

WIAS News



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NEWS

Peer Review June 2009

Every five or six years, the research and PhD programme of graduate schools is evaluated by a peer review committee. Most graduate schools in Wageningen, will be peer reviewed in 2009. The WIAS review will be 9-11 June 2009. Prof. Paul Moughan, from Massey University, New Zealand, will Chair the committee, which will consist of six scientists who, together, cover the disciplinary fields in our school. Secretary of the committee will be Wil Meulepas who works at the Education and Research Office WUR.

Programme Talents & Topics started

WIAS has launched a programme to increase focus and mass through joint agenda setting in research, and to improve the chances of our talented researchers in prestigious grant programmes. In a period of six months, couples of two participants will improve skills that are important for a senior scientist and prepare a joint research proposal for external funding. The programme has started now with the first couple: Dr. Liesbeth Bolhuis (ADP) and Dr. Bas Rodenburg (ABG). In January, five more couples will start.

Graduations October-November

Prescilla Jeurink	CBI	24 October + seminar www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=116
Koen Uitdehaag	ABG	14 November
Patrycja Jurecka	CBI	24 November + seminar www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=115
Krzysztof Rakus	CBI	24 November

IN-DEPTH COURSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

Veterinary Science Day 27 November

KNVB Conference Centre, Zeist. Special theme: regulation of gene expression. The programme can be viewed at the WIAS bulletin board in the main hall of Zodiac, next to room 80. Registration by email to secretariaat.iww@vet.uu.nl.

Systems Biology: Statistical Analysis of ~Omics Data

On 8 - 11 December 2008, Graduate Schools EPS and VLAG, and Laboratory of Plant Breeding, Wageningen University, organise this PhD course. More info: http://www.graduateschool-eps.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=86&Itemid=245.

2nd International Symposium on Agricultural Research

The Environment and Agriculture Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (AT.IN.E.R.) organizes an International Symposium on Agricultural Research, 28-31 August 2009 in Athens, Greece. The conference website is: <http://www.atiner.gr/docs/Agriculture.htm>.

SKILLS COURSES

WIAS Introduction Course

The next course, mandatory for just started PhD students, will be 3 - 6 February 2009. Registration at www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=117.

WIAS Advanced Statistics Course: Design of Animal Experiments

11-13 February 2009. Teachers: Prof. Mike Grossman and Dr. Wiebe Koops. A highly recommended course! Further info and registration: http://www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=105.

CENTA Course Writing Grant Proposals

Schedule: 3, 10 and 24 November. 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. For registration and information click [here](#).

Entrepreneurial Bootcamp - the Dutch block

On 16-21 November 2008, Wageningen. The first block of this Boot Camp, held in the US in July 2008, focussed on introducing entrepreneurship and start-ups to (PhD) students in ag-bio and life sciences. Students learned the basics of turning leveraging technologies into entrepreneurial ventures. Join us at the Dutch block! It is open for all PhD students, not only for those who participated in the US block. And if you want to join the US block next year (July 2009), the Dutch block lays a good foundation.

The Dutch block will offer in depth understanding of business dynamics and focuses on individual development of skills, competences and expertise in the valorisation process; from idea to entrepreneurial venture. Fee for participating only at the Dutch block is 295 Euro. More information: gitte.schober@wur.nl. Tel. +31 317 483504.

WGS Courses

Workshop Presentation Skills revised

This is a workshop for PhD participants who want to improve and practice presentations of their own work. Based on past evaluations, the workshop has been revised and improved, and got a new teacher. This intensive and compact workshop provides the participants with practical, immediately useable 'nuggets' of information and tips in the form of a tried-and-tested 'recipe' for an effective presentation. The recipe focuses on the 3 main components of a presentation:

- The content—the key scientific messages
- The supporting visual aids
- The presenter's verbal and non-verbal skills

Tuesday 13 January Lecture/ Workshop 10.00-12.30 13.15-15.45

Tuesday 3 February Presentation session 9.30-12.30 13.15-16.15

All students are required to be at both presentation sessions!

More info at http://www2.wau.nl/centa/index.cfm?fuseaction=Cursus.showCourse&cursus_id=47.

Workshop: Scientific Publishing

5 November 2008

No science without publishing. Careers are increasingly dependent on what a person has written and where it is published. Likewise, PhD students are expected to publish their work. This one-day workshop provides insight and awareness in the process, rules, ethical aspects of scientific writing and publishing.

Registration by sending an email to claudius.vandevijver@wur.nl, providing the following information.

- your name:
- your email-address:
- name of the course you want to participate in:
- status: PhD student // post-doc // else:
- name of your graduate school:
- whether you have an approved education plan (TSP): yes // no

More information:

http://www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_ScientificPublishing/?wbc_purpose=Basic&WBCMODE=PresentationUnpublished

Other WGS Courses

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

FUNDING

ERC Starting Grants

De deadlines voor het indienen van een ERC starting grant proposal komen dichterbij (zie: <http://erc.europa.eu/index.cfm>). De deadline voor life sciences is 10 december. Kandidaten die van plan zijn een voorstel in te dienen kunnen dit voorstel voorleggen aan ervaringsdeskundigen. Zij dienen hiervoor contact op te nemen met: henrieke.deruiter@wur.nl.