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## WIAS News

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 5 November 2024, Dr Marie Ithurbide, visiting scientist at the ABG chair group, will give a lecture entitled "Combining genetic and modelling approaches to develop new non-invasive biomarkers of resilience based on milk metabolites". This lecture will be held from 12:15-13:00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12:00.

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.

#### WIAS lunch lecture Programme 2024

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
5 November 2024	Marie Ithurbide	ABG
3 December 2024	Koushik Roy	AFI

## WAPS News

### 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. ([WIAS PhD council - WUR](#)).

Interested? Send an email to the WAPS, 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!

The eleventh edition of the WIAS magazine, published this summer, was the last edition due to a lack of new board members to carry on with the magazine. We want to thank all the readers, and all authors who contributed articles since the very first edition, it has been a pleasure!

All articles published online will remain accessible. Should anyone in the future be interested to restart the magazine, please contact WIAS ([wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl)) for more information.

Goodbye and take care!



On behalf of WIAS Magazine – Evelien, Bernadett, Ilva Noa & Jeroen

**'Science connects us all'**

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

Website: [WIAS.magazine](http://WIAS.magazine)

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

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

Date	Course
18 October, 1, 15 & 29 November 2024	<a href="#">Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
24 - 25 October 2024	<a href="#">Interdisciplinary Skills Training</a>
24 - 25 October 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Course: Simulation of breeding programs with the Modular Breeding Program Simulator (MoBPS)</a>
28 October - 1 November 2024	<a href="#">Genetics of resilience and trade-offs</a>
11 - 12 November 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introductory Course for new PhD candidates</a>
19 November 2024	<a href="#">Midterm Reflection Day</a>
25 - 28 November 2024	<a href="#">FlatFish Symposium</a>
16 - 18 December 2024	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC Course Design of Experiments</a>
17 December 2024	<a href="#">The Final Touch</a>
21 & 22 January 2025	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
22 - 24 January 2025	<a href="#">Laboratory Animal Science - Species Specific Course on Fish</a>
2 - 6 February 2025	<a href="#">Fish Nutrition Workshop</a>
10 - 13 February 2025	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course Statistics for Data Science</a>
19 - 21 February 2025	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
12 & 19 March 2025	<a href="#">WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research</a>

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

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

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!

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## Other Courses

### WGS Courses

3 October 2024

[WGS lunch workshop for PhD supervisors – Last stretch of the PhD: Procedures and requirements during the graduation phase](#)

7 October 2024 (online)

[Creating and Pitching Virtual Posters](#)

14 October 2024

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

16 October 2024

[WUR Career Day](#)

17 October 2024

[Scientific Publishing](#)

21 October 2024

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

22 October, 5, 19 November 3, 17 December 2024

[Career Perspectives](#)

23, 24 October & 18 November 2024

[Communication with the Media and the General Public](#)

24, 31 October & 7, 21 November 2024

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

30 October 2024 (online)

[Ethics in Plant and Environmental Sciences](#)

30 October and 6 November 2024

[Quarto](#)

4 & 11 November 2024

[Ethics for Designers: Concepts and Tools](#)

7 November 2024 (online)

[Writing propositions for your PhD](#)

12 November 2024 (hybrid)

[Short Workshop - Introduction to LaTeX](#)

21 November 2024

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

25 November 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

16 December 2024

[Presenting with Impact](#)

18 December 2024

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

21 January, 4, 18 February, 4 & 18 March 2025

[Career Perspectives](#)

### Other Graduate schools

28 October - 1 November 2024 + case study assignment

#### Multi-Objective Decision Making

The question “what’s best?” often doesn’t have a single answer, and multiple objectives play a role simultaneously. Models help to explore the different answers to the question “what’s best?” and determine optimal solutions to the formulated problem. This course introduces you to a multi-objective decision-making toolbox, to use in your own research. [Registration link](#).

