



# WIAS News

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## WIAS News

### WIAS Science Day 2024

The WIAS Science Day will be held on 25 April 2024 so please save the date. More information will be available soon.

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 6 February 2024, PhD candidate Arabela Ritchie Martinez from HMI will give a lecture entitled "Fucosylation and Sialylation of Epithelial Receptors in Disease Resistance in Pigs". This lecture will be held from 12.15-13.00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12.00.

#### WIAS lunch lecture Programme 2024

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
5 March 2024	Dr Michael Steel	ANU
2 April 2024	Prof Wim van de Poel	QVE

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2024. Interested? Please send an email to [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl). The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00.

## WAPS News

### The WIAS Associated PhDs council (WAPS) is searching for (board) members.

The WAPS council consists of PhD candidates from the Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences (WIAS) and acts in the interest of all the WIAS PhD candidates. The WAPS council gives input and feedback on matters related to the PhD programme.

The WAPS is represented in the WIAS Education Committee (EC), Wageningen Doctor Council (WDC; formally the Wageningen PhD Council (WPC)), the WIAS plenary meetings and the WIAS Board meetings. The WAPS organizes, amongst others, (social) events for PhD candidates, and is part of the WIAS organisational committee for the WIAS Science Day.

The WAPS council consists of a chair, secretary, WDC representative(s), EC representatives, activity committee representative(s), and general members. The WAPS aims to have at least one representative of each of the WIAS chair groups in the board to serve the interests of all the PhD candidates. Next to the experience, you will get credits for your TSP as WAPS Board member ([WIAS PhD council - WUR](#)).

Interested? Send an email to the WAPS inbox, or approach one of the members to ask any question you might have.

## Contact WAPS

Facebook: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: wias\_phds

Email: [waps.wias@wur.nl](mailto:waps.wias@wur.nl)

## WIAS Magazine

Hello Everyone! As the new year started, we have already started receiving some articles from engaged PhD students. However, we would like to include some more so we have extended the deadline until 15 February 2024. Please contact us if you would like to submit a piece.

Furthermore, we would like to strengthen the board. Are you interested in publishing, reviewing, lay outing and/or editing? Do you consider a career in the publishing industry, but currently lack any experience in the field? Are you looking for a nice group of people to work together with? WIAS magazine might be the place for you! We're looking for two board members, so make sure to send us an email at [wias.magazine@wur.nl](mailto:wias.magazine@wur.nl), or approach one of us in person if you have further questions.



Get in contact: [wias.magazine@wur.nl](mailto:wias.magazine@wur.nl)

Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](http://WIAS magazine - WUR)



## WIAS Seminars and Courses

**WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)**

Date	Course
4-8 February 2024	<a href="#">Fish Nutrition Training Workshop</a>
8 February 2024	<a href="#">BHE Seminar: Behavioural and conservation ecology of purple-crowned fairy-wrens, in Zodiac, room A.0107 from 15.45 – 16.45</a>
21-23 February 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
28-29 February & 5-6 March 2024	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course Statistics for Data Science</a>
	<a href="#">WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research</a>
5, 12 & 19 March 2024	<a href="#">Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course</a>
11 March-3 May 2024	<a href="#">Laboratory Animal Science – Specific Course on Wildlife</a>
25-26 March 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
17, 18, 19 April 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introductory Course for new PhD candidates</a>
22-23 April 2024	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
23-24 April 2024	

28 April-2 May 2024	<a href="#">22nd Fish Immunology/Vaccination Workshop</a>
29 April, 13 May, 27 May and 10 June 2024	<a href="#">Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
29 April 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Midterm Reflection Course</a>
29-31 May 2024	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC Course Design of Experiments</a>
4 June 2024	<a href="#">The Final Touch</a>
24 July-3 August 2024	<a href="#">Scientific Diving – Practical Course (MAE-20806)</a>

For an overview of WIAS courses and seminars please click [here](#).

### **Scientific Diving Course (MAE10302)**

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to improve your diving skills for research, we are pleased to inform you that PhDs can follow the Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course (MAE10302) at WIAS!

