

## Minutes WAPS meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Room C, Zodiac)

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Present: Dirkjan Schokker, Myrthe Maurice-Van Eijndhoven (chair), Harma Berends (minutes), Krista Engelsma, Anne Wientjes, Akis Ioannis Sitaras, Patricia Huijbers (WIAS secretary)  
Absent: Irene Walstra

### Ad 1. Opening

- Harma welcomed everybody and opened the meeting. The old and new members shortly introduced themselves.

### Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- The guidelines on Introduction and Discussion chapters of the PhD thesis will depend on individual projects/promoters instead of a set of guidelines that will apply to everyone.

### Ad 3. Education Committee

- Harma summarised who is in/out in the new Education Committee composition.
- Ph.D. discussion groups can receive up to 1.5 education credits provided they fulfil certain criteria. The criteria are available on the education website. Students that wish to start such discussion groups or already have a group in place, are requested to check the criteria online and contact Marianne Bruining for guidance and accreditation of their discussion groups.
- No official representation of the EC in the WIAS board. There was an extensive discussion in order to include it.

### Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- Next meeting will be held in May.

### Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- Ioannis provided a summary of the WGS meeting which took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2011.
- WAPS members suggested that the fee for the Ph.D. competence course should be paid either by the project, or the chair of the group. It was also stated that supervisors should be made more aware of the course. The council expressed its concern for an increased fee for the course.
- A leaflet about WAPS council to be included in the WIAS information package was presented by Ioannis to the council. The council members approved of the leaflet and offered improvements such as including what kind of information can be found on our website and that we also organise activities for our members.

#### Ad 6. Accie

- It was decided to have a pizza and laser game activity on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011, after the WIAS Introduction Course, in order to attract more participants.
- Sonja de Vries will take Harma's place in presenting the WAPS council during the April WIAS Introduction Course.

#### Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- Anouk will familiarise and hand over the website to Inonge.

#### Ad 8. WIAS Science Day February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

- The council declared the WIAS Science Day 2011 a success, with many participants both from the student body and the faculties.

#### Ad 9. WAPS Council 2011

- Positions in the council were assigned and finalised for 2011.
- Board composition of 2011:

Harma Berends	Chair, Education Committee
Akis Ioannis Sitaras	Secretary, WPC representative
Myrthe Maurice-Van Eijndhoven/ Elske de Haas	Accie
Inonge Reimert	WAPS website
Sonja de Vries	General member, PNN contact
Anne Wientjes	General Member

#### Ad 10. Important dates

- 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011: Sonja de Vries will present the WAPS Council during the WIAS Introduction Course.
- 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011: Pizza and laser game activity.

#### Ad 11. Miscellaneous

- Nothing to report.