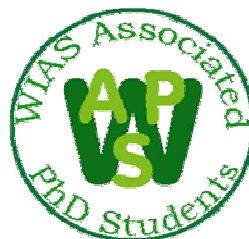


Agenda WAPS meeting December 15th, 2010 (Room B, Zodiac)

1. Opening
 2. Minutes last meeting October 6th 2010
 3. WIAS Education Committee meeting
 4. WIAS Board meeting
 5. Wageningen PhD Council meeting
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1. Opening

2. Minutes last meeting October 6th 2010

Present: Myrthe Maurice-Van Eijndhoven (chair), Harma Berends (minutes), Krista Engelsma, Marije Oostindjer, Ioannis Sitaras, Irene Walstra, Anne Wientjes, Sonja de Vries (member, PNN Board member)

Absent: Anouk Schurink, Dirkjan Schokker, Patricia Huijbers (WIAS secretary)

Ad 1. Opening

- Myrthe welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- Ad point 4. Knowledge transfer concerning supervision issues to PhD students: Marije and Irene evaluated the website of WUR and discovered that you can easily find information and help online.
- Ad point 6. Not 13 but 16 WAPS members joined the WAPS BBQ evening.
- Ad point 11. Marije will discuss the housing issues of PhD candidates next WPC meeting (there has not been a meeting so far).

Ad 3. Education Committee

- There is a vacancy for one Education Committee member. Myrthe will send an email around all WIAS PhD candidates. This should preferably be a PhD candidate, not in the WAPS Board. At this moment the composition of the EC includes 3 staff members, and 2 WAPS Board members.

Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- Nothing to report.

Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- Nothing to report.

Ad 6. Accie

- On Thursday October 14th the Accie will organize a Pizza&Gamenight at Zodiac (from 17.30 pm onwards).
- The Accie has gathered information for the organisation of a Salsa workshop. Possible dates are December 1st of December 8th.

Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- Nothing to report.

Ad 8. Important dates

- The seminar "The embryonic life of chickens: Factors that influence development", organized by Adaptation Physiology Group on behalf of the PhD defense of Roos Molenaar, December 9th 2010.

Ad 9. WIAS Science Day

- Date: Thursday January 27th or Thursday February 3rd 2011.
- Chair: Anne. She will send around an email to gather a committee (preferably 5-6 members).
- This year we should pay extra attention to the presence of supervisors and scientific staff. Bas Kemp (head WIAS) will be consulted about this. Furthermore, the committee will ask all secretaries to plan this activity in the agendas of the staff and it will be mentioned in chairgroup meetings.

Ad 10. Miscellaneous

- Akis contacted ISOW, to discuss involvement of international students. However, their board has disassembled for the summer. They would start up in September, so Akis is still waiting for a reply.
- Marije asks about the progress of the survey (supervision, jointly coordinated WIAS and WAPS). Patricia and Myrthe will send around the survey to all WIAS members. They will check if it is possible to use an Internet application to fill in the survey. Sonja mentioned that PNN (Dutch Phd Network) is interested in this survey as well. Myrthe will contact Patricia about this. Akis will send an UK example as well.
- Harma asks if anyone is interested joining the discussion committee regarding the housing issue of Wageningen Phd students, an joint initiative of SFO and Harma as a tenant representative. This committee will contact WUR and Idealis and try to establish awareness of the housing problems of PhD candidates. Marije will join her.
- Sonja asks if course WIAS announcements could be published earlier in advance of the course, or an overview of courses given previous years. This issue was discussed with Marianne Bruining and the problem is that chair groups are always late with organizing courses and picking dates. Myrthe will ask Marianne if it is possible to publish a list of courses given previous years.
- Sonja asks if the merching of graduate schools is still under debate. Marije told that there is no news so far. Johan van Arendonk will take over the chair of all Wageningen graduate schools from November 2010 onwards. There is a meeting planned with him and the WPC on November 24th. At that meeting, Marije will ask for more information.

3. WIAS Education Committee meeting

- An email is sended around by Klaas Frankena about the submission of the final TSP. The problem was that in the last period several final TSP's were submitted far too late which made it impossible to discuss these during the regular EC meeting and hampered the possibility to make remarks with respect to content.
- The next Introduction Course will be given 18-21 of April
- 70 WIAS PhD candidates have responded on the supervision survey. The are looking for a student assistent to process the data.
- When PhD's like to add discussion group meetings on the TSP, a description of the discussion group has to be handed in by the organizers of the group. At least one staff member need to be present each meeting to ensure the quality of the discussion and to fill in an attendance list.
- WGS course on moral dilemmas is not complete enough to replace the WIAS ethics course.
- The PhD course Measuring Cellular Mitochondrial Function have to be marked as a seminar instead of a course.

4. WIAS Board meeting

- During the WIAS Board meeting the problem of the lack of candidates for the education prize of the WIAS Science Day was discussed. The conclusion was that it is an important prize and propose to give also not WIAS staff the possibility to receive the prize, even if they are not able to attend the WSD.

- The college of deans has defined clear guidelines for the introduction and discussion sections of the PhD thesis. As it was not clear where we could find the new guidelines, Patricia will ask for the guidelines and put them on the website.

5. Wageningen PhD Council meeting

To discuss:

- Meeting with new dean Johan van Arendonk
- Welcoming new foreign PhDs

6. Accie

On Thursday the 14th of October the WAPS-Accie organized a Pizza- and Gamenight at Zodiac, 7 people joined the activity.

On Wednesday the 8th of December a salsa and merengue workshop will be organized (7.30 a.m. Zodiac). We will go for diner to the city center. Currently (end November), 10 PhD-students registered (max. 25 allowed).

Due to change in rules, it is obligatory to have a BHV ('bedrijfshulpverlener'; someone with first aid, knowledge about evacuation of Zodiac and some other skills) during social evening activities at Zodiac. Actually, no social evening activities are allowed on Zodiac anymore, as all social evening activities should take place at Forum (among other things, permanent BHV available over there). An application form should be filled out (attached), in order to book a room. Moving social evening activities to Forum might result in higher costs...

(for the Salsa workshop we got special permission from the caretakers to organize it at Zodiac)

Participation of PhD-students in social evening activities of WAPS are disappointing, despite limited costs and varying activities. How often should we organize an activity and how could we motivate more people to join?

7. WAPS' internet site

8. Important dates

28 February - 4 Orientation on mathematical modelling in biology, (1.5 ECTS)

March 2011

12 April 2011 Measuring Cellular Mitochondrial Function, (0.15 ECTS)

(afternoon)

18-21 April 2011 WIAS Introduction Course, (1.5 ECTS)

18 January 2011 Scientific Research in Animal Welfare: Do We Make a Difference?, (0.15 ECTS)

3 February 2011 WIAS Science Day 2011, (0.3 ECTS)

16 December 2010 WIAS End-of-Year Dinner

13-15 April 2011 Bioactive Food Components, Mitochondrial Function and Health, Final meeting of Cost Action FA06 and 90 years of Human and Animal Physiology at Wageningen University, (0,9 ECTS)

9. WIAS Science Day

10. Miscellaneous

The WSD is the moment that the composition of the WAPS Council changes. At least a new chairman has to be found.