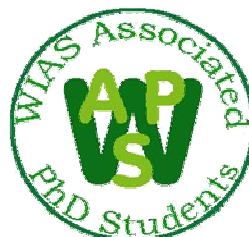


Agenda WAPS meeting Wednesday October 6th 08.30 am Room B, Zodiac

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 2. Minutes last meeting June 23rd 2010
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1. Opening

2. Minutes last meeting June 23rd 2010

Present: Myrthe Mauric-Van Eijndhoven (chair), Harma Berends (minutes), Krista Engelsma, Patricia Huibers (WIAS secretary), Marije Oostindjer, Ioannis Sitaras, Dirkjan Schokker, Anouk Schurink, Irene Walstra, Anne Wientjes

Ad 1. Opening

- Myrthe welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- Minutes of Education Committee should not be send around to all WAPS members. Make a short summary. This time the minutes were only send to the board members.
- Ad point 4 Involvement of international students. Akis has some contacts with ISOW (international student organisation) who have to deal with a similar problem. It might be an idea to exchange views on this problem. It is unclear for the WAPS Council if ISOW also represents PhD students; Akis will check this.
- Next time the minutes should be send at least one week before the board meeting.

Ad 3. Education Committee

- Questions about the 'rugzakje' will be added to the survey about supervision
- The supervision questionnaire was initiated due to IAB advice and WIAS accreditation. The survey is meant for WIAS students only.
- It is important to emphasize and guarantee the confidentiality of the survey. Patricia, Marianne and Myrthe have discussed this. Marianne will gather all the results and make sure it is blinded. In the email to all addressees this will be mentioned explicitly.
- The survey should be easy (and fast) to increase number of responses
- Myrthe and Patricia will send around a first draft

Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- Myrthe discussed the amount and limitations of the 'rugzakje'. The WIAS Board was interested in the results of the survey, where this will be incorporated. Bas Kemp (chair) will inform other chairgroups.
- Marianne emphasized that we could introduce this discussion in the next WPC meeting (October 2010). By that time we hope to have the results of the survey, which will give some quantitative body to the discussion
- Akis: is every PhD candidate aware of the rules and how to handle with problems? Although there is a PhD booklet which provides all information, Akis has the feeling that there is a lack of knowledge regarding this issue. We will all evaluate the WUR website and the survey and come back to this next meeting.

Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- The idea of joint doctorates will be evaluated.
- The idea of changing the structure of graduate schools will be evaluated.
- Marije will ask around within PNN if other graduate schools within NL also deal with merging graduate schools
- The WAPS board wonders what the advantages of cooperating with MSc education could be. Several advantages were listed:
 - a) Easier to follow MSc courses
 - b) Improved incorporation of supervising skills
 - c) Benefit from the professional structure of MSc education
- Dirkjan is Marijes official back-up for WPC meetings.

Ad 6. Accie

- 13 WAPS members will join the BBQ.

Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- Nothing to report.

Ad 10. New WAPS members

Ad 11. Miscellaneous

- Next meeting Harma will send an email just before, to be sure that enough Council members will join.
- Marije wants to know (questioned by PNN) if we agree that PNN approached WUR to ask what their general policy regarding declaration of intent is.
- Harma says she heard that the shortage of rooms/houses for PhD's was planned to be discussed in WPC, but this did not take place. Marije will ask in the next WPC.

3. WIAS Education Committee meeting

Minutes attached separately (pdf).

4. WIAS Board meeting

Nothing to report.

5. Wageningen PhD Council meeting

Nothing to report.

6. Accie

At June 23th the WAPS-Accie organized a BBQ. Around 15 people joined the BBQ and it was a nice evening.

At Thursday October 14th the WAPS-Accie will organize a Pizza- and Gamenight, from 5.30 p.m. onwards at Zodiac (Room A). This week also the WIAS Introduction Course is held, so we hope to see many 'new' PhD students. We will order pizza's for everyone (costs are divided over the number of people joining), and the Accie will arrange some drinks (with money left from the BBQ). Everybody is invited!

Furthermore, we are thinking about a salsa-workshop for the next WAPS-activity, but we are waiting for some more information about that. Other suggestions for next WAPS-activities are very welcome!

7. WAPS' internet site

Nothing to report.

8. Important dates

September 16	Low frequency electromagnetic field exposure and modulation of cellular functions, ZonMW/WIAS seminar
September 28	Dietary lysine and the importance of processing of food- and feedstuffs, WIAS seminar on the occasion of the graduation of Shane Rutherford, (0.15 ECTS)
October 1	Seminar on the occasion of the thesis defence of Carla M.S. Ribeiro
October 14	Pizza & Gamenight WAPS Accie
October 12-15	WIAS Introduction Course
October 25-29	Orientation on mathematical modelling in biology
December 8-10	Advanced Statistics course Design of Experiments

9. WIAS Science Day

10. Miscellaneous