

# WIAS News



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## Registration as PhD student

Not all PhD students realise that registration as a PhD student at Wageningen University is very useful and can save a lot of money, e.g. on congress fees but also at the university sports centre. Your student card is often required to prove you are entitled to a reduced fee.

This (annual) registration is done at the Central Student Administration (CSA), Costerweg 50 in Wageningen. Open from 8:30 till 14:00 h. Phone 483618, email [csa@wur.nl](mailto:csa@wur.nl).

## Second WIAS Workshop Writing Winning Grant Proposals starts

Last year, this workshop was highly successful and now, with six participants, a second edition starts. Two sessions before summer, and three thereafter. Workshop leader is again Johan van Arendonk.

## WGS Course Presentation Skills

*Course code:* ENG-PS CT06-148

*Course description:*

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 presentation of his/her own work on the third and fourth day of the course.

*Entry level:* The minimum entry level with regard to fluency of the participants is B2 (Common European Framework). This is equal to a test score of 70% in the Quick Placement Test.

This test can be taken at the language Centre.

*Exit level:* Fluency level C1.

*Objectives of the course:* After completing the course, the participant: will  
be able to give an effective presentation  
be able to form well-structured sentences  
have mastered presentation vocabulary

be able to use audiovisual aids in an adequate way

have improved his/her non-verbal behaviour such as body posture, gestures and intonation

have a thorough command of a number of presentation techniques

*Registration procedure:*

Persons interested can register by completing the registration form.

Upon receipt of the completed registration form, the candidates will be invited to take a "Quick Placement Test" at the computer (approx. 20 min.). The test score should be at least 70% in order to be able to participate in the course.

*Organisation:*

Number of participants per course: 8-10

Schedule: 2006:

29 May 09.30- 12.30 and 13.30 - 16.30

12 June 09.30- 12.30 and 13.30 - 16.30

19 June 13.30 - 16.30

26 June 13.30 - 16.30

Teachers: This course is a joint effort of the Language Centre (CENTA) and the Education and Competence Studies Group. One teacher is an expert in the English language and the other specialises in presentation skills. This ensures the improvement of all aspects of your presentation skills.

*Course fee:*

The fee for this course € 500,00 per person. **There is a 50% reduction in course fee for Wageningen PhD students with an approved TSP (Training and Supervision Plan)**

These costs are inclusive of the ring binder with teaching materials developed and selected by CENTA and course materials provided by the Chairgroup Education and Competence Studies.

Supporting materials, such as dictionaries, newspapers, magazines, grammar books, CDs and workbooks are available in the multimedia section of the library. The course participant can also order supplementary materials via the secretarial office.

## WGS Course Scientific writing

*Course code:* ENG-SW CT06-164

*Course 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.

*Starting level:* Course participants should score at least 75% (level B2) on the placement test.

*End level:* Scientific Writing level C1. Can write well-structured texts about complex subjects.

*Course objectives:*

By the end of the course you should be able to

- Identify and understand how a well-conceived rationale, organisation, focus and conclusion relate to specific audience needs
- Understand how to organise and compose a scientific article
- Identify and correct the most common writing errors and thus become more independent in your work
- Understand what makes an effective oral presentation and be able to present your own work accordingly
- Use writing to help develop your thinking as a scientist.

*Study time:*

24 tutored hours + 24 self study hours

*Registration procedure:*

Candidates can apply at CENTA. Candidates will then have to sit a short computer-based placement test. A minimum score of 75% is required for this course. The registration period for this course is open all year.

*Organisation:*

Number of participants: 10-14. Time: 09.00- 12.00 hours

Course schedule: Tuesday morning

26 September

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October

7, 14 November

*Course fee:*

The course fee is € 480, 00 per person (inclusive of admission test + course materials). **There is a 50% reduction in course fee for Wageningen PhD students with an approved TSP (Training and Supervision Plan)**

Course materials: The Craft of Scientific Writing

Ring binder with course materials developed by CENTA

## **WGS Course The Art of Writing**

*Course code:* ENG-TAW/ CT 06-156

**Would you like to learn how to overcome writer's block, how to put your thoughts into words through writing and accordingly produce a sharp and attractive text?**

*Course information:*

This course is intended for everyone who needs to write in English about miscellaneous topics. Central focus of the course is to structure and process thoughts through writing and accordingly to produce clear, sharp and attractive texts.. The focus will not be on grammar but on clear communication. The emphasis will be on *learning-by-doing*. This implies that the students must do a considerable amount of writing between sessions.