### **Looking for candidates to join the Scientific Diving – Practical Course (MAE20806)**

The course will be held in Krk, Croatia for a total of 12 days. The approximate dates that we'll go are: 24 July – 3 August, 2024. The costs are 2000EU including travel, accommodation and gear rental. Expenses for food have to be covered additionally. The prerequisites to join are at least 50 open water dives, a recent dive medical check, and having passed the Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course. Information on the application procedure you can find [here](#). Please fill [this application form](#) if you are interested. See this [Resource article](#) to read about the experiences of your colleagues.

## Other Courses

### **WGS Courses**

6 February 2024

[WUR Career Day](#)

14 February 2024

[Writing Grant Proposals](#)

22 February, 1, 7 (half day) & 22 (half day) March 2024

[Effective and efficient communication in academia and beyond](#)

26 February-1 March 2024

[Big Data exploration and object-oriented programming with Python](#)

26 February 2024 (online)

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

28 February 2024

[The Essentials of Scientific Writing and Presenting](#)

29 February 2024 (online)

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

5 March 2024

[Developing my Research Vision](#)

5, 12, 19, 26 March 2024

[Mindful Productivity for Scientists](#)

6 March 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

20 March 2024

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

25 March 2024

[Posters and Pitching](#)

28 March, 11 & 23 April 2024 + individual coaching session

[The Choice: Un-box your PhD process & take charge of your performance](#)

19 April 2024

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

24 April 2024

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

16 May 2024

[Scientific Publishing](#)

19 and 26 September 2024

[Mobilising your - Scientific - Network](#)

Individual planning

[Career assessment](#)

[PhD Competence Assessment](#)

For a complete overview of all competence, skills and career development training activities, please click [here](#).

### **Other courses and training of interest**

[Writing Lab Free feedback on your academic text during the Editing Desk walk-in hours](#)

[Academic English \(English for IELTS and RATER\)](#)

[Sports Centre the Bongerd offers health courses](#)

### **Stress Management for WUR PhD's (WIMEK lunch meeting)**

In the next lunch meeting on 26 February 2024 will take place in Forum, room B0512, Stress Management will be discussed. For more information and registration please go to

<https://forms.office.com/e/QS4BfdUQL0> or contact Elackiya via email:

[elackiya.sithamparanathan@wur.nl](mailto:elackiya.sithamparanathan@wur.nl)

### **Crop Modelling and Climate Change** 10-15 March 2024

Training the Next Generation of Crop Modelers for Crop Model Development and Improvement, for more information about this course please check the [website](#) of PE&RC.

### **Bioinformatics with Linux and Python** 11-18 March 2024 (online)

The lecturer of the course is Dr Martin Jones (founder of Python for Biologists) and the course is scheduled to occur online in the mornings (9.00 am-12.30 pm). 1.5 ECTS

Please look at the website for registration and for more [details](#).

### **Library courses**

8, 15, 22, 29 February 2024 - Course

[Adobe Illustrator - scientific artwork & infographics](#)

8 February 2024 – Presentation (online)

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#)

15 February 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

15 February 2024 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: Open education and copyrights in teaching material](#)

27-28 February 2024 - Course

[Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates](#)

5 March 2024 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: collection & searching](#)

12 March 2024 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: Open access publishing](#)

14, 21, 28 March 2024 – Course

[Research Data Management, parts 1-3](#)

14 March 2024 - Presentation

[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates](#)

21 March 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

28 March 2024 – Workshop

[Citing and referencing: lunch workshop for students](#)

11 April 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

21 & 22 May 2024 - Course



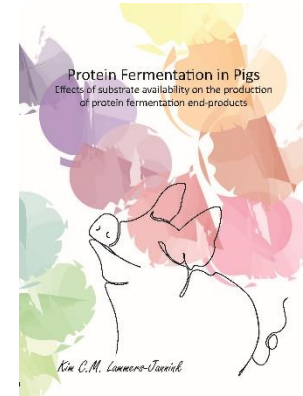
**Ingrid van Dixhoorn**

Adaptation Physiology (ADP)

Date: 2 February 2024  
Time: 13:30

*Disease resilience in farm animals*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr JMJ Rebel, Dr JE Bolhuis,  
Dr S van Mourik, Dr CG van Reenen



