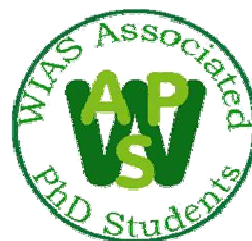


Agenda WAPS meeting, Wednesday 11th of March 2009, 11.00 h, room C

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1. Opening

2. Minutes last meeting, Friday 9th of January 2009

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

Ad 1. Opening

- Aldert welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- The ethics course is on the agenda for 2009. Elsbeth Stassen is again involved, but without Prof Frans Brom. In the course evaluation was a remark about the time schedule, the course is spread out over several days and this might be a problem for some sandwich-students. The course organisation did not take this into account.
- Smoelenboek: Gab Van Winkel will take care of updating the information.

Ad 3. Education Committee

- If we want to organise a writing week for PhD students, we have to organise it by our self if we want.
- Next meeting will be at January the 22nd.

Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- There was an idea about help from WIAS for MSc students to start a PhD. Bas Kemp asked people about this idea, and concluded that there is no need for this.
- Do we want to promote the WIAS Science Day more outside of WIAS? We can include for example Imares, ASG Lelystad. This might increase the costs. Marije: for now we first have to increase the number of staff members being present at the WSD. We can ask Bas Kemp for help.
- Maybe it is a good idea to invite MSc students, to show them what research and a PhD is.
- Next WIAS Board meeting will be at March the 19th.

Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- Nothing to report (Ane was absent).

Ad 6. Accie

- Next WAPS trip will be ice-skating in Ede. Ghyslaine suggests to leave Zodiac around 16.30h, and after the ice-skating we will have dinner in Wageningen. Ghyslaine will see if she can reserve tickets for ice-skating on forehand.

Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- The minutes of the last meeting will be on the WAPS website as soon as possible. Also the program of the WIAS Science Day will be soon on the website.

Ad 8. 'PhD Retreat

- The PhD retreat will be organised in 2009, together with Scandinavia and France. This month they will discuss about the retreat (Kor Oldenbroek with Etienne Verrier).
- The place where we will organise the retreat is not yet known.
- The PhD retreat will be organised for PhD students in their 3rd or 4th year.

Ad 9. 'WIAS Science Day

- There are enough applications for the WSD (again a lot from genetics). There are not that much posters yet.
- There will be 2 invited speakers.
- Only PhD students in their 3rd or 4th year can present. We will have 9 presentations of PhD students in total.

Ad 10. New WAPS members

- The members who will leave are: Ghyslaine, Tosca (not sure yet) and Andreia.
- For the new chair: it would be nice if the chairman for next year will be one of the members of last year. In that way the chairman is already familiar with the tasks. Marije and Irene already mentioned that they do not want to be the chairman next year.
- We would like to have at least one PhD student from Lelystad in the WAPS Council. Maybe also a member from outside WIAS in the future?

Ad 11. Course survey

- Bas Kemp was very happy with the results.

Ad 12. Important dates

26-28 January 2009	Nutrient Density of Milk
3-6 February 2009	WIAS Introduction course
11-13 February 2009	WIAS Advanced Statistics Course: Design of Animal Experiments
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

- Marije will do the presentation about the WAPS Council during the introduction course in February (Aldert is in the USA).
- Maybe it is a good idea to organise a WAPS drink during the introduction course.
- There will come a link on the WAPS website to the website of the BioCareer Event.
- Next meeting will be on Friday March the 6th, 15.30h (has been changed in March 11th!).

3. WIAS Education Committee meeting

- Last WIAS EC meeting was January the 22nd 2009.
- The Research Master has started in September 2008 for the first time. The idea of the Research Master is to prepare MSc students for working in research (PhD). During the Research Master the students have several courses like a writing course. During this first Research Master also PhD students joined (try out). They find out that the difference between MSc en PhD students is to big, and next time the Research Master will only be available for MSc students.
- The peer review will take place at 11-13 June 2009.
- Next EC meeting will be on March the 19th, 13.30 h, room B, Zodiac.

4. WIAS Board meeting

- Next WIAS Board meeting will be at March the 19th.

5. Wageningen PhD Council meeting

- Ane went to the PhD Council meeting at Monday January the 16th.
- They discussed the new PhD regulations, which will be send out to the professors March 1. Changes will be completed per June 1.
- Ane will go through the most important points during our next WAPS meeting.

6. Accie

- The 22th of January we went ice skating with the WAPS in the cinemec of Ede. In total, we were with 6 people. The ice skate track was nice and we had a lot of fun with the ice skating. Lucky for us, it was not too busy on the ice skate track. After the ice skating, we went 'wokken' in Wageningen. Also this part was really nice and the food was good.
- At the WIAS Science Day 2009, Ghyslaine will leave the WAPS council, and thereby also the accie of the WAPS council. But, there will come a new accie member who will organize several nice activities for all the WIAS PhDs. So, if you have any ideas for an activity or you want to become the new accie member in the WAPS, then don't hesitate to contact one of the WAPS members!! Or even better, come to the WAPS meeting on Tuesday the 11th of March.
- Next WAPS drink: Friday March the 6th, in de Vlaamsche Reus.

7. WAPS' internet site

- Nothing to report.

8. PhD-retreat

- Nothing to report.

9. WIAS Science Day

- Nothing to report.

10. New WAPS members

- For continuation of the good and valuable work of the WAPS Council, we need new enthusiastic candidates! Please contact Krista Engelsma (Krista.Engelsma@wur.nl) or one of the other WAPS Council members if you are interested.

11. Important dates

12 March 2009	WIAS Science Day
5, 11, 19, 26 March, 2, 9 April 2009	WGS course Ethics and Philosophy of Animal Science
11-14 May 2009	WIAS Introduction Course
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

12. Miscellaneous

- Nothing to report.