

Minutes WAPS council meeting, January 18th, 2007

Present: Anke Schennink, Simone de Bruin, Prescilla Jeurink, Gonalo Santos and Ghyslaine Schopen (minutes).

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Minutes last meeting (November 23rd 2006)
3. Education Committee (January 18th 2007)
4. WIAS Board meeting (December 7th 2006)
5. WPC (Wageningen PhD Council)
6. PNN (PhD network Netherlands)
7. IAB meeting
8. WAPS council members
9. Accie
10. WIAS Science Day
11. Miscellaneous

Ad 1. Opening

- Anke welcomes everybody and opens the meeting.

Ad 2. Minutes last meeting (November 23rd 2006)

Ad 3. Education Committee (January 18th 2007)

- The EC discussed PhD end terms. The EC appreciated the document on PhD end terms written by the PhD students.
- Every WIAS PhD student has to get 30 credits for the TSP and only courses and seminars which were done during the PhD period can be put on the TSP.
- The courses will not be examined.

Ad 4. WIAS board meeting (December 7th 2006)

- The ASG 'veehouderij' showed their future plans (2007-2010). Interesting target: they have the ambition to have 10-20 PhD students.
- Activities in Research Master have started again. The programme should be in the study guide of next year.
- The WIAS board wants us to think about the meeting with the IAB. What do we want to discuss with the IAB?

Ad 5. WPC (Wageningen PhD Council)

- No meeting, no news

Ad 6. PNN (PhD Network Netherlands)

- They want a steering committee, which is different from Europe PhD network and which consist of at least two persons.

Ad 7. IAB meeting

- The day after the WIAS science day (9th of March), the WAPS council has a meeting with the IAB (International Advisory Board).
- We want to discuss what the objectives of TSP of other universities are.
- We want to discuss the learning goals / evaluation / go, no go meeting.
- We want to discuss what will be the consequences if all PhD student have to do a English test at the beginning of their PhD.

Ad 8. WAPS council members

- At the WIAS science day, there is every year the change of the chair of the WAPS. Anke Schennink will leave the WAPS as chair and Ghyslaine Schopen will become chair.
- Therefore, the WAPS needs a new secretary!!
- Simone de Bruin will stay in the WAPS for another year. Her activities are enjoying the EC meeting and the WPC.
- Our general member Gonçalo Santos leaves after two years the WAPS.
- Prescilla Jeurink is in her last year of her PhD, so she will also leave us in a few months.

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Ad 9. Accie

- The Accie organizes an event on the 16th of February. First going to the pub for a drink and after that dinner and ice skating.

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Ad 10. WIAS science day

- The WIAS Science Day is at Thursday 8th of March.
- There will be 11 oral presentations of PhD students and there are 13 poster presentations.

Ad 11. Miscellaneous

- It would be good if new PhD students should get supervision of older PhD students (“tutors”). The older ones know what to do and how to get started with your project. Gonçalo tells how the tutor system is working within AFI.

Next meeting: 1st of March 2007 15.30hrs, room A