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IN-DEPTH COURSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

VLAG/WIAS Course Nutrition and Sports

Date: 27-28 September, 1-2 October 2007.

Organisers: Prof. GertJan Schaafsma and Dr. Victor Schreurs

More information: <http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/nutrition-sports.htm>

For WIAS PhD students with an approved TSP WIAS pays the fee.

Basic course Medical Immunology

Date: 20 September – 29 November 2007, on ten Thursday evenings

Place: Congrescentrum La Vie, Utrecht

Language: Dutch

Course leader: Prof. J.J.M. van Dongen

Contributor, among others: prof. Huub Savelkoul

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Mathematical Models in Evolution and Ecology 2007

University of Sussex 20 - 21 September 2007.

All information about the meeting appears on the conference website www.maths.sussex.ac.uk.

Tropentag 2007

Utilisation of diversity in land use systems: Sustainable and organic approaches to meet human needs

October 9-11, 2007, Witzenhausen, Germany. For more information: <http://www.tropentag.de>.

Methodik der Nutztierethologie

Graduate course in German on ethology of farm animals, 3-8 September 2007.

Place: Versuchsstation Unterer Lindenhof, Eningen, bei Reutlingen.

Wir möchten alle Doktoranden und Diplomanden (Master), die sich mit Ethologie beschäftigen, einladen. Aus organisatorischen Gründen Anmeldung bis Mitte August 2007 an Universität Hohenheim, Fachgebiet Nutztierethologie und Kleintierzucht (470c) Sekretariat, Garbenstr. 17, 70599 Stuttgart, Germany, kheisler@uni-hohenheim.de.

SKILLS COURSES

WGS Courses

[Scientific Writing \(start next course: 27 September 2007\)](#)

This course is intended for PhDs who want to learn how to write a good, clear and readable scientific article.

[The Art of Writing \(start next course: 9 October 2007\)](#)

This course is intended for everyone who needs to write in English about miscellaneous topics. Central focus of the course is how to put your thoughts on paper and write a concise and attractive text.

[Presentation Skills \(start next course: 12 November 2007\)](#)

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?

[Writing Grant Proposals \(start next course: 8 November 2007\)](#)

This course is intended for PhDs in their last years and post-doc researchers, who want to learn how to write a project proposal for funding. The course will focus on clear and concise writing that meets the requirements of funding agencies.

SKILLS COURSES:

[Project- and Time Management \(start next course: 11 September 2007\)](#)

This 3-day short course provides insight into project and time management and ways to improve them. The course focuses on PhD projects.

[PhD Media Training \(start next course: 20 September 2007\)](#)

This three-day training offers you in a nutshell the essential tools to deal with the media. You'll learn to look through the eyes of a media professional and learn to read and listen as the general public.

[Interpersonal communication for PhD students \(start next course: 1 November 2007\)](#)

This course aims at improving your communication skills and recognising different styles of communication. Several subjects such as communication with your supervisor, negotiating, solving conflicts and giving and receiving feedback will be treated.

[Information Literacy, including Introduction Endnote \(start next course: 11 September 2007\)](#)

This course is all about finding information relevant to your PhD study. Subjects that will be treated are: effective use of Wageningen Desktop Library, citation searching and impact factors, reference management and preparing a personal information plan for your PhD study together with an information specialist.

[Personal Efficacy \(start next course: 18 October 2007\)](#)

This course is intended for people who would like to enhance their interpersonal skills. By developing assertive behavior it will be easier to attain your goals in a more effective way. An important aspect of assertive behavior is to learn how to protect your own boundaries and to learn to stand up for yourself, create win-win situations and sometimes confront others.

[Mobilising your - scientific - network \(start next course: 19 October 2007\)](#)

This course is all about networking. Networking helps PhD students in obtaining data, money and time, receiving valuable feedback and effectively completing their thesis. Networking is a competence - partly knowledge and skills, but largely an attitude. If you are conscious of that, it will be an activity that brings unexpected opportunities and pleasure in work.

CAREER ORIENTED COURSES:

[Career Perspectives \(start next course: 23 October 2007\)](#)

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.

[Career Orientation \(start next course: 17 October 2007\)](#)

This course aims for personal discovery and acquisition of the most inspiring job. Career Orientation is meant for young scientists (PhD candidates and postdocs) who are not thrilled about their current job and thinking about moving their career in a different direction.

