

# WIAS News

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## NEWS

### 2009

We wish the readers of WIAS News a lot of health, happiness and success in 2009. Last year, 38 new PhD students enrolled and 20 graduated. WIAS has now 150 WIAS PhD students, more than ever. The inflow of PhD students was quite evenly distributed over Chair groups, and also well balanced among funding sources. It represents a big success of our Chair groups and a very healthy situation for our school. The WIAS Talents and Topics programme continues now with five couples of two persons each who in the coming six months will improve skills that are important for a senior scientist and prepare a joint research proposal for external funding.

### Graduations

Pascal van de Nieuwegiessen    AFI    21 January

## IN-DEPTH COURSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

### NOVA/WIAS Course Design and optimisation of animal breeding plans

Odense (Denmark) June 15-26 2009. Further details on <http://www.nova-university.org>.

### Armidale Animal Breeding Summer Course 2009 Quantitative Genetic Theory and Analysis

Venue: University of New England, Armidale, NSW Australia Dates: Monday February 2 - Friday February 13 2009 Course Audience: Postgraduate students and other professionals Course Organizers: AGBU and School of Environmental & Rural Science, UNE.

Course Schedule:

Module 1: Quantitative Genetic Theory and Analysis: Selection Theory

Lecturer: Professor Bruce Walsh (Arizona, USA) Start: Monday 2 February 10.30 am; Finish: Friday 6 February 3 pm.

Module 2: Quantitative Genetic Models for social interaction and GxE and inherited variability Lecturer: Dr Piter Bijma (Wageningen, The Netherlands) Start: Monday 9 February 10.30 am; Finish: Friday 13 February 3 pm.

More information on <http://www-personal.une.edu.au/~jvanderw/aabc.htm>

### ABS/VLAG Course Light in the Intestinal Tract Tunnel in Finland

<http://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/courses/int-tract.htm>

Register on: [http://www.mm.helsinki.fi/abs/Courses/Intestinal\\_microbiota\\_2009.html](http://www.mm.helsinki.fi/abs/Courses/Intestinal_microbiota_2009.html)

### IP/OP Zee en Kustzones Symposium

Op **29 januari 2009** wordt het jaarlijkse IPOP Zee- en Kustzones symposium gehouden in Wageningen. Dit jaar zijn een aantal AIO's gaan werken aan projecten die vanuit IPOP en vanuit een aantal onderzoeksscholen betaald worden. Het ligt in de bedoeling dat de o.a. de AIO's tijdens deze dag een presentatie over hun werk zullen geven, waarbij u van harte welkom bent.

#### Programma:

- 11:15    ontvangst met koffie & thee  
          presentaties
- 12:30    lunch  
          presentaties
- 15:00    thee & koffie

presentaties  
17:00 afsluiting  
Plaats: GAIA, Droevendaalsesteeg 3, Wageningen. Zaal: GAIA 2

## SKILLS COURSES

### WIAS Introduction Course

The next course, mandatory for just started PhD students, will be 3 - 6 February 2009 and is fully booked. One more Introduction Course will be organised this spring.

### Dutch Language course in Lelystad

Are you foreign? Want to learn Dutch? If so, I am in the process of organising Dutch language lessons for foreign employees. I am in contact with The School for Dutch which specialises in teaching Dutch to foreign professionals. We will be starting (hopefully) Dutch in-company courses on January 2009. The teacher will be coming to us (in Houtribweg) instead of having to travel ourselves and the classes will be once a week for 2h (time and day to be arranged). The cost for the lessons drops significantly with the number of students. Currently it is 3 of us (all based in Houtribweg) but there is of course room for more. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Ioannis Sitaras to discuss further about this excellent opportunity. He will be glad to answer all your questions.

### PE&RC Course Survival analysis 25 & 26 February 2009

Analysis of individually registered time to event data. Registration is open. The deadline for registration is 13 February 2009.

### NWO Talent Days

The NWO Talent Days can help you on your way to the top of becoming an outstanding researcher. You are cordially invited to participate in the next NWO Talent Day, which will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2009. Only a limited number of places are available.

#### **NWO organises the Talent Days to:**

- provide you with the information, knowledge and skills you need to develop your scientific career, and to;
- give you the opportunity to exchange experiences with other young researchers from a wide range of scientific disciplines.

**NOTE** only a limited number of places are available for the NWO Talentedays on a first come first served basis. So register soon.

#### **Very important!**

Be aware that the following workshops will be held in Dutch:

- Subsidies aanvragen
- Creatief denken wetenschappelijk verantwoord!
- Mediatraining
- Onderhandelen
- Spreken met zonder angst

The two English-spoken workshops are:

- Write it Right
- Developing your brand

More information at [http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/Pages/NWOP\\_5ZYG4\\_Eng](http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/Pages/NWOP_5ZYG4_Eng)

### 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.

**On 21 April, 19 May and 16 June 2009 we will organise NWO-Talent Classes.** Registration **starts 2 January 2009**. Here's your chance to get professional training and advice against a reduced fee. Please check the website [www.nwo.nl/talentclasses](http://www.nwo.nl/talentclasses) for registration and information.

