

WIAS News



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Special issue with invitation for the 'WIAS End of the Year Party on 15 December

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WIAS End of the Year Party 15 December

As promised, here are some more details of this party on Thursday 15 December Zodiac main hall. Start at 17.00 h with drinks, including Sietze Leenstra's famous Glühwein and fish snacks. From 18.30 h buffet is served. Previous year, international PhD students had prepared special dishes from their country. Now, typical Dutch cuisine will be served: several types of 'stamppot'. End of the party at about 22.00 h.

All who receive this issue of WIAS News: consider yourself invited. Registration is not required.

Farewell seminar for Willem Schouten 7 December

With a seminar titled '**Welzijn bestaat niet**' WIAS says farewell to Willem Schouten on Wednesday 7 December 2005, from 14.50 – 17.00 h. The title refers to a popular quote by Willem: 'There is no such thing as welfare'.

Dr. Willem Schouten has been active in animal sciences for many years. Prof. Victor Wiegant, who has worked closely with him in the field of behavioural physiology, will chair the seminar and briefly introduce Willem's career milestones. Five speakers who all collaborated with Willem during different periods of his scientific career will shortly, and rather informally, present part of the work they carried out with him. Finally, Willem will take the floor.

After the symposium, you are invited for a drink in the hall of Zodiac.

ORGANISATION AND INFORMATION

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VENUE

Zodiac, room 40
Marijkeweg 40

6709 PG Wageningen

PROGRAMME SEMINAR

- 14.50 h Coffee and tea
- 15.15 h Welcome and introduction
Prof. Victor Wiegant (colleague during many years)
- 15.25 h From her Majesty's service to the Alma Mater
Dr. Paul Timmermans (former supervisor and colleague from the very beginning)
- 15.40 h Willem Schouten: a real applied ethnologist
Dr. Gerrit van Putten (copromotor)
- 15.55 h Pigs, personalities, pencil and paper
Dr. Liesbeth Bolhuis (former PhD student)
- 16.10 h From mating behaviour to stress, we needed Willem's help...
Dr. Nicoline Soede (former colleague)
- 16.25 h Welzijn: about pigs' behavioural needs and Willem's need to behave...
Dr. Karel de Greef (colleague at the very end)
- 16.40 h Measuring welfare: too much confusion
Dr. Willem G.P. Schouten
- 17.00 h Drinks in the hall of Zodiac

Public debate on African Rainbow revolution 7 December

The graduate school CERES (Research School for Resource Studies for Development) organises a public debate 'An African Rainbow revolution and the future of small-holder farming'.

Africa is the only continent where per capita food production declined over the past decades despite the fact that a vast majority of the African population is involved in some way in agriculture. According to the recent UN-report 'Realizing the Potential of African Agriculture' a series of Rainbow Evolutions, rather than one single Green Revolution, should occur to make agricultural practices more productive and sustainable. However, will a series of rainbow revolutions be different, better perhaps, from the green revolution and secure the economic emancipation of the rural poor? A large part of the African poor, who are the main targets of the Millennium Development Goals, inhabit marginal semi-arid and sub-humid areas with extremely diverse conditions for agriculture. These areas lack infrastructure rendering the provision of inputs and the marketing of products rather difficult. What kind of rainbow revolution technologies fit into their livelihoods? How to protect the interests of disadvantaged groups like women, pastoralists, and fishers, and how to ensure access to land and water on an equitable basis?

With:

Mercy Karanja, Development Policy Coordinator for the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP).

Mamadou Cissokho, (to be confirmed), Farmer and Honorary President of the Conseil National de Concertation et de Coopération Ruraux (CNCR), Senegal.

Michael Mortimore, Researcher on environmental management by smallholders in the drylands of Africa.

Paul Richards, Professor of technology and agrarian development, Wageningen University

André de Jager, Researcher at Landbouw Economisch Instituut, Wageningen. On the horticultural sector in Africa

The meeting will be chaired by **Han van Dijk**, African Studies Centre, Leiden & Wageningen University, Law and Governance Group.

