

WIAS News

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New WIAS Secretary

Many of you will have noticed that Gab van Winkel who has been WIAS Secretary since the graduate school started in 1993, has switched jobs to work on a three-year, grant-funded research project on quality indicators for European PhD programmes. Also Joke Heijnekamp has ended her WIAS tasks. Until December 2009 when **Patricia Huijbers** will start as the new WIAS Secretary, Egbert Egberts is taking care of the general WIAS administrative business. Parallel to these changes, **Marianne Bruining** now acts as the contact person for the organisation of courses and seminars, and **Kor Oldenbroek** deals with the project proposals. Please, make sure to send emails regarding WIAS from now on 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.

WIAS End of the Year Party and Farewell to Gab van Winkel

This is to remind you of the party that will take place on **Tuesday December 15** to celebrate the end of a successful year for WIAS. As announced before, this party will also be the official farewell celebration of the 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 December 8, 2009. The buffet will have enough choice to fulfil several dietary preferences.

WAPS Council Dinner and Pool Night

The WAPS Council organizes a **Dinner and Pool Night** on **Wednesday November 25**. Information and/or registration with Anne Wientjes (anne.wientjes@wur.nl).

Graduations

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| - Hans D. Daetwyler | ABG | December 9, 11:00 |
| - Simone R. de Bruin | APS | December 9, 16:00 |
| - Erasto V. Mbugi | CBI | December 14, 11:00 |

Graduate School Courses and Seminars

The next WIAS Advanced Statistics course Design of Experiments is scheduled for **February 10-12, 2010**. The teachers of this course, prof. Mike Grossman and dr. Wiebe Koops, complement each other very well and the course always has a very good evaluation record! Program information and registration via the website: http://www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=141

For more information on WIAS courses, see: www.wias.wur.nl

For professional skill courses, check out:

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

On the occasion of the **PhD-defense of Hans Daetwyler** on the **9th of December**, the Animal Breeding and Genomics Centre of Wageningen University organizes a seminar in the afternoon of that day from 14.00 – 17.00 hrs with the title **“Developments in genome-wide evaluation and genomic selection”**. The venue is Hotel De Nieuwe Wereld, Marijkeweg 5, 6709PE, Wageningen, and participation is for free. A lunch will be provided at 13.15 hrs for people attending both the defense ceremony and the seminar, and for people having to travel to Wageningen. If you want to have lunch, please register with Ada Wiggerman (ada.wiggerman@wur.nl).

Meetings and Stipends

AITVM Conference 2010

The 13th International Conference of the Association of Institutions for Tropical Medicine is co-hosted by the Veterinary Science Faculties of the four leading Universities in Thailand – Chiang Mai University, Chulalongkorn University, Kasetsart University & Kon Kean University. The conference will be held from 23 - 26 August 2010 at the Sofitel Centara Grand Hotel, Bangkok. The conference will have 5 combined sessions concerning the **“Globalization of Tropical Animal Diseases and Public Health Concerns”**:

- * Emerging, re-emerging animal and zoonotic diseases
- * Food and feed security and safety
- * Veterinary education: quality assurance and accreditation
- * Aquatic animal diseases and aquaculture
- * Zoo, wildlife and exotic animal health and management

Further information can be found on the conference website: <http://www.aitvm2010.org/>

EU Science and Technology Fellowship Program China - 2nd Intake

The EU-Science and Technology Fellowship Program funds researchers from EU countries to undertake a **2-year fellowship in China**, including a 6 month language study and an 18 months research period. The subject of the research project, including interdisciplinary topics should further the participant's competence in a certain area and be of strong interest for the EU sending as well as the Chinese host institution alike. The applicant's research proposal should concentrate on fields of research of particular relevance for the European Union's policies and dialogues with the People's Republic of China. This applies to the following titles of the 10 general fields covered by the program:

- Health
- Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology
- Information & communication technologies (ICT)
- Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials & new production technologies
- Energy
- Environment (including climate change)
- Transport (including aeronautics)
- Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
- Space
- Security

The deadline of application submission is Jan. 4, 2010. Qualified applicants should be above MSc degree (including PhD students). For details see the website www.euchinastf.eu