

WIAS News



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INREF Seed Money Proposal granted

End of December, the INREF Seed Money proposal 'Solutions for sustainable pig production in Indo-Chinese countries' was granted. Project leader is Prof. Martin Verstegen.

Animal Breeding Seminar

Pre-announcement: the Animal Breeding and Genetics Group organises a seminar on Wednesday 29 March where the research of its Wageningen and Lelystad branches will be presented. More info will follow.

Other WIAS Courses and Seminars

See the WIAS website www.wias.nl/courses/list_course.php.

VLAG Summer Course Glycosciences

The Graduate School VLAG organises a summer course on glycosciences on 6-9 June 2006 which is also relevant for several WIAS PhD students. PhD students who register before 13 April pay € 400 fee. More info on www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/glycosciences/

PhD media training: 'Getting your message across'.

Media skills for scientific researchers on 9, 10 & 30 March

For more detailed information and registration, I refer to the following website:

http://www.wageningenuniversiteit.nl/UK/education/programmes/PhD+programmes/WGS_Media+Training+for+PhD+Students

Course 'Scientific Writing'

New dates: 15, 22, 29 March, 12, 19, 26 April & 3, 10 May 2006

Content: This writing course is designed for doctoral students in life science disciplines who are ready to begin, or who are currently working on, a doctoral dissertation. The course assumes that writing is inseparable from thinking, and that if you begin your articles early, your project will benefit as a whole.

Scientific Writing provides a framework for integrating your writing within the accepted scientific genres. It provides you with the opportunity to discuss your work with and present your work to other students who are involved in the same process. By the end of the course you should be able to view your own work within the context of your discipline through writing and through oral presentations in English. The course assumes

that students learn best through interaction with others and with the course materials. We will spend time looking at samples, critiquing them in small groups, and as a class. We will also look at each other's work and respond to it in a collaborative process.

Course 'Presentation Skills'

New dates: 24 April, 1, 8, 15 May 2006

Content: 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? The different aspects of giving a presentation in the English language will be dealt with in small groups. In addition, attention will be given to sentence structure, pronunciation, intonation and body language. Every participant of the course will be required to give a five minute presentation about the importance of his/her work on the first day of the course. On the last two days every participant will give a major presentation which will be evaluated. N.B. Please contact Centa administration for course fees.

The above listed courses belong to the general courses offered by Wageningen Graduate Schools:

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

This means that PhD students of WUR with an approved Education Plan (TSP) of one of the WGS (PE&RC, WIAS, VLAG, EPS, MGS, WIMEK/SENSE and CERES) will get a 50% reduction in course fee.

Besides these two courses CENTA would like to bring to your attention the following course that starts on Wednesday 8 March:

Course 'Cambridge Advanced English'

Content: CAE is the 4th level of the Cambridge examinations for speakers of other languages. Achieving a certificate at this level indicates the ability to use English effectively and perform confidently in social and professional situations, and in higher education. It is a valuable qualification for those who wish to work or study in an English speaking environment.

For more detailed information and to register for these courses, use the links presented in the Tables at the end of the EPS-NEWS letter.

Course 'Information Literacy'

This course is offered by Wageningen Graduate Schools and organised by the library of Wageningen UR. It covers the following topics:

- Effective use of Wageningen Desktop Library, including My Library, bibliographic databases on different platforms, portals, electronic journals, electronic books, etc.
- Getting to know the different types of scientific information sources: when to use what.
- How to select proper information sources for your research.
- Introduction to Citation Search and getting acquainted with Impact factors of journals.
- How to manage your references? One of the programs that is used worldwide is Endnote. 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 in your reports and articles really easy. During this part of course you will learn the basics of working with Endnote.
- Individual instruction and help in developing a balanced search plan, that will be beneficial throughout your PhD period.

Target Group: The course is set up for PhD-students and post-doc researchers.

Group size: 10-15 participants

Course duration: two days

Language: English

Course fee:

This course is offered by Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) consisting of PE&RC, WIAS, VLAG, EPS, MGS, WIMEK/SENSE and CERES.

PhD students of WUR with an approved Education Plan (TSP) of one of the WGS and post-docs registered at one of the WGS will pay 130 euro. All others pay 260 euro.

The fee includes study and training material, coffee / tea and lunches

Registration: send an e-mail to the [Helpdesk of the Library](#) specifying:

- Name of the course
- Your name
- Address
- Home Institute/Research Group
- Name of your Graduate School
- Status (PhD Student/ Post-doc/else)
- Whether you have an approved Training and Supervision Plan (TSP) or not

Also organised by Wageningen UR Library the courses:

- **EndNote 9 demonstration sessions**
- **Working with EndNote 9**, a brief [manual](#) is available.
- **EndNote Advanced try out course**

For more information: <http://library.wur.nl/desktop/services/>. For 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).