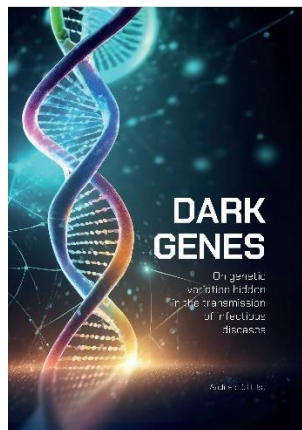
**Kim Lammers-Jannink**

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 23 February 2024  
Time: 13:30

*Protein fermentation in pigs  
Effects of substrate availability on  
the production of protein fermentation  
end-products*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WJJ Gerrits, Dr WF Pellikaan



**Dries Hulst**

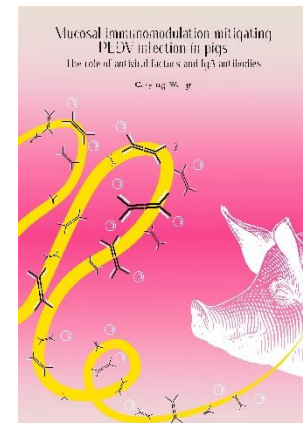
Quantitative Veterinary Epidemiology (QVE)

Date: 1 March 2024  
Time: 16:00

*Dark Genes*

*On genetic variation hidden in the  
transmission of infectious diseases*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr MCM de Jong, Dr P. Bijma



**Caiying Wang**

Cell Biology and Immunology (CBI)

Date: 5 March 2024  
Time: 11:00

*Mucosal immunomodulation mitigating  
PEDV infection in pigs*

*The role of antiviral factors and IgA  
antibodies*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr HFJ Savelkoul, Dr CA Jansen,

## Calls

### Call for abstracts AMS conference

The AMS Scientific Conference (AMS Conference) explores and discusses how cities can transform themselves to become more livable, resilient and sustainable while offering economic stability. In the second edition of 'Reinventing the City' (23-25 April 2024), the overarching theme will be 'Blueprints for messy cities? Navigating the interplay of order and messiness'. In three captivating days, we will explore 'The good, the bad, and the ugly' (day 1), 'Amazing discoveries' (day 2) and 'We are the city' (day 3). The AMS Conference seeks to engage scientists, policymakers, students, industry partners, and everyone working with and on cities from different backgrounds and areas of expertise. We therefore invite you to submit your scientific paper abstract, idea for a workshop or special session with us. Submissions should be dedicated to exploring the theme 'Blueprints for messy cities?'. We especially invite young, urban rebels to raise their voice, as they are the inhabitants of our future cities. For more information, please visit the website: <https://reinventingthecity24.dryfta.com/call-for-abstracts>

## Other news

### New website PhD Programme

As of today, the website for the PhD Programme (<https://www.wur...d-programme.htm>) has a new structure. We have tried to make all available information easier to find and make future management easier by removing old pages. Therefore, old redirects may no longer work. If you regularly refer to our site, it is certainly advisable to take a look and note the new links if necessary. Do you have questions or can't find something? Send an email to [DoRo.office@wur.nl](mailto:DoRo.office@wur.nl).

### 4TU Design United PhD Day 14 February 2024

Design United aims to co-create the Dutch Design Research landscape and connect design researchers across the 4TUs. We invite all PhD and EngD researchers, their advisors, and 4TU design researchers, to meet each other and discuss the latest themes in design research. For more information go to the [website](#).

### Podcast Workshop 6 March 2024

Wageningen Young Academy (WYA) is organizing a full-day podcast workshop, in Orion on Wednesday 6 March 2024. The registration is now open to all tenure trackers. In this hands-on workshop Ludo de Boo will take us through the basics of making a good story, interviewing etc., and which will end with us actually making a real podcast ourselves. If interested please register before 6 February 2024 via [https://wur.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6X8z8s0J4ovDDHo](https://wur.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6X8z8s0J4ovDDHo).

### 5<sup>th</sup> Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024

Join us to discuss developments towards equitable, sustainable and resilient food systems at the 5th Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024. For more information go to the [website](#).