

## **Minutes Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2010**

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

### Ad 1. Opening

- Myrthe welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

### Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- Ethics course for 2010 is full. Dirkjan and Harma will follow this course.
- Question about the questionnaire to PhD students according to the supervision, will this questionnaire be made by the WAPS Council? Patricia: this questionnaire will be made by WIAS and they are still working on it.

### Ad 3. Education Committee

- Last meeting was cancelled.
- The ethics course for this year is full, maybe there will be another one this year.
- Next meeting will be at 18 March.

### Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- Patricia: this year the International Advisory Board (IAB) will visit us at 19 March, and they would like to talk to the WAPS Council (5 to 6 people). It would be nice if there will be at least one international PhD student. The meeting with the WAPS Council will be after the lunch around 14 h. Myrthe, Anouk, Krista and Julia Mas Munoz will be at this meeting.

### Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- There was a suggestion from PE&RC to further optimize the TSP, Marianne Bruining is working on it.
- 26 March there will be a meeting from PNN (Promovendi Netwerk Nederland, network for PhD students in The Netherlands) in Utrecht. Marije is also not able to go, another WAPS Council member will go to this meeting.
- Marije can not attend the next WPC meeting, Dirkjan will go to this meeting instead of her.
- There will be a PHD party at 12 March. Harma will send around the invitation for this party.

### Ad 6. Accie

- February the 24<sup>th</sup> we had a diner and bowling evening in Veenendaal.
- Suggestion for our next trip: 'stadsgolf' (playing golf in the city streets).

### Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- Anouk would like to have pictures from the WIAS Science Day to put them on the website. She will contact Lia Hoving who has made pictures that day.
- Would be nice to put a short report of this day on the WIAS and WAPS website.

### Ad 8. PhD Retreat

- Nothing to report.

### Ad 9. WIAS Science Day

- It was a disappointment that there were very few staff members on the WIAS Science Day. The WSD committee did their best, but next year there will be more pressure from WIAS.
- Some chair groups did not present on the WSD, this will hopefully change next year.
- There is always the problem that 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD students may always present, and therefore it is not always easy to give each chair group the opportunity to present.
- Next year we hope that IMARIS will also present at the WSD.

### Ad 10. New WAPS members

- Myrthe is the new chair.

- New members: Harma Berends, Dirkjan Schokker, Ioannis Sitaras.
- Harma will be the secretary, and she will join the EC together with Myrthe.
- General members: Irene, Dirkjan, Krista, Akis.
- Marije will join WPC and meetings from PNN.
- Anouk will stay webhost, and Anne and Anouk together will be the Accie.

#### Ad 11. Wageningen Science Day

- The Wageningen Science Day will be at 9 March 2010.
- We have the feeling that it is not very interesting for the PhD students, partly due to the program.
- We send a letter with our concerns about the program, but we never received any response.

#### Ad 12. Important dates

#### Ad 13. Miscellaneous

- PNN wants to be more promoted, they need more input from PhD students so they have more possibilities in Den Haag.
- Patricia wants to know our opinion about the WIAS website, she will send around an email within the WAPS Council so we can give her feedback. Suggestion from Harma: maybe it is a good idea to look at websites from other graduate schools in other countries.
- Question from Harma: does the WAPS Council have a 'draaiboek' (explanation of all functions within the WAPS Council, their goal, etc.)? You can find this on the website. Harma: information about the university is also important, and it is hard to find, especially if you just started as a PhD student. Patricia: you can find this in the peer review of last year. WIAS already started with sending a welcome email with information to new PhD students. Irene: this information should be given by your supervisor, however, this is not always the case.
- It was very useful that the new WIAS secretary Patricia joined our WAPS meeting, and we will put her on our email list to inform her about our activities.
- Next WAPS meeting: 14 April.