

## Agenda WAPS meeting, November 2011

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### 1. Opening

### 2. Minutes last meeting September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

- Present: Harma Berends (Chair), Ioannis Sitaras (Secretary/WPC Representative), Inonge Reimert (Web Host), Sonja de Vries (PNN contact), Marielle Bruijnjs (EC), Elske de Haas (Accie), Anne Wientjes (General Member), Patricia Huijbers (WIAS Secretary).

Absent: Myrthe Maurice-van Eijndhoven (Accie).

#### Ad. 1 Opening

- Harma welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

#### Ad. 2 Minutes from last meeting

- The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed. Sonja mentioned that she was the one who contacted William regarding PNN representation and not the other way around.
- It was agreed to revert to the previous format for writing the minutes/agenda.

#### Ad 3. Education Committee

- In-depth courses are difficult to organise since they are quite expensive and time-consuming. We believe the WAPS council should play a role in suggesting such courses to the WIAS Board. Harma, Sonja, Marielle and Patricia agreed to form a group to discuss about the involvement of WAPS in suggestions for in-depth courses. It was agreed for our next WAPS Council meeting to take place before the WIAS Board meeting (scheduled to take place in the end of November, 2011). **Action Point: Harma, Sonja, Marielle and Patricia.**

- Regarding the thesis defence course that Akis suggested in our previous meeting (June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011), it was agreed that Akis and Sonja will work on a document specifying ideas on what should be included in such a course and concentrating on its value to Ph.D. students. **Action Point: Akis and Sonja.**

- Harma clarified the credits earned by Ph.D. students that supervise M.Sc. students and/or are required to run practical sessions. She said that the idea is for Ph.D. students to earn credits because they acquire new skills by being involved in a variety of activities and not by repeating the same ones.

#### Ad 4. Ph.D. Supervision Survey

- Akis mentioned that since there was a misunderstanding in the section asking students to describe valued aspects and bottlenecks of supervision (it was not clear from student comments whether they were describing an actual situation or what they consider as an ideal situation), next years' questionnaire should make more clear what is required from the student.

- Akis also mentioned that regarding creating a questionnaire for Ph.D. supervisors, this questionnaire should include questions on what are the supervisors expectations from their Ph.D. students, as well as what – in their opinion – constitutes a good supervision.
- It was agreed that it should be emphasised even more in the WIAS Introduction Course that students should talk to their supervisors when problems arise and if they are not happy with the way these problems are dealt with, they should approach the confidants in their school.
- Patricia mentioned that WIAS planned on asking several supervisors from other groups to offer their insight on the results of the supervision survey. The council supports this idea.

#### *Ad 5 WPC Meeting*

- The last WPC meeting took place on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Next meeting has not been arranged yet.

#### *Ad 6. PNN*

- Sonja is not in the PNN board anymore.
- A PNN general meeting (open to everyone) is scheduled to take place on September, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Akis has sent a reminder to WAPS students.

#### *Ad 7. Accie*

- Pictures of our BBQ should be placed on our website. **Action Point: Elske**
- Future accie could be a WAPS party. It is a good idea if the accie coincides with the WIAS Introduction Course.
- It was suggested to join a Thursday night pub-quiz by forming our own Zodiac Ph.D. team. Elske will arrange this. **Action Point: Elske.**

#### *Ad 8 WAPS Internet Site*

- Nothing to report.

#### *Ad 9 WIAS Science Day, 2012*

- We need to search for people willing to be part of the WIAS Science Day, 2012 organising committee. Anne will send an e-mail asking for help from people that have participated in the committee in the past but also from other people that expressed an interest. **Action Point: Anne.**

#### *Ad 10. Miscellaneous*

- WIAS website has been updated. It now contains information such as timeline of hand-ins and forms.

### **3. WIAS Education Committee:**

- Christiaan Kapper (Ph.D. ANU) is leaving the EC. WAPS has been asked to find a new member.
- Next meeting scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2011.

### **4. WIAS Board Meeting:**

- Nothing to report. Next meeting scheduled for November/December, 2011.

### **5. Wageningen Ph.D. Council Meeting:**

- Nothing to report. Pre-meeting scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **6. PNN:**

- Nothing to report.

**7. Accie:**

- Dinner, activity or party to be organised to coincide with the WIAS Introduction Course in November.
- Akis suggested a Halloween party.

**8. WAPS Internet Site:**

- Nothing to report.

**9. Important Dates:**

Date	Item
15 2011	September PNN General Meeting
7-8 October 2011	Research Career Event
12-14 2011	October <a href="#">Advanced Statistics course: Design of Experiments</a> , (1.0 ECTS)
17-21 2011	October <a href="#">Statistical Learning Methods for DNA-based Prediction of Complex Traits</a> , PE&RC, WIAS, EPS course, (1.5 ECTS)
1-3 2011	November <a href="#">WGS course Ethics and Philosophy in Life Sciences</a> , (1.5 ECTS)
8-11 2011	November <a href="#">WIAS Introduction Course</a> , (1.5 ECTS)
21-23 2011	November <a href="#">Epigenesis and Epigenetics</a> , WIAS / VLAG course, (0.8 ECTS)
3 November 2011	<a href="#">The boundaries of animal production systems</a> , Seminar on the occasion of the farewell of prof. Akke van der Zijpp, (0.15 ECTS)
17 2011	November <a href="#">Nutrition and fat metabolism in dairy cattle</a> , (0.3 ECTS)

**10. Member Reports:***WIAS Science Day, 2012:*

- The committee has been formed. It comprises of 6 members (3 APS, 2 ADP and 1 ABG). Elske de Haas will provide the WAPS council with details in our next meeting.

**11. Miscellaneous:**

- Nothing to report.