Prerequisites for each student are that he/she:

- has (scientific) topics to write about

This course will help the students to:

- overcome their writer's block

- structure their ideas using language as a tool

- write clearly and concisely

- gain experience in writing various types of documents for different purposes (i.e. reports, letters, articles)

- write faster and more effectively in English.

*Starting level:*

Course participants should score at least 65% on the Quick Placement Test.

*End level:*

Successful candidates receive a certificate indicating the end level (B2) of the course.

*Study time:*

This course consists of 24 tutored hours + 24 self study hours.

*Registration procedure:*

Candidates can apply at CENTA. Candidates will then have to sit a short computer-based placement test. A minimum score of 65% is required for this course. The registration for this course is open all year.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the website: [www.wur.nl/centa](http://www.wur.nl/centa).

*Organisation:*

Number of participants: 12-14

*Course fee:*

The course fee is € 600,00 per person (inclusive of admission test + course materials). **There is a 50% reduction in course fee for Wageningen PhD students with an approved TSP (Training and Supervision Plan)**

*Course schedule:*

September 05, 12, 26 and October 03 2006.

From 10.00 until 13.00 hours and from 14.00 until 17.00 hours

## **Course 'EndNote Advanced'**

EndNote allows you to organise your own literature references and facilitates the layout of literature references in articles, books or theses.

EndNote Advanced is an advanced course based on EndNote 9. In this course you will learn to:

- Modify reference types;
- Create and edit bibliographic journal styles within EndNote;
- Create and modify import filters;
- Use term lists;
- Edit citations within Word.

After an introduction the participants are guided through the program by a range of exercises.

Pre-requisites: participants should be able to work with the basic concepts taught in the beginner course 'Working with EndNote'.

The course will be held on **Tuesday, 30-05-2006, 09.00 - 12.30 hrs.**

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

Costs: **€ 50,-**

For information and registration you can contact the [Helpdesk](#) of Wageningen UR Library.

### **Sarajevo Summer School on: Mathematical Techniques in Modeling Physiological Systems**

September 10-22, 2006. Further info: <http://www.uni-graz.at/biomath/Sarajevo-06/index.html>

### **Nordic Web Based Database for studies in Aquaculture and Freshwater Fisheries**

The NOVA university network, a collaboration of Nordic agricultural, forestry and veterinary universities, has opened a new database for university level courses in aquaculture and freshwater fisheries. The objective of the database is to promote mobility of students and collaboration among participating institutions in teaching courses (BSc, MSc and PhD) in aquaculture and fisheries.

Source: NOVA university network

Further information: <http://www.nova-university.org/novadb/courses/subjhome.php?s=AQA>

### **Aquaculture Feed Extrusion, Nutrition, & Feed Formulation - Ghent, Belgium 18th - 19th September 2006**

This practical short course is a crash course for new plant personnel and an opportunity for experienced staff to meet with experts in the field to discuss current problems to improve plant operations. The course material will also serve as useful reference for processors, product formulators, chemists and technicians as well as business managers familiar with aquaculture feed, extrusion, nutrition and feed management.

Source: EAS

For further information contact: Dr. Ignace Debruyne - E-mail: [aquafeed@pro.tiscali.be](mailto:aquafeed@pro.tiscali.be)

### **XII International Symposium on Fish Nutrition & Feeding - Biarritz, France 28th May - 1st June 2006**

The scope of the XII International symposium is to explore and present original research work in all aspects of fish and crustacean nutrition. An ideal venue for interaction between scientists and professionals, this four-day symposium will have eight half-day sessions, including plenary lectures by renowned scientists and professionals and oral presentations of original scientific work (15 minutes incl. discussion) and a discussion of posters.

Source: EAS

Further information: <http://www.st-pee.inra.fr/btz06/index.htm> or contact: Organising Secretariat at [isfn06@terresbasques.com](mailto:isfn06@terresbasques.com)

### **Three 3 PhD positions on animal welfare**

See [http://dokument.slu.se/ansti/taf/ledans\\_rd.taf?function=sluwebbakt](http://dokument.slu.se/ansti/taf/ledans_rd.taf?function=sluwebbakt).

In het bijzonder de positie m.b.t. risk assessment in broilers. Het is de bedoeling dat deze positie de samenwerking tussen ASG en SLU versterkt en deze positie staat dus in het bijzonder ook open voor Nederlandse kandidaten (maar de andere uiteraard ook).

Dit project moet nog verder geconcretiseerd worden waarbij de PhD ook wordt betrokken.

### **Graduations in the next four weeks**

22 May Harrison Charo Karisa

24 May Oliver Schneider

9 June Patricia Muendo