

WIAS News



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WIAS End of the Year Party 15 December

Did you like last year's WIAS Party? Or did you miss it? Here is a new opportunity: make a reservation in your calendar: Thursday 15 December Zodiac main hall. **All who received this issue of WIAS News: consider yourself invited.** Details will follow soon.

NWO 'Mozaïek' programme: deadline 10 January

This programme aims to increase chances for minorities in the Netherlands to start a career in science. NWO announced it in Dutch:

Wellicht ten overvloede brengt NWO de derde (en vooralsnog laatste) ronde van het Mozaïek-programma onder uw aandacht. Dit programma beoogt meer afgestudeerden uit minderheidsgroepen in de wetenschap te laten instromen middels een promotieplaats. In 2004 ging het programma van start. Gelet op de grote belangstelling voor het programma en de hoge kwaliteit van de aanvragen is besloten het programma voort te zetten in 2005 en 2006.

Het programma staat open voor afgestudeerden en laatstejaars studenten bij een Nederlandse universiteit, die de volledige universitaire opleiding in Nederland hebben gevolgd, of – bij een gedeeltelijke opleiding (alleen universitair Masters of doctoraal) – minimaal 5 jaar in Nederland woonachtig zijn. Daarnaast geldt dat beide ouders zijn geboren in een van de doelgroepenlanden (zie overzicht achterin de brochure), of dat zowel de kandidaat zelf als minimaal één van de ouders is geboren in een van deze landen.

Aanmelding is mogelijk tot 10 januari 2006 en een aanbevelingsbrief van de beoogd promotor is vereist.

Gedetailleerde informatie over de doelgroep, procedure en criteria vindt u op de NWO-subsidiepagina.

Algemene informatie vindt u op de website www.nwo.nl/kleurrijktalent (met link naar de subsidiepagina).

Patents course 1 December

On Thursday, December 1st 2005, Wageningen UR Library and QPAT organize a training session for all who are interested in finding and using patent information. The training program contains the next items:

1. Introduction on Patent information & the composition of a patent including:

- The patent document types - A, B, T & U
- Difference between US & EP patent documents
- Building up of a patent
- Status of a patent

2. QPAT search interface including:

- Search masks - Patent, family, classification & legal status searching
- Features & functionalities

- Patent Delivery Service
- Legal status information

With live demonstrations, exercises & hands-on.

The training will take place from 9:00 a.m. till noon in room 235 of the Jan-Kopshuis, Generaal Foulkesweg 19, 6703 BK Wageningen.

The maximum of participants is 15. If you want to participate, you can send an e-mail to helpdesk.library@wur.nl. A reply will be sent to you.

Kick off meeting Ethics Centre 14 December

Wageningen Ethics Centre aims to strengthen ethical reflection in research, education and outreach of Wageningen University and Research Centre by organizing courses, debates and other events. The centre is a joint initiative of the Chairs of Animals and Society, Applied Philosophy and Ethics of Life Sciences and gets organizational support from the Chairgroup of Applied Philosophy.

Date: Wednesday December 14, 2005

Venue: Leeuwenborch, Hollandseweg 1, WUR

Chair: Michiel Korthals, Professor Applied Philosophy, WU

Organization: Prof.dr. Frans Brom, Prof.dr. Michiel Korthals, Prof.dr. Elsbeth Stassen

Registration for whole day (lunch included), till December 5: send an email to secretariat Applied Philosophy, bea.prijn@wur.nl.

For any further questions contact Bram de Jonge, PhD Applied Philosophy, bram.dejonge@wur.nl.

Participation is free.

10:00 Room 64 Welcome by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Martin Kropff en Chair Prof. Michiel Korthals

Speakers: Prof. Robin Attfield (Cardiff University, UK)

Prof. John O'Neill (University of Lancaster, UK)

Prof. Matthias Kaiser (Oslo, Norway)

12:30 Lunch Buffet, with Asia Plaza

Poster presentation Applied Ethics at Wageningen University: education, research and outreach.

14:00 Rooms 65-73 Three Workshops

a) education: new initiatives, what are the expectations (Korthals and Attfield)

b) research: new initiatives, what are the expectations (Brom and Kaiser)

c) extension towards society: new initiatives, what are the expectations (and O'Neill)

16:00 Room 64 Plenary session: reports from the workshops and debates on the recommendations

Chair: Frans Brom

17:00 Drinks

Participation of students will be encouraged, with compensation for the time and energy invested by the teachers concerned.

- Prof. Robin Attfield is author of 'Environmental Philosophy: Principles and Prospects' (Ashgate, 1994) and 'The Ethics of the Global Environment' (Edinburgh University Press, 1999)
- Prof John O'Neil is author of Ecology, Policy and Politics: Human Well-Being and the Natural World (London, Routledge, 1993)
- Prof Matthias Kaiser is Director of The National Committee for Research Ethics in Science and Technology in Norway, Oslo, Norway
- Prof. Michiel Korthals is author of *Ethics for Life Scientists* (with Bogers, R.J., Kluwer 2004) and *Before Dinner, Philosophy and Ethics of Food* (Springer, 2004).
- Prof. Elsbeth Stassen is professor Animals and Society (Chairgroup Animal Production Systems)
- Prof. Frans Brom is professor Life Sciences Ethics (Chairgroup Animal Breeding and Genetics)

Course English Presentation Skills

Course code: ENG-PS CT05-065

Course description:

This course is intended for people who regularly have to give presentations in English. How do you come across as being enthusiastic and convincing and which techniques can you apply to achieve that? The different aspects of giving a presentation in the English language will be dealt with in small groups. In addition, attention will be given to sentence structure, pronunciation, intonation and body language. Every participant of the course will be required to give a presentation of his/her own work on the third and fourth day of the course.

