

# WIAS News



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## NEWS

### Graduations

Marlies Thomassen	APS	18 April
Paula Urán	AFI	22 April

## IN-DEPTH COURSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

### Graduate course 'The molecular basis of differences between animals'

Organized by the graduate schools WIAS and Ecole Doctorale ABIES, Paris, France, this course is on 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2008 in Wageningen, The Netherlands.

The aim of the course is to introduce and discuss recent developments that help us to better understand the molecular basis of variation between individuals in health, welfare and production. The approaches used by geneticists and physiologists to unravel variation have been revolutionized by the developments in the area of molecular biology and "omics". Target audience: PhDs, post-docs and advanced MSc students in animal genetics, physiology, nutrition and pathology undertaking or wishing to undertake a project related to variation between animals. A limited fee will be charged to participants from academic institutions and industry. More information: [http://www.wias.nl/courses/view\\_course.php?ID=94](http://www.wias.nl/courses/view_course.php?ID=94).

You can register for participation in this course by an e-mail to the [Monique.vanhofte@wur.nl](mailto:Monique.vanhofte@wur.nl).

### Graduate course 'Advances and experimental approaches of Immunogenetics'

Within the same framework, jointly organised by WIAS and ABIES graduate schools, this graduate course is offered on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008 in Paris, France. For further information you can contact Etienne Verrier (ABIES): [etienne.verrier@agroparistech.fr](mailto:etienne.verrier@agroparistech.fr).

For a complete overview of WIAS courses: [www.wias.nl/courses/list\\_course.php](http://www.wias.nl/courses/list_course.php).

## Equine Health and Nutrition Congress

On 18-19 April 2008 will be held in Wageningen the 4th Equine Health and Nutrition Congress. Information on program and location is given on the conference website:

[www.equine-congress.com/](http://www.equine-congress.com/)

For PhD students there is a special fee of € 75, which includes the congress programme of Friday afternoon (April 18) and Saturday (April 19), incl lunches.

Wageningen (PhD) students also can participate for the special students fee of € 20, which covers the congress program of Friday afternoon and Saturday, excl. lunches. In this last case, please register before April 15 by sending an email to [marianne.bruining@wur.nl](mailto:marianne.bruining@wur.nl)

## Discussion group Biofuels

It has probably not escaped your attention, especially after the University's 90th Dies Natalis, that biofuels are a research subject of increasing importance.

Within WUR, agricultural production and industrial conversion systems of biomass into fuels are being studied, together with their impacts on e.g. food security, poverty, biodiversity and the environment.

Disciplines involved are among others agronomy, ecology, economy, environmental studies, agrotechnology and sociology. Increasing numbers of PhD students are doing biofuels-related research in these areas. However, since they work in very different chairgroups, scientific interaction among them is limited. Creating a new discussion group could change this: it would help broadening views beyond one's own discipline hence improve understanding of the area from different perspectives. A platform for exchanging and integrating information would also help PhD students keeping pace with rapid developments.

Establishing a new PhD discussion group on biofuels seems worthwhile. PhD students from multiple graduate schools could (and should!) be involved. If your research subject touches on biofuels (or is entirely on biofuels) and you are interested in joining the new group, please, send a mail to [sanderc.devries@wur.nl](mailto:sanderc.devries@wur.nl). Depending on the number of respondents, shortly an introductory meeting will be organized.

## 2nd Symposium and Workshops on Molecular Microbiology of Infectious diseases

19 - 20 June 2008, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Organized by the Erasmus Postgraduate School Molecular Medicine (MolMed)

After the first and very successful Symposium and workshops on June 10th and 11th 2004 the Postgraduate School Molecular Medicine organizes the 2nd Symposium and Workshop on Molecular Microbiology of Infectious diseases on 19 and 20 June 2008. This symposium with master classes will offer an outstanding opportunity for high-level education and training by the four invited keynote speakers: Fernando Baquero, Tim Mitchell, Julian Ketley, and Hervé Tettelin.

This symposium is meant for all interested PhD-students and postdocs working in this field. But also other interested participant are welcome to join.

For the full program and registration, go to: [www.molmed.nl](http://www.molmed.nl).

## 2nd Course on Molecular Diagnostics

29- 30 May 2008, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

This course will bring the state-of-the-art of the different molecular Diagnostic techniques, and is meant for translational researchers as well as doctors and medical specialists operating outside of their initial field of research. But also PhD-students and technicians are welcome.

The program will include: PCR and real-time, quantitative PCR; DNA sequencing; RNA expression, and DNA/SNP microarray analysis.

