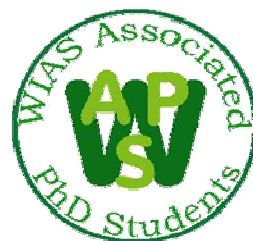


Agenda WAPS meeting, Thursday 28th of May 2009, 15.30 h, Zodiac room B

1. Opening
 2. Minutes last meeting, Wednesday 11th of March 2009
 3. WIAS Education Committee meeting
 4. WIAS Board meeting
 5. Wageningen PhD Council meeting
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1. Opening

2. Minutes last meeting, Wednesday 11th of March 2009

Present: AneMarie Closter Krista Engelsma (minutes), Marije Oostindjer, Ghyslaine Schopen, Anouk Schurink, Irene Walstra
Absent: Andreia Fonseca, Nazir Khan, Tosca Ploegaert, Aldert van der Veen (chair)

Ad 1. Opening

- Ghyslaine welcomed everybody and opened the meeting (Aldert was absent).

Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- Ane was surprised about the fact that the retreat will be held with three universities, there will be a lot of students then. Irene mentioned that the retreat will probably be organised with just two universities.

Ad 3. Education Committee

- Anouk was surprised about the remark that the difference between PhD and MSc students was too big in the Research Master, last September-October 2008. Anouk followed the Research Master together with Panya, as the only two PhD students. Marije: the PhD students were in the Research Master just to fill up, they helped the MSc students, not the other way around. There was no benefit for the PhD students. It might be a good idea to use PhD students in the Research Master to assist, but not using the Research Master as a course for PhD students.

Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- The next WIAS Board meeting will be March the 19th.

Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- The PhD-regulations will be rewritten, because there are a lot of new rules. Two important changed rules:
 - a PhD student is allowed to have only two supervisors (next to promotor)
 - the defense is from now on in English, except for the 'lekenpraatje'
- The official regulations will be rewritten before June 2009.

Ad 6. Accie

- Suggestion: maybe an outdoor event this year? Anouk suggested skiing, but that might be too expensive.
- General question: how much money do we have for WAPS activities? Ghyslaine: most of the time people pay themselves, sometimes WIAS sponsors part of the activity (like the BBQ).
- Maybe we have to change the day of the WAPS drink (every first Friday of the month), because there are not much people coming to the drink. Suggestion: skip the drinks? We will discuss it next meeting, when we have a new member in the WAPS accie.

Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- Tosca will leave the WAPS Council.

Ad 8. 'PhD Retreat

- We are still waiting for Kor Oldenbroek and Etienne Verrier. It might become difficult to have the retreat in 2009.

Ad 9. 'WIAS Science Day

- 102 people signed up for the WIAS Science Day, 10 presentations of PhD students and 25 posters.
- There will be a new room for the poster presentations, because last year there was not much attention for the posters because the posters were in the same room where coffee and lunch was.

Ad 10. New WAPS members

- The members who will leave are: Ghyslaine, Tosca and Andreia.
- Aldert will become general member and Krista will become the chair, the rest will keep the same function in the WAPS.
- New members: Myrthe Maurice-Van Eijndhoven, Anouk Schurink and Anne Wientjes.
- Anouk will take care of the website. We will ask Myrthe for the function secretary, and Anne for the accie.

Ad 11. Course survey

- The ethics course was evaluated not so good last year, we will see if it is improved this year.

Ad 12. Important dates

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| 5, 11, 19, 26 March, 2, 9 April 2009 | WGS course Ethics and Philosophy of Animal Science |
| 12 March 2009 | WIAS Science Day |
| 23 April 2009 | Friends or Fiends? Consequences of social interactions for artificial breeding programs and evolution in natural populations. Seminar on the occasion of the graduation of Esther Ellen. |
| 15-26 June 2009 | NOVA course: Design and optimization of animal breeding strategies |

Ad 13. Miscellaneous

- Next WAPS meeting will be in May, Krista will send around the possible dates.

3. WIAS Education Committee meeting

- Last WIAS EC meeting was March the 19th 2009.
- The peer review will take place at 11-13 June 2009.

4. WIAS Board meeting

- The WIAS Board meeting of March the 19th was cancelled.

5. Wageningen PhD Council meeting

- Nothing to report.

6. Accie

- Anne Wientjes will be the new WAPS accie member.

7. WAPS' internet site

- Anouk Schurink will be the new WAPS webhost.
- Anouk already gave our website a 'face lift', and all information is updated. If someone has suggestions or comments, please contact Anouk!

8. PhD-retreat

- Nothing to report.

9. WIAS Science Day

- The Wias Science Day was held at March 12, and was a big success. Over a 100 people attended to listen to the 2 plenary speakers and 10 PhD students, and to read the 25 posters that were brought by PhD students from different groups of WIAS. The day was ended by awarding the poster and presentation prizes, as well as the education prize, the publication prize (awarded to two people) and the grant provided by the NZV to attend the EAAP in September 2009 in Barcelona.

10. New WAPS members

- Krista Engelsma: chair
Myrthe Maurice-Van Eijndhoven: secretary
Marije Oostindjer: EC representative
Irene Walstra: EC representative
Ane Closter: WPC representative
Anouk Schurink: webhost
Anne Wientjes: accie
Alder van der Veen: general member
Nazir Khan: general member

11. Important dates

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| 11-14 May 2009 | WIAS Introduction Course |
| 14 May 2009 | Drivers of regime shifts in aquatic systems: case-specific or universal?, a joint IMARES, WIAS, WIMEK symposium |
| 11 May, 5 and 8 June 2009 | Stakeholder workshop 'Consequences of social interactions for breeding and evolution', PhD-course Science society III |
| 27 May 2009 | Aspects of lactation- and weaning management for piglets and sows |
| 28, 29 May and 2, 3, 4, 5 June 2009 | Statistics for the Life Sciences |
| 8 June 2009 | Friends or Fiends? Consequences of social interactions for artificial breeding programs and evolution in natural populations. Seminar on the occasion of the graduation of Esther Ellen. |
| 15-26 June 2009 | NOVA course: Design and optimization of animal breeding strategies |
| 14-16 October 2009 | WIAS Advanced Statistics course: Design of Experiments |
| 26-28 October 2009 | Advanced visualization, integration and biological interpretation of – omics data, WIAS/VLAG/Erasmus MC course |

12. Miscellaneous

- ECTS of the different WAPS 'tasks'.