Entry level: The minimum entry level with regard to fluency of the participants is B2 (Common European Framework). This is equal to a test score of 70% in the Quick Placement Test.

This test can be taken at the language Centre.

Exit level: Fluency level C1.

Objectives of the course: After completing the course, the participant: will
be able to give an effective presentation
be able to form well-structured sentences
have mastered presentation vocabulary
be able to use audiovisual aids in an adequate way
have improved his/her non-verbal behaviour such as body posture, gestures and intonation
have a thorough command of a number of presentation techniques

Registration procedure:

Persons interested can register by completing the registration form.

Upon receipt of the completed registration form, the candidates will be invited to take a "Quick Placement Test" at the computer (approx. 20 min.). The test score should be at least 70% in order to be able to participate in the course.

Organisation:

Number of participants per course: 8-10.

Schedule: 2005: Monday – 21 Nov. 2005 09.30 – 12.30 and 13.30-16.30 hours

Monday – 28 Nov. 2005 09.30 – 12.30 and 13.30-16.30 hours

Monday – 05 Dec. 2005 09.30 – 12.30 hours

Monday – 12 Dec. 2005 09.30 – 12.30 hours

Teachers: This course is a joint effort of the Language Centre (CENTA) and the Education and Competence Studies Group. One teacher is an expert in the English language and the other specialises in presentation skills. This ensures the improvement of all aspects of your presentation skills.

Course fee:

The fee for this course € 500.- per person. [There is a 50% reduction in course fee for Wageningen PhD students with an approved TSP \(Training and Supervision Plan\).](#)

These costs are inclusive of the ring binder with teaching materials developed and selected by CENTA and course materials provided by the Chairgroup Education and Competence Studies.

Supporting materials, such as dictionaries, newspapers, magazines, grammar books, CDs and workbooks are available in the multimedia section of the library. The course participant can also order supplementary materials via the secretarial office.

WGS Course Project and Time Management

Course 1: 17 January, 31 January & 28 February 2006

Course 2: 14 March, 28 March & 25 April 2006

Course 3: 9 May, 23 May & 20 June 2006

Introduction:

For PhD students, planning, control, monitoring and management of their research project and time are essential in accomplishing the PhD. Achieving this in 4 years time is a real challenge. To manage the research projects better and to get more out of time is what this course is all about. This 3-day short

course provides insight into project and time management and ways to improve them. Hence it is time well spent.

Course duration: three separate days

On each of these days the course starts at 9 am and ends at approximately 5 pm.

Day 1 focuses on Project Management

Day 2 focuses on theory and personal experience with Time Management

Day 3 focuses on filling the personal toolbox of the student with easy-to-apply rules and methods of Time Management

Course fee: This course is offered by Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) consisting of: PE&RC, WIAS, VLAG, EPS, MGS, WIMEK/SENSE and CERES. Participants from one of these graduate schools will receive an invoice through their own department.

Course fee: approximately € 450,-. **PhD students of one of the above-mentioned Graduate Schools with an approved Education Plan (TSP) get a 50% reduction and pay € 225,-**

The fee includes study and training material, coffee/tea and lunches.

More information you can find at: http://www.wau.nl/phd/courses_wgs.html

Registration: Closing date for registration is 3 weeks before the onset of the course. Register by sending a mail to Henneleen.Koppe@wur.nl specifying:

- Your name:
- Name and address of research group (if applicable internal bode number):
- Name of department:
- Name of your graduate school:
- Whether you have an approved education plan (TSP) or not:
- Status: PhD student // Post-doc // else
- Which course you want to participate in.

Courses by the WUR Library

- Guide to digital scientific artwork: 13-14 December
- Advanced photoshop: 15-16 December
- Endnote advanced: 19 January 2006

More info on <http://library.wur.nl/desktop/services/> under 'courses and self-instruction' in the menu on the left.

Science Journalism Course 2006

This course will be been organised now for the fourth time in Wageningen. However, it's in Dutch and so is the announcement:

U doet natuurlijk allemaal razend interessant onderzoek. Maar het zou helemaal mooi zijn als ook de rest van de wereld daar kennis van zou nemen. Wellicht is daarom een cursus wetenschapsjournalistiek iets voor u. In maart 2006 begint er in Wageningen weer een cursus van tien dinsdagavonden. Dus als u graag een vaardigheid traint waar u de rest van uw carrière (in de wetenschap of daarbuiten) profijt van zult hebben, geef u dan snel op voor de cursus wetenschapsjournalistiek. Meer informatie is te vinden op www.delynx.nl/htm/pop_ups/cursus.htm.

Graduations in the next four weeks

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