

WIAS News



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NEWS

New WIAS Chairman

Prof. Leo den Hartog was appointed by the University's Executive Board as new Chairman of the WIAS Board as per 1 July 2008. He succeeds Prof. Johan van Leeuwen who Chaired the Board since 2004.

PhD Party 24 October

On behalf of the Wageningen PhD Council and all the Graduate Schools, the 2nd PhD Party will be organized on the 24th of October 2008. To this party, all the PhDs of WUR are invited. The entrance to the party and some drinks and snacks are for free. The party starts at 20:00; an official speech, special spectacles and a lot of nice music have been organized. Register before 11 October on www.wageningenphdparty.nl.

Website for PhD researchers

A PhD student at the University of Durham, UK, created a website for graduate students to find other students working on similar projects: www.graduatejunction.com.

The site is designed to be simple and easy to use, but with the serious purpose of linking up graduate researchers with similar interests working in different departments, institutions and countries. So far, response has been really good. Over 1000 registrations in the first week and getting faster.

Graduations September - October

David Lentink	EZO	9 September (<i>cum laude</i>)
Marinus van Krimpen	ANU	16 September
Laura Star	ADP/ABG	1 October

Tran Duy An	AFI	14 October
Ellen Stolte	CBI	17 October
Prescilla Jeurink	CBI	24 October

IN-DEPTH COURSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

Epigenesis and epigenetics - Physiological consequences of perinatal programming

International advanced course **24-26 November** Wageningen, The Netherlands. Organised by the Graduate School Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences (WIAS), in co-operation with the Graduate School Food Technology, Agrobiotechnology, Nutrition and Health Sciences (VLAG) , Wageningen University, The Netherlands.

The course is aimed at postgraduates (MSc, PhD) with a background in animal, veterinary, biological, health, or food sciences and open for participants from both industry and universities/research centers. Participants are challenged to actively contribute to discussions.

Course background and aim

Environmental conditions in early life may, through epigenetic processes, have profound effects on physiological functioning and health in later life. The course aims to provide a detailed scientific background on the mechanisms that may underlie these early-life effects, both at the physiological and gene expression level. The programme combines knowledge on perinatal programming in humans, laboratory and farm animals. The course consists of a series of lectures and several workshops providing the latest scientific knowledge on the different subjects.

More info on www.adp.wur.nl/UK/newsagenda/agenda/Epigenesis_and_epigenetics.htm

Systems biology course

Statistics of ~omics data analysis-4th edition (8 - 11 December 2008) Wageningen University. This course will focus on the principles underlying processing, analysis and visualization of large datasets derived from transcriptomics and metabolomics experiments. For more information please go to:

<http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/princ-omics.pdf>

Introduction to R for statistical analysis (23 & 24 October 2008)

The aim of the workshop is to provide an introduction to R, a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics. Focus of the workshop will be on getting familiar with the R environment, to use R for manipulation and exploration of data, and to perform simple statistical analyses. Hands-on exercises will form a large part of the workshop. After introduction of a topic, participants can work through some exercises, familiarizing themselves with the ideas.

Nutrient Density of Milk

26 - 28 January 2009, Wageningen

The course aims to provide detailed scientific background on the significance of the nutrient density of dairy products in the diet, how the nutrient density can be changed at the different stages of the dairy chain and how the concept of nutrient density can be communicated to health professionals and consumers. The course consists of a series of lectures, several workshops and discussions.