PHD ASSESSMENTS:

[PhD Competence Assessment \(start next assessment: 5 September 2007\)](#)

This assessment (quick scan) focuses on one's personal strengths and pitfalls in relation to doing a PhD study and how to overcome these pitfalls. The assessment will focus on competences such as organising capacity, analytical thinking, collaboration and personal characteristics. Target group: first year PhDs.

[Career Assessment \(start next assessment: September 2007\)](#)

This assessment helps PhD candidates to get more insight in which competences are important or even required to succeed in their current and future jobs and how to reach their goals in a more effective way. Target group: third and fourth year PhDs.

NWO Talent Days

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

The last two masterclasses of 2007 will take place on 30 October and 4 December 2007. Registration for this will start in September 2007.

If you're a researcher at PhD or postdoc level you can register for one of the masterclasses. It is not required that you have previously participated in one of the Talent Days.

Registration for the October and December Talent classes starts at the beginning of September. We would strongly advise you to do it as soon as possible, since the number of places available are limited and registration will be closed when the masterclasses are fully booked.

More information and registration: www.nwo.nl/talentclasses.

Organization and Leadership for PhD students

Professionals like PhD students are more and more expected to take up a more leading role in the organization. For instance as a coordinator of a project. The course 'Organization and Leadership' is meant for PhD students who are interested in taking up this role in their recent or future work.

In the course the participants are given the opportunity to learn about organization processes (why are things organized, or not organized, as they are?) and leadership (how can I influence these processes). Secondly they are given the opportunity to learn practical skills that can help them to function better in a leading role. More info: <http://www.usg.uu.nl/index.cfm/site/USB0/pageid/63C6663D-E081-2E3C-90FCF5364F1623F0/index.cfm>

FUNDING AND AWARDS

NWO Veni

Deadline for pre-selection within WU: 5 October 2007.

Deadline NWO: 8 January 2008.

NWO Rubicon

This grant can be requested three times a year and the closing datum for applications are: 3 September and 3 December 2007. For more details: www.nwo.nl.

UNESCO/L'ORÉAL Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Young Women in Life Sciences

Each year since 2000, as part of the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO For Women in Science partnership, 15 international UNESCO-L'ORÉAL International Fellowships are allocated to young women researchers in the Life Sciences, at the doctoral or post-doctoral level, whose promising projects have been accepted by a reputable institution outside their home country.

Starting with 2006 Fellows, the length of the Fellowships was doubled. Each is now worth a maximum of \$40,000 and may cover a period of up to two years.

The Fellowships give a boost to promising research in the Life Sciences, helping the beneficiaries, who have already distinguished themselves by their talent and commitment, to pursue promising research at what may be a critical point in their scientific careers.

The UNESCO-L'ORÉAL Fellowship Selection Committee makes the final choice of three Fellowship beneficiaries from each of these five UNESCO regions: Africa, Arab States, Asia/Pacific, Latin America/Caribbean, and North America/Europe.

Deadline for registration 15 August. More info at www.forwomeninscience.com.

To download an application, please click here:

http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=14633&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

COST Action F&A0601 - Fish Reproduction and Fisheries

Netherlands has signed the COST action to participate in the network of European and North-Atlantic researchers to co-operate on the improvement of i) knowledge on fish reproduction in relation to fisheries and ii) current assessment methodology in order to promote sustainable exploitation of marine fish resources. The Action will form a focal point for the disparate national, European and North-American research initiatives in this research area. Further, it aims to assist in the development of future marine policy objectives, such as the recovery of overexploited fish stocks. The economic dimension of the activities carried out under the Action has been estimated, on the basis of information available during the planning of the Action, at approximately 30 million EUR in 2005 prices.

The COST Action provide funds for a.o. to support participation in international symposia; support exchange visit and collaborative activities.

Further information: <http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=181&action%20number=FA0601>.

Singapore research grant

The Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF) supports the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council chaired by the Singapore Prime Minister to provide a coherent strategic overview of R&D policies and direction in Singapore. It manages a S\$5 billion National Research Fund to develop R&D as a key driver in transforming Singapore into a knowledge and innovation based economy.

The Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF) is inviting brilliant, young researchers who are ready for their first independent research appointments to apply for our inaugural NRF Research Fellowship Awards.

The NRF Research Fellowship provides:

- Complete freedom and independence to pursue their research direction in Singapore
- A 3-year research grant of up to US\$1.5 million, with possible extension for another 3 years
- A competitive salary
- The opportunity for joint appointment at the host university or research institution
- Freedom to select the host institution in Singapore.

More information can also be found at our website www.nrf.gov.sg/nrf-fellowship.htm.