18 - 22 November 2024 (VLAG)

Data science is revolutionizing our understanding of biology in biotechnology and systems health...  
*Can you uncover something new in one week?* [Life Sciences Data Integration Challenge](#)

29 November 2024 (online)

Internal training Funding Identification Tool "[Research Connect](#)"

Registration via email to [Rene.vanree@wur.nl](mailto:Rene.vanree@wur.nl)

9 - 13 December 2024

[Foundations of inter-and transdisciplinary Research](#)

9 - 13 December 2024

[Integrated Modeling and Optimization \(2024\) – \(BioSB Fundamental course\)](#)

10 - 14 February 2025

[Constraint-based modeling: Introduction and Advanced topics \(BioSB course\)](#)

17 - 28 February 2025

[Bioinformatics with Linux and Python](#)

Information: <https://sense.nl/course/bioinformatics-with-linux-and-python/>

### **Library courses**

3, 10, 17, 31 October 2024 – Course

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

3 October 2024 – Presentation

[EndNote Demonstration Session](#)

9 & 10 October 2024 – Course

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

10 October 2024 – Presentation

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

15 October 2024 – Workshop

[Decoding fake news & misinformation: lunch workshop for students](#)

15 October 2024 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: research data management](#)

17 October 2024 – Conference

[Wageningen Model & Data Day 2024](#)

4 November 2024 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: resources and services for teachers](#)

5 November 2024 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

7, 14 & 21 November 2024 – Course

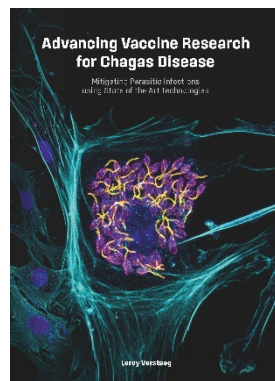
[Research Data Management, parts 1-3](#)

11, 18 November & 2, 9 December 2024 – Course

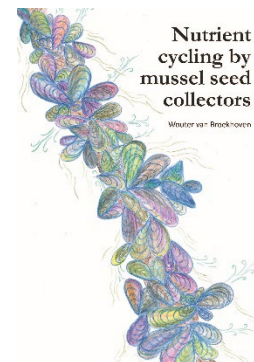
[Adobe InDesign - from dissertation layout to poster design](#)

12 November 2024 – Webinar

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



**Leroy Versteeg**



**Wouter van Broekhoven**

Date: 9 October 2024  
Time: 13.00

*Advancing Vaccine Research for  
Chagas Disease*

*Mitigating Parasitic Infections using State of the  
Art Technologies*

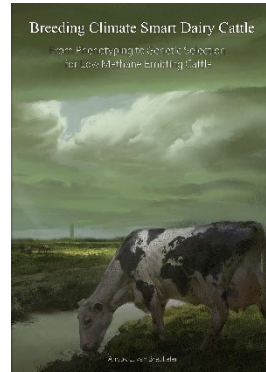
(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr HFJ Savelkoul, Dr EJ Tijhaar,  
Dr J Pollet, Prof. Dr ME Bottazzi

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 11 October 2024  
Time: 10:30

*Nutrient cycling by mussel seed collectors*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr GF Wiegertjes, Dr HM Jansen,  
Dr K Troost



**Anouk van Breukelen**

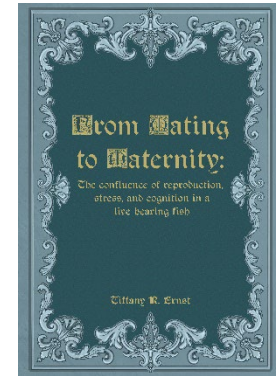
Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 15 October 2024  
Time: 15:30

*Breeding climate smart dairy cattle*

*From phenotyping to genetic selection for low  
methane emitting cattle*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr RF Veerkamp, Dr MN Aldridge,  
Dr Y de Haas



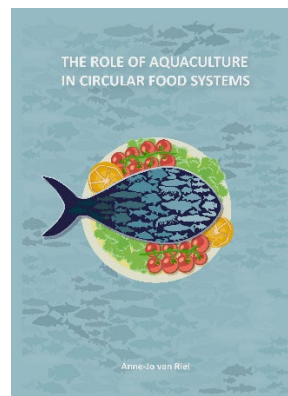
**Tiffany Ernst**

Experimental Zoology (EZO)

Date: 18 October 2024  
Time: 15:30

*From Mating to Maternity:  
The confluence of reproduction, stress, and  
cognition in a live-bearing fish*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr JL van Leeuwen, Dr BJA Pollux,  
Dr A Korosi, Dr A Kotrschal