Date: Wednesday 7 December

Time: 1.00-3.15 pm

Place: room 65, Leeuwenborch Building, Hollandseweg 1, Wageningen

Extra course 'Working with EndNote 8' on 8 December

Pre-requisites: Experience of Windows and MS Word. Some knowledge of searching bibliographic databases is also desirable.

EndNote is a bibliographic management program that allows you to organise your own literature references. It also facilitates the layout of literature references in articles, books or theses. EndNote is closely

integrated with your word processor, and makes the inclusion of references really easy. In this beginners course of half a day you will learn the basics of Endnote. The course consists of the following parts:

- Creating a reference database and filling the database with data from a wide range of bibliographic databases (e.g. Cab Abstracts, Web of Science).
- Managing and searching your reference database.
- Including selected references in your own text in MS Word, and
- Producing reference lists according to certain journal specifications.

After an introduction the participants are guided through the program by a range of exercises. A brief [manual](#) is available.

Date: Thursday 8 December 2005, 9.00 – 12.30 h

Location: Jan Kopshuis, Generaal Foulkesweg 19, Wageningen

Costs: 100 euro for PhD students, 200 euro for staff.

Information and registration

For information and registration you can contact the [Helpdesk](#) of Wageningen UR Library. You can print and fill in a [registration form](#) and send it by mail or fax (0317-484504).

PE&RC annual meeting 'The Truth of Science' 8 December

Programme:

- 9:00 Registration and coffee
- 9:30 Start of the day by Chairman
(*Prof. dr Johan Bouma, Wageningen University*)
- 9:45 Do culture and technology determine relevance and scope of scientific truth?
(*Prof. dr Michiel Korthals, Wageningen University*)
- 10:30 Truth in Science and Religion
(*Prof. dr Rene. van Woudenberg, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam*)
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 Metaphors and truth
(*Dr Cor van der Weele, Wageningen University*)
- 12:30 Rules of religious slaughter and animal welfare guidelines in the UK.
(*Dr Andrew Woodfield, University of Bristol*)
- 13:15 Lunch
- 14:15 Plenary discussion
- 15:15 Tea
- 15:45 Keynote: Scientific Perspectivism
(*Prof. dr Ronald. N. Giere, University of Minnesota, USA*)
- 16:30 Summary by chair
- 17:00 Drinks
- 18:00 Dinner

Venue:

Hotelschool Wageningen

Marijkeweg 5

6709 PE Wageningen

Registration:

Send an email to: Office.pe@wur.nl, providing the following information:

- Name
- Name of institute, department and research group
- Name of your graduate school (if applicable)
- Status: PhD/ post-doc/ other
- Will you attend diner: yes/no
- Are you vegetarian: yes/no

Biomechanics seminar 14 December

On the occasion of the graduation of Talitha van der Meulen, the Experimental Zoology group organises a WIAS seminar 'Mechanics and development of the musculo-skeletal system'.

Place:

Lecture room 40, Department of Animal Sciences, Zodiac, building 531, Marijkeweg 40, 6709 PG Wageningen.

Programme:

09.00: coffee/tea

09.55: **Johan L. van Leeuwen** (Experimental Zoology, Wageningen University)

Introduction

10.00: **Ulrike K. Müller** (Experimental Zoology, Wageningen University)

Fluid-structure interaction in larval zebrafish

10.30: **Melina E. Hale** (Organismal Biology and Anatomy, University of Chicago)

Neural control and evolution of startle behaviour in zebrafish

11.00: coffee/tea

11.30: **Gert Flik** (Animal Physiology, Radboud University Nijmegen)

Calcium metabolism and bone development in fish

12.00: **Ronald Ruimerman** (Biomedical Engineering, Eindhoven University of Technology)

Mechanically induced osteocyte signals explain modeling and remodeling of tissue structure in cortical and trabecular bone

