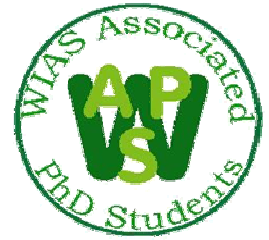


## Minutes Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2009

Next WAPS meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009, 15.30 h, Room B



Present: AneMarie Closter, Krista Engelsma (chair), Marije Oostindjer, Anouk Schurink, Irene Walstra, Anne Wientjes, Myrthe Maurice – Van Eindhoven (minutes)  
Absent: Nazir Khan, Aldert van der Veen

### Ad 1. Opening

- Krista welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

### Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

### Ad 3. Education Committee

- (Within agenda of last meeting)  
Recommendations Wageningen Graduate Schools TSP Evaluation Report  
The three suggested categories are not very different from the categories in our own TSP. Despite the ideas, uniformity in the TSP's of different graduate schools is still not created in this manner, since each PhD student can decide for him/herself what activities will be in the three categories. The original idea was to create uniformity in the TSP by equalizing the number of ECTS given by different graduate schools for activities. However, now it seems that only the layout will be changed. The "learning by doing" category did not fit with the ideas of some graduate schools. Marije mentioned that it is important that all TSP's do have the same layout, and less important if a category will not be used by a graduate school.  
It is decided that Marianne will first make a concept for a "new" WIAS TSP and additionally, Ane Closter from the WAPS council will be contacted about the opinion of the EC regarding the TSP discussion.  
→ The final outcome will be an uniform lay-out
- Tomorrow (10<sup>th</sup> of September) the 'Research Master Cluster (RMC) Committee' have their first meeting. The most important questions are: \* how to involve PhD students and \* how to integrate the RMC in the WIAS Graduate School.

### Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- The report can be find at the WIAS website. This is not specially communicated to the people involved. Probably it will or is already discussed within the chairgroups.
- Last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council and PNN

- The official rewritten PhD-regulations are assumed to be ready. Ane haven't heard anything about it.
- The next PhD Council meeting will be November 30<sup>th</sup> and the issues planned to discuss there are:
  - The language services about scheduling, pricing and quality of their Dutch courses.
  - Communication Services about a template for PhD-theses.
  - A proposal for the Science Day; and there will be searched for volunteers to organize.
  - TSP-review.
  - the university is agreeing upon a general use of words around the PhD (like PhD-candidate, Phd-program etcetera).
- Marije joint the national PhD Council and have been to the first meeting. Within this council one person of each university within the Netherlands is involved. There are working also 5 persons "full-time" for the council, they visit e.g. politicians in The Hague. Marije get for this job information about WUR concerns from Onno Muller. Other universities seem to have much more problems than WUR.

Delft is also organizing a Science Day, which is interesting to hear how they do and if they work therefore together with other universities.

#### Ad 6. Accie

- There will be no BBQ in September because there's no introduction course. Next intro course will be in November. The second day of this course (**25<sup>th</sup> of November**) WAPS will organize a social event. The idea is to go to Koekoekpannekoek in Wageningen and go pooling after. **Anne will make over a few weeks a reservation and 3 weeks before an email will be send around to mention the happening.**
- Anne have contacted people from Imares to discuss the possibilities for a joined event. They were very enthusiastic, but until now they haven't replied to get really something organized.

#### Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- It works!

#### Ad 8. 'PhD Retreat

- No update. Irene will send an email to Kor again.

#### Ad 9. 'WIAS Science Day

- (Within agenda of last meeting)  
In 2010 the WU Science Day will be organized because of the 5000th WU-promotion. It will probably take place at March the 14<sup>th</sup> together with Dies, but they are still waiting for the approval of the rector. If the WU SD will take place at this date, we have to shift our WIAS Science Day to an earlier date, in January or February. This is already discussed with Gab Van Winkel and Bas Kemp. A decision will be made after the date of the WU SD is fixed.
- (Within agenda of last meeting)  
Gab Van Winkel suggested that it might be a good idea to have a PhD-party after the WU SD and Dies.
- Volunteers are needed to organize next WSD. Marije will ask Nathalie if she will organize again and will also send an email around to all PhD students. In total 4-5 people are needed.

#### Ad 12. Important dates

### WIAS Courses

8-9 October 2009	<a href="#">Introduction to R for statistical analysis</a> , (0.6 ECTS)
14-16 October 2009	<a href="#">WIAS Advanced Statistics course: Design of Experiments</a> , (1.0 ECTS)
26-28 October 2009	<a href="#">Advanced visualisation, integration and biological interpretation of -omics data</a> , WIAS / VLAG / Erasmus MC course, (0.8 ECTS)
24-27 November 2009	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction Course</a> , (1.5 ECTS)

### WIAS Seminars

24 September 2009 [Drivers of regime shifts in aquatic systems: case-specific or universal?](#), A joint NWO, IMARES, WIAS, WIMEK symposium, (0.3 ECTS)

- In October there will be a seminar on Insect-bite hypersensitivity focusing on the genetic and epidemiological background.

#### Ad 13. Miscellaneous

Myrthe will put the minutes earlier on the website.

Krista will ask Nazir if he still will join the WAPS Council.