NWO Talent Classes

More than a 1,000 researchers have already participated in the NWO Talent Days, since we have started organizing them in 2003. Most participants clearly indicated to have a need for a follow-up, with more in-depth and personalized information. Thanks to the support of the Social Fund for the Knowledge Sector ([SoFoKleS](#)) we were able to set up equally successful Talent Classes in 2005. We received a lot of positive and enthusiastic reactions from the participants, and also many requests for continuing with these Talent Classes.

This year, we have set dates for a few Talent Classes so far, but we are trying to add a few more to these. You are invited to participate. Here's your chance to get professional training and advice against a reduced fee. The first masterclasses will take place on 21 March 2006.

Subjects

The masterclasses take up one full day and deal with one of the following issues. The masterclasses are in Dutch, unless indicated otherwise. If you don't speak Dutch, but would like to participate in a Dutch-spoken workshop, let us know by sending an email to verdieping@nwo.nl. Indicate your name, email address and workshop of choice, and the organisation will do its best to respect your wish.

- *Write it Right*, on writing a structured scientific article with good use of titles, graphics and technical English;
- *Networking*, on the do's and don'ts of networking and the importance of a good network for your career;
- *Media training*, on presenting research results to media and the general public and dealing with unexpected questions;
- *Funding*, on writing a successful grant proposal and increasing your chances of getting selected;
- *Career planning*, on making your career aims clear for yourself and taking the necessary steps to achieve them;
- *Creative thinking*, on how you can step out of the box and find innovative solutions to take your research hurdles;
- *Negotiating*, on how to gain the most out of different situations and also maintain your relation with different parties.

Value for money

Registration costs for the 'Talent Classes' are low compared to other - commercial - training courses. Still, quality is guaranteed with the set up of the masterclasses. The masterclasses are supervised by professional trainers. Each expert has put together an interactive program of presentations, tests and assignments that help you find solutions for your challenges.

For whom?

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

Place and time

The masterclasses of 2006 will take place at the NWO in The Hague on the following dates:

- 21 March
- 18 April
- 23 May

Registration

From 9 January 2006 you can register on www.nwo.nl/talentclasses to participate in the masterclasses. We would strongly advise you to do so soon, since the number of places available is limited and registration will be closed for fully booked masterclasses.

More information

Detailed masterclass descriptions and information about requirements and deadlines are available on www.nwo.nl/talentclasses.

NWO Bessensap

NWO organiseert op 23 mei 2006 voor de zesde keer Bessensap, samen met de Vereniging Wetenschapsjournalisten Nederland (VWN) en met science center NEMO. Het evenement brengt journalisten, redacteuren, voorlichters en mediagenieke onderzoekers dicht bij elkaar. Het motto is: "Wetenschap ontmoet pers, pers ontmoet wetenschap". In 2005 waren Peter Groot Koerkamp/Bram Bos (met 'Kippengeluk') en Sander Kranenburg ('Gebochelde baarzen') met presentaties van de partij. Onderzoekers kunnen voorstellen indienen voor drie presentatievormen:

- traditionele presentatie
- masterclass presentatie
- korte film (nieuw dit jaar!)

Voorstellen indienen kan tot 27 februari via:

<http://www.nwo.nl/bessensap> (klink rechts op 'Indienen voorstel')

Geïnteresseerden worden ook verzocht zich te melden bij Jac Niessen, wetenschapsvoorlichter bij Wageningen UR, tel. 0317 485003, of jac.niessen@wur.nl.

Voor 20 maart horen de indieners welke voorstellen uit het aanbod zijn gekozen.

Deadlines NWO Vernieuwingsimpuls

- 26 februari 2006 sluitingsdatum WUR VICI voorstellen
- 6 maart 2006 vergadering Vici voorstellen (toekenning garantieverklaringen)
- 13 maart 'praatjes' Vici-kandidaten (doel: verscherpen voorstel)
- 30 maart 2006 Sluitingsdatum VICI NWO

Data overzicht behorende bij de tweede Veni ronde 2006.

Tot 5 juni aanleveren pre-proposals voor beursaanvraag

Tot uiterlijk 14 augustus aanleveren voorstellen

24 augustus van 13.00 uur tot 18.00 uur presentaties Veni voorstellen en toekenning garantieverklaringen

Graduations in the next six weeks

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| 16 February | Mark Huising (in Nijmegen) |
| 1 March | Basavarajappa Hangalapura Nagarajappa |
| 17 March | Mario Calus |