12.30: lunch

16.00: **Talitha van der Meulen** (Experimental Zoology, Wageningen University)

Public defence of her thesis *Epigenetics of the locomotory system in zebrafish*

Place: Aula of Wageningen University, Generaal Foulkesweg 1, Wageningen

Aqualabs Course in Stirling January 2006

A new and exciting laboratory-based training course, "Aquatic Animal Disease Diagnostics", the fifth in the AquaTT-led, Marie Curie funded series known as AQUALABS will take place between **15 - 20th**

January 2006 inclusive at **University of Stirling, Scotland**.

Targeted at PhD level students and early-stage researchers, 25 funded places are available on the course. Funded places cover the €700 course participation fee as well as the majority of travel and subsistence costs. **Five** un-funded places are also available for the private sector or students able to avail of external grants. Please contact AquaTT if you would like to apply for one of these places.

The application deadline is **2nd December 2005** and complete applications (CV, application form, motivation letter, recommendation letter and Proof of Identity) must be sent via e-mail to lorraine@aquatt.ie. If you require any further information please visit the AquaTT website, www.aquatt.ie

Aqualabs Course in Wageningen February 2006

The new and exciting laboratory-based training course, "Design and Operation of Recirculation Technologies", the sixth in the AquaTT-led, Marie Curie funded series known as AQUALABS will take place **27th February 2006 – 3rd March 2006** inclusive at **Wageningen University, the Netherlands**.

Targeted at PhD level students and early-stage researchers, 30 funded places are available on the course. Funded places cover the €700 course participation fee as well as travel (partial) and subsistence costs.

The application deadline is **13th January 2006** and complete applications (CV, application form, motivation letter, recommendation letter and Proof of Identity) must be sent via e-mail to lorraine@aquatt.ie

If you require any further information please visit the AquaTT website, www.aquatt.ie.

INREF POND Symposium in Vietnam April 2006

The IAAS (Integrated Agriculture-Aquaculture farming System) Symposium will be organized at Cantho University, Vietnam, on 25-28 April 2006 under the framework of the INREF POND project of Wageningen University of the Netherlands. See attached pdf.

The organizers would like to invite a representative of each ViFINET members to join and contribute to this Symposium. Traveling and accommodation cost will be supported by the organizers. Other participants from ViFINET members are welcomed and should be supported financially by the member itself.

Please nominate and send us the name of the representative for your institution as well as other potential participants to ViFINET <htunguof@gmail.com> before 30 November 2005. Invitation letter will be then issued and sent out by CTU.

The University of Fisheries is planning for a scientific forum on Aquaculture & Fisheries Economics in October 2006. Scientists working in these areas are invited to join. Financial supports (travel, accommodation and per diem) will be made available for one representative from each ViFINET member. This is also the time for us to sit down and together plan for the coming years. Announcement/invitation will be sent out at the beginning of 2006 and post on ViFINET website (hopefully this December).

Changes in NWO-WOTRO calls 2006

NWO and WOTRO are currently developing a new strategy for the period 2007-2010. In its new strategic plan WOTRO, in accordance with the general NWO policy, will aim at improving quality, focus and impact of research and enhancing societal use of research results. Specifically, WOTRO's mission is to ensure innovative scientific research to the benefit of development.

The new WOTRO policy calls for a reconsideration of the current portfolio of funding instruments. In 2006 WOTRO will start to adapt existing funding instruments.