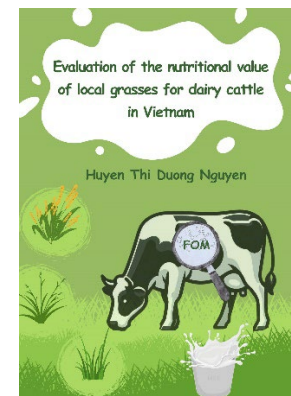


**Anne-Jo van Riel**

Animal Production Systems (APS)

Date: 4 November 2024  
Time: 13:00

*The role of aquaculture in circular  
food systems*



**Huyen Thi Duong Nguyen**

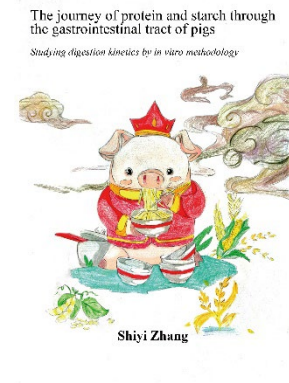
Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 6 November 2024  
Time: 10:30

*Evaluation of the nutritional value of local  
grasses for dairy cattle in Vietnam*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr IJM de Boer, Prof. Dr GF Wiegertjes, Dr  
MAJ Nederlof

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr JT Schonewille,  
Dr WF Pellikaan, Prof. Dr TX Nguyen



## Shiyi Zhang

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 6 November 2024

Time: 13:00

*The journey of protein and starch through the  
gastrointestinal tract of pigs*

*Studying digestion kinetics by in vitro  
methodology*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr WJJ Gerrits, Dr S de Vries, LH de Jonge

## Calls

### Call for nominations Research Award

The Research Award is the annual scientific award funded by University Fund Wageningen (UFW) to honour excellent researchers at Wageningen University & Research (WUR).

The Research Award is organized by Wageningen Graduate Schools and we hereby call for nominations.

The Research Award is awarded in four categories:

- Research paper of the year
- Team effort of the year
- Transdisciplinary research of the year
- Supervisor of the year

Nominations must be submitted to [doro.office@wur.nl](mailto:doro.office@wur.nl).

The deadline for nominations is the 30 October 2024

More information about conditions, criteria and procedures can be found in the call [attached](#).

### Call for HORIZON-MSCA-2024-DN-01

Participating in a joint doctorate programme implies entering into a number of obligations at the institutional level. Joint doctorate programme is a joint PhD programme of at least two universities. Deadline for submission is **27 November 2024**. For more information about the programme go to the [EU website](#).

## Other news

### **NARO-WUR conference**

On Thursday 24 October WUR and the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization of Japan (NARO) are organizing a conference on 'Resilient agriculture and food systems – improving productivity in the livestock sector while protecting the environment'. Registration is free of charge. This is the link to the registration page, where you can find more information and the event's full programme: <https://www.wur.nl/en/activity/4th-naro-wur-conference.htm>

### **Villa Jongerius Conferentie**

On Wednesday afternoon, 6 November 2024, Academic Transfer is organising the Villa Jongerius Conference in Utrecht. The annual event about working in science in The Netherlands. We share trends and best practices with the members of the AcademicTransfer cooperative. The theme this year is a "transitional labour market for researchers". More information, have a look on the [website](#).

### **BiBB-carrièredag**

Vanuit het BiBB initiatief organiseren wij onze derde [BiBB-carrièredag](#) op 20 november 2024 in het KNAW Trippenhuis in Amsterdam. Het doel van deze dag is om (jonge) bèta/techniek wetenschappers te inspireren en kansen te bieden om zich in te zetten voor de publieke zaak. De carrièredag is bedoeld voor masterstudenten, promovendi en postdocs met een bèta/techniek achtergrond. Voor meer informatie en registratie, klik [hier](#).

### **24th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN 2025)**

From 23 – 26 June 2025 the 24th European Symposium on Poultry Nutrition (ESPN 2025) will take place at the MECC in Maastricht, The Netherlands. For more information about the symposium and on how to submit an abstract, please have a look on the website: [ESPN 2025 - 23-26 June 2025 - Maastricht, The Netherlands](#)

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