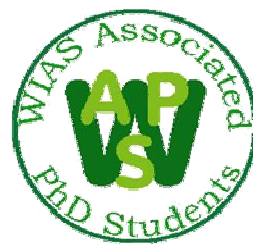


## **Agenda WAPS meeting, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2007, 15.30 h, room A**

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### **1. Opening**

### **2. Minutes last meeting, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2007**

Present: Guido Bosch (minutes), Simone de Bruin, Sanne Dekker, Andrea Fonseca, Tosca Ploegaert, Anke Schennink, Ghyslaine Schopen (chair)

#### Ad 1. Opening

- Ghyslaine Schopen welcomes everybody and opens the meeting.

#### Ad 2. Minutes last meeting

- Ghyslaine Schopen considered the new lay-out and extensive content of the minutes as an improvement. No other comments were made about the minutes of the last meeting (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2007).

#### Ad 3. Education Committee

- Simone de Bruin asked what the WAPS will report in the coming Education Committee (EC) meeting about the waivers discussion. Ghyslaine Schopen will make a proposal which will be discussed before the coming EC meeting.
- Simone de Bruin asked how many PhD-candidates WIAS has. Ghyslaine Schopen will look it up.
- Simone de Bruin mentions that the outcome of the investigation of differences between graduate schools in Training and Supervising Plan will be ready at the end of July. Unfortunately, the report can not be discussed in the coming EC meeting.

#### Ad 4. WIAS Board meeting

- Guido Bosch reported about the WIAS Board meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2007.
- No questions were asked.
- Guido Bosch reported about the WIAS Board meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2007.
- Interviews were held with candidates for the position of Scientific Director of WIAS. A potential successor will be proposed by the WIAS Board to the rector on a short notice.
- The WIAS Assistant Director (Kor Oldenbroek) and Secretary (Gab van Winkel) interviewed WIAS professors last spring and reported the outcome of the discussions of the following four issues.
  1. Developments in the past year and plans for next years
  2. Planning of PhD-courses
  3. Inflow of new PhD-candidates; the ambition level, 30 new PhD-candidates, as expressed in autumn 2006, will be realised in 2007. The ambition level for Post-docs was not included in the interviews and will be discussed coming autumn.
  4. Connection with IP/OP themes; it remains difficult to connect with the themes.

In addition, professors were asked to give suggestions about possible improvements of WIAS. In general, the professors reported to be happy with WIAS. WIAS should think about how it can do more for Post-docs. Furthermore, WIAS could stimulate more explicitly internal coherence and scientific debate. Finally, individual statistical advice to PhD-candidates might be a good investment when planning an experimental setup. It

was mentioned by the WIAS Board, however, that designing an experimental setup is already included in a WIAS course and, with respect to that for the large variety in types of research within WIAS, supervisors or group members are most suitable to provide statistical advice in this.

- For the WIAS Midterm Review 2007, each group will give a presentation about their research activities on Monday 17 or Tuesday 25 September.
- The International Advisory Board will discuss reports of made by each group in November (possibly the 26 and 27 November).
- Two PhD-projects are approved by WIAS.

#### Ad 5. Wageningen PhD Council

- Simone de Bruin reported about the last meeting.
- The question was raised whether we keep track on the activities of the WIAS alumni PhD's. It might be interesting to approach these PhD's and let them share their experiences as part of a career coaching workshop. Gab van Winkel will be contacted for information about the WIAS alumni PhD's.

#### Ad 6. Accie

- Anke Schennink mentioned that tomorrow (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of July) there is a new opportunity to join the WAPS Drinks @ Vlaamsche Reus.
- A pancake boat excursion will be organised for coming September.

#### Ad 7. WAPS' internet site

- Tosca Ploegaert received the password for changing the contents of the WAPS' internet site. Tosca is looking at the possibilities of extending the internet site with photo's of the members of the WAPS Council and the activities of the WAPS.
- The internet site can further be extended with general information of the WAPS, her aims, objectives, best practices, minutes, agenda of WAPS activities and WIAS courses. In this way, the WIAS PhD-candidates will have a better understanding of the value and activities of the WAPS and who they can contact for questions or suggestions. For the latter, it would be best to have a WAPS email address (e.g. [WAPS@WUR.nl](mailto:WAPS@WUR.nl)). Guido Bosch will contact Gab van Winkel for possibilities concerning the email address.

#### Ad 8. PhD-retreat

- Anke Schennink reported that the organising PhD-candidates of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Utrecht University) misinterpreted the objective of the PhD-retreat in autumn/winter 2007. The problem will be solved and the organisation will continue.