- A pilot for a new funding scheme will be launched in the course of 2006. This will concern an open call for research proposals focussed on innovative research with no thematic restrictions. The call will offer opportunities for researchers from the Netherlands and from developing countries.
- As of 2006 WOTRO will not continue the current calls for Individual projects and DC-fellowships. Opportunities for innovative ideas and individual talent from the Netherlands and developing countries are present within current and new WOTRO instruments. Furthermore, the existing NWO funding schemes Rubicon, Vernieuwingsimpuls and Mozaïek offer various opportunities to support individual talent, while NUFFIC offers grants specifically for researchers from developing countries. In addition, WOTRO and NUFFIC will explore ways to create synergy between their funding instruments.
- WOTRO will continue the Integrated Programmes scheme, which offers opportunities for individual researchers from both the Netherlands and Developing Countries. This instrument is aimed at supporting innovative research within a thematic framework, while aiming for added value through supporting research partnerships (joint development and execution of research) and a multidisciplinary approach.

The website (www.nwo.nl/wotro) will keep you informed on future developments concerning the strategic plan and the new funding instrument. The new WOTRO strategic plan is expected to be published in the first half of 2006.

CAS-KNAW Joint PhD Training Programme

The Chinese Academy of Sciences and its Dutch counterpart, the KNAW, have established an exchange programme for PhD students. Annually, six students, Chinese or Dutch can enter the programme. Applications must be linked to existing joint research projects with CAS institutes. PhD students may work in a sandwich construction, or do research entirely in the opposite country. Deadline for applications is **21 January 2006**.

More info on www.knaw.nl/china/ and from ap.de.wit@bureau.knaw.nl.

Simplified budgeting rules for courses and seminars

WIAS PhD students (with approved Training and Supervision Plan) have free access to WIAS courses and seminars because WIAS has a budget for PhD education. Now, WIAS has simplified its budgeting rules for PhD courses and seminars organised by WIAS staff:

- **International WIAS courses with a mix of external and WIAS participants:** WIAS pays the course fee for the participating WIAS PhD students. Organisers must apply before (and not afterwards) for 'WIAS course status' but don't have to submit a detailed budget anymore. Early application (to WIAS Education Coordinator Marianne Bruining) ensures timely announcement!
- **WIAS courses specifically for WIAS PhD students:** a minimum number of ten PhD students and a detailed budget estimate are needed. Plans are to be submitted to Marianne Bruining. The WIAS Education Committee decides whether the course will be subsidised.
- **One 'wild idea' course per year:** to stimulate development of courses on new areas for which the number of external and internal participants is unsure, WIAS will sponsor one such course annually with maximum four thousand euro (less if the deficit is less).

- **WIAS seminars:** seminars are subsidised by 250 euro (half day) or 500 euro (whole day). Seminars plus (with an extra education part for PhD students) earn double those amounts. Organisers must apply before (and not afterwards) for 'WIAS seminar status'. Early application ensures timely announcement!
- **Wageningen Graduate School (WGS) Courses:** up till now, WIAS paid the fee for some selected WGS courses. Students from all other graduate schools always have had to pay such courses from their individual education budget ('rugzakje'). Now, WIAS has decided to take the same position because the WIAS budget is dearly needed for WIAS courses.

The future of graduate schools

Graduate schools in the Netherlands have been established in the 1990's, so some policy makers think 'it is time for something new'. Several universities, for example, are setting up mono-university graduate schools and don't submit these for accreditation by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW).

In September 2005, the KNAW has published an advisory report on the education of PhD students in view of the new developments. And in October the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has issued a note on 'research talent'. For example, the number of PhD graduates in the Netherlands is far below EU average, USA and Japan, so some brain gain is needed.

Another recent publication by the KNAW is on independence of researchers who carry out contract research. For example, the results of such research should be published, irrespective of whether they are favourable to the client or not.

These publications can be viewed at the office of Gab van Winkel, room C0008 at Zodiac.

PromoV campaign

Dear PhD students and temporary employees of Wageningen University,

We would like to inform you about the upcoming Employee Council elections and what PromoV can do for you. Please visit our website <http://www.wur.nl/intranet/phd/promov/promov.htm> and vote for us (5-9 December).

Kind regards,

Tatiana Novoselova and Niels Olieman

Graduations in the next four weeks

The last graduation in a WIAS record series of 27 this year:

14 Dec Talitha van der Meulen