Full program and more information: [www.molmed.nl](http://www.molmed.nl).

## SKILLS COURSES

### Meet possible employers 9 April

Are you in the last phase of your research and working towards finishing your thesis? Then the next step in your career is nearing rapidly. Meeting possible employers might be interesting to you now...

As a part of the course Career Perspectives, Caroline Verdonk and Yvonne Smolders will organise a meeting with speakers from different organisations on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Each speaker will give a short presentation about own experiences, his/her organisation and career possibilities. During the breaks there will be possibilities to talk with the speakers.

The meeting will take place at Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 am until around 12.45 pm.

Programme:

09.00-09.30	NIZO food research	Martijn Fox
09.30-10.00	Nutri-Akt	Niek Persoon
10.00-10.30	De Ruiter Seeds	Hans van den Heuvel
10.30-10.45	break (networking opportunities)	
10.45-11.15	TNO	Minke Apontowiel
11.15-11.45	DSM	Wilbert Heijne
11.45-12.15	Keygene	Marcel Prins
12.15-12.45	break (networking opportunities)	

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please register at [caroline@adviesbureau.nl](mailto:caroline@adviesbureau.nl). After registration you will receive information on the location of the meeting.

## REMINDER: Talent Classes 22 April, 20 May, 17 June, 2008

It is still possible to register for most of the Classes on 22 April, 20 May, and 17 June, 2008!

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. We received a lot of positive and enthusiastic reactions from the participants, and also many requests for continuing with these Talent Classes.

On 22 April, 20 May and 17 June 2008 we will have NWO-Talent Classes and you are invited to participate. 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.

## WUR Library courses

- 10 April 2008, EndNote Demonstration Session, 12.30 pm - 1.00 pm, room 2, Alterra (Gaia), building 101 (free)
- 15 April 2008, Working with EndNote X, 9.00 am - 12.30 pm, room PC421, Forum building (100 euros)
- 17 and 18 April 2008, Digital Artwork and Photoshop in Life Sciences, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, room PC421, Forum building (360 euros)

For more information about the courses and registration please go to:

<http://library.wur.nl/desktop/services/courses>.

## WGS Courses

### Register now for [Communication in Interdisciplinary Research \( 6, 13, 20 & 27 May 2008\)](#)

Interdisciplinary research requires cooperation between researchers with different scientific backgrounds. Such research opens a dialogue between researchers and between researchers and stake-holders. The communication process revolves around negotiation, mediation, and gaining commitment. Miscommunication among researchers is not uncommon, and acknowledgement and prioritisation of personal views and scientific goals is essential. The course not only provides the participants with knowledge on these communication processes but the participants also test these dynamics in a complex case study. The case studies are matched with the participants' scientific backgrounds by means of intake forms, which they will receive after registration. **Registration open till Friday 11 April.**

Language Related Courses

- [The Art of Writing](#) (start next course: May 6, 2008)
- [Presentation Skills](#) (start next course: May 19, 2008)
- [Techniques for Writing and Presenting a Scientific Paper](#) (start next course: April 15, 2008)
- [Writing Grant Proposals](#) (start next course: May 8, 2008)

Career Oriented Courses

- [Career Orientation](#) (start next course: May 16, 2008)

#### Skills

- [Project- and Time Management](#) (start next course: March 18, 2008)
- [Science, the press and the general public: communication and interaction](#) (start next course: October 23, 2008)

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- [Scientific Publishing](#) (new dates to be determined)
- [Interpersonal communication for PhD students](#) (start next course: October 27, 2008)
- [Information Literacy](#) (start next course: May 27, 2008)
- [Personal Efficacy](#) (start next course: April 24, 2008)
- [Mobilising your scientific network](#) (start next course: May 23, 2008)

#### PhD Assessments

- [PhD Competence Assessment](#) (new dates to be determined)
- [Career Assessment](#) (start next assessment: April 2008)

#### Courses for Supervisors

- [Supervising PhD students](#) (start next workshop: April 16, 2008)

For a complete overview of WGS courses look at:

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

## FUNDING

### Greek State Scholarships Foundation

This foundation offers scholarships for postgraduate studies in Greece: [www.iky.gr/scholarships/allodapoi](http://www.iky.gr/scholarships/allodapoi).

### Carolina MacGillavry PhD Fellowship programme

This KNAW programme offers PhD fellowships for MSc graduates from southern Africa: [www.knaw.nl/cfdata/subsidies/subsidie\\_detail.cfm?orgid=36](http://www.knaw.nl/cfdata/subsidies/subsidie_detail.cfm?orgid=36)