#### Ad 9. Social event for all PhD-candidates Wageningen UR

- Simone de Bruin reported about the last meeting.
- It was asked on what basis the number of attendees for the party (250 persons) was chosen. Simone answered that this 250 persons a rough estimation is which is based after a discussion with Gab van Winkel.

#### Ad 10. Important dates

- Simone de Bruin mentioned that the WIAS Workshop 'Career Coaching' held on 18 September needs to be promoted. This workshop is really interesting for PhD-candidates and supervisors and everybody should inform their colleagues.

#### Ad 11. Miscellaneous

- Tosca Ploegaert and Andrea Fonseca were present at the public lecture by Virgil Schijns for his candidacy for the 0.0 Chair Immunointervention. Tosca and Andrea enjoyed the lecture, but missed the role of fish, currently often used as a model in research at the Cell Biology and Immunology Group, in future research. Virgil acknowledged this and made a strategic plan. The WAPS is asked for advice and should report this before half of July. Ghyslaine Schopen will send the document of Virgil to the member of the WAPS Council for comments and will advice Gab on behalf of WAPS.
- Sanne Dekker introduced herself. Sanne started her PhD-project at Farm Technology Group last March and is supervised at Zodiac by Imke de Boer of the Animal Production Systems Group.

- Simone de Bruin proposed to make a WAPS Council board with photo's and information in the hall of Zodiac. In this way, PhD-candidates will get more familiar with the activities and value of the WAPS and members of WAPS. Gab van Winkel will be contacted to discuss the possibilities.

### 3. **WIAS Education Committee meeting**

### 4. **WIAS Board meeting**

- The last WIAS Board meeting was discussed during the last WAPS meeting in July (see minutes). The next WIAS Board meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2007.

### 5. **Wageningen PhD Council meeting**

### 6. **Accie**

### 7. **WAPS' internet site**

### 8. **PhD-retreat**

### 9. **Social event for all PhD-candidates Wageningen UR**

- The organisation of the social event 'Dine, Drink and Dance' for all PhD-candidates of Wageningen UR is in full progress. The event will be held on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October in Ceres (student association). The evening program starts at 18.00 h, ends at 04.00 h and includes a "around-the-world" dinner (buffet), comic act, and party with international music and dancing.
- Registration dinner and party started a couple of weeks ago (via [www.wageningenphdparty.nl](http://www.wageningenphdparty.nl)) and already the limited amount of places for dinner (150) are full. It is still possible to register for the comic act and party which also includes 4 drinking tickets for free. Attending the party without registration is also possible, but no free drinking tickets will be handed over.
- During the entire evening, the entrance of Ceres needs to be attended for welcoming new guests and preventing that people making lots of noise outside Ceres. Each of the seven Graduate Schools will bring forward PhD-candidates who will attend the door for approximately 1½ h in total. Volunteers for this noble job can contact Guido Bosch ([guido.bosch@wur.nl](mailto:guido.bosch@wur.nl)).

### 10. **WIAS Science Day**

- Every year WIAS organises the WIAS Science Day. During the WIAS Science Day (WSD) PhD students from WIAS get the opportunity to present their scientific work as an oral or poster presentation. The WSD is organised by 4 or 5 PhD students and currently we are looking for new members! Organising the WSD is a good opportunity to get to know more PhD students and get some experience in organising a scientific event (for your TSP!).

### 11. **'Smoelenboek'**

- Two years ago the last WIAS PhD yearbook was made. Therefore it is time to update this booklet. In this booklet you will find next to a short introduction to WIAS, an introduction to WAPS, and it comprises the profiles of the current students of WIAS including some short descriptions of their projects. Making this booklet is a good opportunity to work with other PhD students and to have a lot of fun. If you are interested in to be in the committee to make this booklet, you can contact Ghyslaine Schopen ([ghyslaine.schopen@wur.nl](mailto:ghyslaine.schopen@wur.nl)).

### 12. **Important dates**

27, 28 September, 1, 2 October	Nutrition and Sports
17, 23 October	ELISA Course
25 October, 1,9, 15, 22 November	Biology underpinning animal sciences: Broaden your Horizon
31 October, 3 December	Science meet society. Stakeholder workshop: Biomass for food, feed or fuel
5-8 February	WIAS Introduction Course
13 March	WIAS Science Day

14-18 April  
28 May - 4 June

Modelling course  
Statistics for the Life Sciences

### **13. Miscellaneous**