

Minutes WAPS meeting April 20th, 2011 (Room C, Zodiac)

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1. Opening
2. Minutes last meeting March 16th 2011
 Present: Harma Berends (Chair), Ioannis Sitaras (Secretary, WPC), Mariëlle Bruijnjs (EC), Elske de Haas (Accie), Inonge Reimert (Web Host), Sonja de Vries (PNN), Anne Wientjes (General Member).
 Absent: Myrthe Maurice van Eijndhoven (Accie)

Ad 1. Opening

- Harma welcomed everybody and opened the meeting.

Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- It was agreed to attach updates provided from members of other committees (i.e. EC, PNN, Accie, WPC, etc) to the end of the WAPS minutes.

Ad 3. Education Committee

- IMARES will be asked to give a course for Ph.D. students.
- The course "Orientation on Modelling in Biology" was given an average score of 3.6. There was a high variation between individual scores. Structure should be improved.
- The link between the EC and the WIAS board is problematic. Further discussions will take place regarding this matter with the Chair of the WIAS board.
- Date of next meeting to be determined (probably at the end of June, 2011).

Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- Next meeting will be held in May 30th.

Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- Date of the meeting to be finalised, but pre-meeting will likely take place in the beginning of June and WPC meeting at the end of June.

Ad 6. PNN

- Nothing to report.

Ad 7. Accie

- Pizza and Laser Game would take place on the 20th of April, after the WAPS meeting.
- Harma presented the WAPS council at the WIAS Introduction Course on the 19th of April, 2011.
- A BBQ will be organised after the coming WAPS meeting. It was decided to extend the invitation to non-WAPS members.
- We have agreed to advertise our accies through the facebook group.
- It was agreed to try to organise activities of great interest to members, such as printer markets.

Ad 8. WAPS' internet site

- We agreed to create a WAPS group in LinkedIn.

Ad 9. Important dates

- For a list of coming WIAS courses and seminars, please follow this link:
http://www.wias.nl/courses/list_course.php

Ad 10. Miscellaneous

- It was agreed for Akis to finalise the WAPS leaflet and send it to the members for comments. When it is finalised, it will be sent to Marianne Bruining and Patricia Huijbers.