SKILLS COURSES

WGS Courses

Language Related Courses

Scientific Writing (start: 18 September 2008)

Techniques for writing and presenting a scientific paper (start: 14 October 2008)

Writing grant proposals (start: 3 November 2008)

Scientific publishing (start 5 November 2008)

Skills

Science, the press and the general public: communication and interaction (start: 23 October 2008)

Interpersonal communication for PhD students (start: 27 October 2008)

Effective behavior in your professional surroundings (start: 29 October 2008)

Information Literacy, including Introduction Endnote (start: 11 November 2008)

Project- and Time Management (start: 13 January 2009)

Career Oriented Courses

Career Perspectives (start next course: 21 October 2008)

PhD Assessments

Career Assessment (start September 2008)

PhD Competence Assessment (start next assessment: 18 September 2008)

Courses for Supervisors

Professional in Supervision (next workshop: 22 October 2008 (fully booked/ Next workshop 15,16 April and 27 May 2009)

For more information go to: [General courses](#)

FUNDING

The LEB Foundation

The LEB Foundation provides financial support for visits to scientific meetings, study trips, publication of proceedings of scientific meetings held in the Netherlands and, in special cases, the publication of theses. The funding guidelines had been revised, and are effective from 1 September 2008. For more information please click [here](#).

Hendrik Casimir – Karl Ziegler fellowships 2009

The Royal Academy of Sciences (KNAW) announced this annual fellowship to stimulate scientific collaboration in the life sciences between Germany and the Netherlands. The fellowship of k€ 50 will enable a young scientist to work as guest researcher in a university in Nordrhein Westfalen, Germany. Deadline 1 January 2009. More info on www.knaw.nl.

CAS-KNAW PhD event 25 November

The Royal Academy of Sciences (KNAW) launches a new exchange programme for excellent PhD students on 25 November 14:00 h in Groningen. Chinese students will present their views on how it is to study in the Netherlands. Representatives of KNAW and Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) will present the new programme. Deadline for proposals is 19 January 2009. More info on www.knaw.nl/china/cas/index.html.

KNAW SPIN programme

The Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences KNAW announces two different subsidy schemes within the Scientific Programme Indonesia-Netherlands (SPIN) : 1) Call for proposals of the fourth round of the SPIN [Postdoc Programme](#). The deadline to submit proposals is **15 October 2008**. 2) [Mobility Programme](#). The objective of this programme is to contribute to the maintenance and construction of existing and future Indonesian-Netherlands scientific relations and (multilateral) networks in disciplines offering potential for successful cooperation. The Mobility Programme has a running call without yearly deadline. For more information about the calls, please go to: www.knaw.nl/indonesia

KNAW financial support for organization of Congresses

From 1 October there is a change in the [guidelines](#) for financial support.

NWO Veni Vidi Vici will change

De Vernieuwingsimpuls gaat veranderen in 2009:

- hogere subsidies
- geen bijdrage van de instelling
- geen inbedding vooraf
- ook voor hoogleraren.

Wil je weten hoe hoog de subsidiebedragen worden? Wat de procedureveranderingen zijn? Of ben je benieuwd naar tips van winnaars? Kom dan naar een ochtend of middag van de Vernieuwingsimpulsvoorlichting bij NWO. Daar hoor je van winnaars, coördinatoren en (ex-)commissieleden wat nieuw is, waarop je moet letten bij je subsidieaanvraag en welke alternatieven er zijn als je niet wint. Tevens kun je in speeddatesessies van vijf minuten alles aan hen vragen wat je altijd al wilde weten.

Meld je gratis aan op www.nwo.nl/vivoorlichting voor een dagdeel

Vernieuwingsimpulsvoorlichting! Daar vind je ook het programma.

Wanneer (kies op de site voor één optie):

- Donderdag 6 november 9.00 – 12.00
- Donderdag 6 november 13.30 – 16.00
- Vrijdag 28 november 9.00 – 12.00
- Vrijdag 28 november 13.30 – 16.00
- Dinsdag 16 december 9.00 - 12.00
- Dinsdag 16 december 13.30 - 16.00

CONICYT Chile - Wageningen UR Agreement

In March 2007 CONICYT and Wageningen UR signed an agreement for scientific collaboration. In September 2007 both institutions established a specific agreement as the basis for a **Call in Chile** for Chilean PhD candidates who become registered at Wageningen University and defend their thesis at Wageningen University. For further information please click [here](#)