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PhD Competence Assessments

There are still vacancies for the PhD Competence Assessment starting 8 November 2005. More info on: www.wau.nl/phd/info/course_wgs_assessment.html or call Henneleen Koppe, C.T. de Wit Graduate School for Production Ecology & Resource Conservation, +31 317 485414

Mini Symposium on Allergy 2 December 2005

Allergy Consortium Wageningen (ACW) organises every six months a mini symposium to update all people interested in allergy-related research on the work currently performed by all PhD students of the ACW. Additionally, each time a collaborating (external) speaker is invited to show his/her approach of working in allergy-related research. This mini-symposium is open to all who are interested. Location: Bornsesteeg, building 116, Room 1.04 of the "Facilitair Gebouw". More info: Prescilla Jeurink.

Programme:

- 13.00-14.00: Invited speaker: Arnold van Vliet
Nature's Calendar and hay fever: results, plans and linkage with ACW activities.
- 14.00-14.30: Evelien van Boxtel (VLAG):
Effects of aggregation of food protein allergenicity
- 14.30-15.00: Mirko Bollen (VLAG):
Stability of Bet v1-analogous allergens in the food production chain
- 15.00-15.30: Margreet van Putten (MGS):
Novel foods and concerns about allergy
- 15.30-16.00: Break
- 16.00-16.30: Teun van Herpen (EPS):
Wheat gluten and Celiac Disease
- 16.30-17.00: Prescilla Jeurink (WIAS):
Influence of consumption patterns on the development of food allergy
- 17.00-17.30: Martijn Schenk (EPS):
Allergens in the green living environment
- 17.30-18.30: Feedback while enjoying a drink

Preparty 'Wetenschapsnacht' 8 December 2005

Juni 2006 vindt er een wetenschapsnacht plaats 'die zijn weerga niet kent'. Discovery 06, een stichting van enthousiaste jonge wetenschappers, vrienden en bekenden, is hard bezig met de voorbereidingen. Doel wetenschapsnacht: aan de jeugd in en rond Amsterdam/ Nederland laten weten dat wetenschap leuk is, gebruik makend van allerlei wetenschappelijke faciliteiten en mensen in Amsterdam. Dat alles met eten, drank, muziek en dans, inclusief afterparty.

NWO is een van de organisaties die hun naam aan dit evenement verbinden. Meer info: www.discovery06.nl.

Donderdagavond 8 december vindt er een preparty/brainstorm plaats met jonge wetenschappers en onderzoekers om de nacht verder invulling te geven. Dat gebeurt van 20.00 - 23.00 uur in de aula van de UvA onder het genot van een borrel en goede DJ/wetenschapper.

Guide to digital scientific artwork

This 2-days practical course Guide to digital scientific artwork is for PhD students, post-docs and staff and focuses on technical aspects of scientific illustration acquisition, image processing and publishing in research journals, presentations and web sites. After a general introduction on image file types, properties, resolution, sharpness and colour models, the participant will be guided through the main steps of image processing, improvement and production of pdf printing files. Much attention will be paid on producing scientific PowerPoint presentations and a PhD thesis with InDesign CS2. The course does not explain extensively the use of figures in MS Word. During the course examples of basic skills will be given for Adobe Studio CS2 (Photoshop CS2, Illustrator CS2, InDesign CS2 and Acrobat CS2), and Microsoft PowerPoint 2003, using short demonstration movies, web-based instructions and handouts. The course aims at explaining most important steps needed to produce error-free artwork rather than providing a complete reference for Desk Top Publishing programs. Course material includes handouts of the course, two CD-ROMs with background information and a series of PowerPoint presentations on digital publishing (published by FAO), gives access to the secured website of the course, and provides technical assistance during and after the course. For own licenses of the Adobe and Microsoft software participants are kindly requested to contact their own ICT sales staff of the university or research institute.

Minimum number of participants: 8.

Maximum number of participants: 15.

Dates: 13-14 December 2005 9.00 - 16.30 hrs

Teachers: Hans de Jong and Boudewijn van Veen

Location: Room 235, Jan-Kopshuis, Generaal Foulkesweg 19, Wageningen

Cost: 800 Euro; For employees and students of Wageningen UR: 400 Euro.

Cost in combination with Photoshop: 1550 Euro; For employees and students of Wageningen UR: 725 Euro.

Advanced Photoshop for life sciences

This is an advanced course for researchers and technical assistants involved in digital images from microscopes, cameras, scanners etc. Participants should have general background knowledge of image types, resolution, colour models, and basic experience with Photoshop (CS2) or related image processing software. The course can be considered a follow-up for the basic courses Guide to digital scientific artwork or Basiscursus digitale beeldverwerking (same tutors) and provides participants with a thorough knowledge on acquiring images, RAW image format, file transfers, use of filters for sharpening, removing dust and uneven background, and optimization of colour balance, using the power of working with masks, layers and blending tools. The tutors will explain various filters and plug-ins and give demonstrations of tools provided in Adobe Photoshop CS2, plug-ins from commercial companies and basic tools for image analyses using commercial plug-ins. Participants are encouraged to take their own digital artwork to discuss needs for image improvement and processing. For own licenses of the Adobe and Microsoft software participants are kindly requested to contact their own ICT sales staff of the university or research institute.

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Cost in combination with Artwork: 1550 Euro; For employees and students of Wageningen UR: 725 Euro.

For information and registration you can contact the Helpdesk of Wageningen UR Library. You can print and fill in a registration form (see the button Courses and Self Instructions on library.wur.nl/desktop/services) and send it by mail or fax (0317-484504).

Seminar on Animal learning, animal behaviour, aggression & problem solving

21–23 April 2006 near Munich, Germany, with Ted Turner & Todd Feucht, Ocean OdysSeas LLC. Both are well-known dolphin and zoo trainers. The seminar discusses all kinds of animals. More info at <http://www.clickerreiter.de/Animaltrainingengl.htm>

Congress on Agricultural and Food Ethics, 22-24 June 2006

It is a paradox of the Western World that amidst of technological innovation, economic welfare and social change many people have developed a serious concern about our primary goods: food and food production. This topic mobilizes people from different backgrounds and cultures. It is the focal point of both high and low politics. On the one hand, there are lively disputes and conflicts about globalization of trade as witnessed for instance in the conflicts about the WTO-rounds or debates about food biotechnology. On the other hand, there is a very concrete level of consumer choice at the shelf in the supermarket where value conflicts cannot easily be resolved. Yet, choice itself is often limited, through monopolising tendencies of corporate power.

At the same time we witness the traditional sectors of food production in a rapid phase of change in nearly every society. In times of globalization questions of micro- and macro-politics become intertwined, and only collective action seems to stand a chance of influencing the development. However, the disputes and political conflicts resist containment and assumed boundaries of the systems are moved only to be replaced by even wider considerations. What starts out as concerns about food risk and safety soon moves to ethics and cultural values. Ethics and cultural values are indeed a common denominator for peoples' concern about food and food production. Slogans like "from farm to fork", "vote with your fork", or "slow food" express a mingling of political, ethical and cultural values.

The challenge to ethics is to relate to these new societal contexts and provide useful concepts for analysis and understanding. The programme of the 6th Congress of the European Society for Agricultural and Food Ethics, to be held in Oslo, Norway, is designed to capture these complexities in their variety through different thematic sub-sections and multi-disciplinary approaches. More info on: www.eursafe.org.

Graduations in the next four weeks

8 Nov Salam Kondombo

14 Dec Talitha van der Meulen