We would strongly advise you to register soon after the start, since the number of places available is limited and registration will be closed for fully booked masterclasses.

## 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](mailto:verdieping@nwo.nl). Indicate your name, email address and workshop of choice, and the organisation will do its best to respect your wish.

- *Marketing yourself effectively*, whatever your career aspirations, how do you communicate your existing skills and experiences to set yourself apart from the competition? (in English);
- *People, politics and power*, on exploring your situation and identifying the next steps to improve your impact and build success (in 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;
- *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;
- *Write it Right*, on writing a structured scientific article with good use of titles, graphics and technical English (in English);
- *21<sup>st</sup> Century career development*, on how to plan your career in the global economy (in English).

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

## Intermediar PhD Career Event

*Looking for job opportunities?*

**Date:** Thursday 23 April 2009

**Venue:** Passenger Terminal Amsterdam

Are you a PhD student or PhD graduate looking for a next step in your career? We can be of help to you. The Intermediar PhD Career Event is a unique career platform for PhD's only. At 23rd of April 2009 we will offer you an exclusive PhD exhibition with top-employers, presentations, workshops and more. This event is organised for PhD's of all areas of science. Interested to register already, please do so and we will keep you informed about any news on the event.

**More information and registration:** <http://www.intermediar.nl/phd>

## WGS Courses

### WGS course Ethics and Philosophy of Animal Science 2009

**Time:** 13.30-16.30 hour

**Place:** Room B, Zodiac, Marijkeweg 40, 6709 PG Wageningen

1. *Thursday March 5:* Thinking about yourself as a scientist  
Dr Henk van den Belt
2. *Wednesday March 11:* Five views on science and technology development  
Dr Henk van den Belt
3. *Thursday March 19:* Reflexive and interactive design of poultry husbandry systems  
Dr Henk van den Belt
4. *Thursday March 26:* Animal ethics, mapping the arguments that are around  
Dr Franck Meijboom, Prof Dr Elsbeth Stassen
5. *Thursday April 2:* Eliciting Fundamental Moral Attitudes towards Animals: An Empirical Model  
Drs Nina Cohen, Prof Dr Elsbeth Stassen
6. *Thursday April 9:* Simulating the Ethical Review Committee for Animal Experiments  
Prof Dr Elsbeth Stassen

Register on [http://www.wias.nl/courses/view\\_course.php?ID=121](http://www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=121)

## 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](http://www2.wau.nl/centa/index.cfm?fuseaction=Cursus.showCourse&cursus_id=47).

### Language and Scientific Writing / Publishing Courses

**The Art of Writing** 4,11, 25 February For more information please click [here](#)

**Workshop Presentation Skills: Tuesday 13 January.** For more information please click [here](#)

**Scientific Publishing:** For more information click [here](#)

### Skills Courses

**Communicating science with press, policy and public** 7 and 8 May + 4 June 2009 For more information please click [here](#)

**Information Literacy, including introduction EndNote: 10 and 11 February 2009** For more information please click [here](#)

Effective behaviour in your professional surroundings: 23-February 2009 For more information please click [here](#)

### Career oriented courses /assessment

**Career Assessment: Assessment 1, 2009: 24 February** (written assessment), 24, 25 and 26 March (individual meetings) For more information click [here](#)

**PhD Competence Assessments: Assessment 1, 2009: 24 February** (written assessment), 24, 25 and 26 March (individual meetings) For more information click [here](#)

### Interdisciplinary courses

**Competencies for Integrated Agricultural Research** 9-13 February 2009.

Four days learning workshop - The Learning Workshop aims at natural and social science researchers - in particular those working in the field of (β-γ) integrated studies. While the program takes the agricultural situation in developing countries as a central case, the processes that are addressed are similarly relevant to developed countries. For the folder please click [here](#). For more information contact:

Conny.Almekinders@wur.nl. For registration: [Heleen.Danen@wur.nl](mailto:Heleen.Danen@wur.nl)

**Experiment! a workshop on experimental methods in social sciences and interdisciplinary research** Monday 5 January 2009 organised by WGS in samenwerking met MG3S en CERES For more information please click [here](#)

### Other WGS Courses

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

## FUNDING

### Modified Veni, Vidi, and Vici subsidy programmes

From 2009 onwards there will be a greater focus on knowledge utilization and there will be more opportunities for multidisciplinary proposals. In each category (Veni, Vidi, Vici) separate committees will be installed for assessing multi-disciplinary interdivisional applications. For more information and the deadline for presentation click [here](#)