit resultaten van de Eurobarometer over wetenschap en techniek, die de Europese Commissie in juni van dit jaar publiceerde.

Een nieuwe generatie Nederlandse life scientists - verenigd in GeNeYouS* - werkt in een Europees project samen met andere netwerken. Dit om een verhoging te bevorderen van de samenwerking tussen publiek en wetenschap.

Vijf netwerken van studenten, promovendi en postdocs in de life sciences organiseren momenteel het publieksevenement BIOPOP. De markt in Delft staat op 1 en 2 april 2006 helemaal in het teken van de discussie over biotechnologie en de betrekking van het publiek bij wetenschap. Dit in navolging van hetzelfde eerste succesvolle evenement dat op 8 en 9 oktober 2005 in Bologna (Italië) plaats vond.

Doe mee

Iedere jonge onderzoeker of student kan nog meedoen aan BIOPOP en hierdoor ervaring opdoen in communicatie, organisatie en omgang met publiek.

- Wil jij jouw onderzoek aan 'het publiek' demonstreren?

- Ben je mondig en zou je een discussie tussen wetenschap en publiek willen leiden?

Je krijgt een uitgebreide communicatietraining voorafgaand aan het evenement in Delft.

- Vind je het leuk om mee te denken, mee te helpen en mee te organiseren?

- Heb je een ander leuke bijdrage of idee?

Neem dan contact op met Terry Vrijenhoek, via terry@geneyous.nl of 06-5510 7732.

Meer informatie over BIOPOP is te vinden op www.biopop-eu.org.

Over GeNeYouS

GeNeYouS is het Genomics Network for Young Scientists. Het brengt jonge onderzoekers met affiniteit voor life sciences bij elkaar voor kennismaking, ideeënuitswisseling en discussie. Hiertoe organiseert het netwerk regelmatig workshops, lezingen en debatten, en werkt het mee aan grotere projecten zoals BIOPOP. Op deze manier biedt GeNeYouS jonge onderzoekers een platform dat hen kan helpen in hun carrièreontwikkeling.

Graduations in the next six weeks

16 February Mark Huising (in Nijmegen)
1 March Basavarajappa Hangalapura Nagarajappa
17 March Mario Calus