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## WIAS News

### Vacancy Research Committee member

The WIAS Research Committee (RC) is looking for a new member! The RC consists of five WIAS staff members who meet four times per year.

Are you a WIAS assistant professor, associate professor or personal professor or a comparably qualified Wageningen Research staff member? Would you like to join our committee? Then please contact Nicole Rodenburg (executive secretary WIAS) or Eddie Bokkers (Chair of WIAS RC) for additional information. To apply for the position, please send your CV and short motivation to Nicole Rodenburg.

The deadline for application is 1 November 2023. Starting date for the position is 1 December 2023.

#### Tasks

- The RC has the task of advising WIAS, both on request or unsolicited.
- The RC is responsible for assessing the reviews of WIAS proposals and rebuttals and take a decision based upon those. The proposals are equally divided over the members of the RC.
- At least one RC member is part of the jury of the WIAS graduate programme.
- The RC can be asked to assist in the organisation of interdisciplinary workshops.
- The RC members can be asked to be part of the jury of one of the WGS programmes.

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

The next hybrid lunch lecture on 3 October 2023 entitled "Molecular Mechanisms of Atrial Fibrillation – New Kid on the Block" will be given by Dr Na Li who is a visiting researcher at the Human Animal Physiology group. This lecture will be held will be held from 12.15-13.00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12.00.

On 7 November 2023 the WIAS lunch lecture will be given by Prof Kees van Oers, Special chair Animal Personality.

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

**Back to School game night**



We would like to invite you to the first Accie activity of the year: the Back to School game night, which will take place on 11 October 2023 at 17:00 in A107 in Zodiac. We will bring some board games but you are more than welcome to bring your favorite one as well. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please make sure to fill out the form so that we know for how many people we should get snacks and drinks! Looking forward to spending a fun evening with you! Accie – WAPS

### 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

### The 9th WIAS Magazine edition - Fall 2023

Hopefully the new academic year started off well for you all! If you haven't read our eighth edition yet, it is not too late (it luckily never is with a digital magazine 😊). We're busy working on the ninth edition, for which the submission deadline has closed, as well as the next printed version. However, our winter edition is still completely empty, with the submission deadline halfway December. Publishing an article offers a way to connect with other PhDs and Post-Docs, and helps showcase your chairgroup and the diverse research they do!

We're starting our work on edition 9! Under the heading 'Science connects us all' the WIAS magazine aims to strengthen the community of WIAS PhDs & Post-Docs. Publishing an article offers a way to connect with other PhDs and Post-Docs by showcasing your research.

### Are you next? Submission deadline Fall edition: 30 September 2023



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

Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](http://wias.magazine-wur.nl)

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

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

Date	Course
9, 16, 23 & 31 October	<a href="#">WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
16-18, 23 & 24 October	<a href="#">WIAS course Image Analysis</a>
19 October	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction Day</a>
25, 26, 27 October	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
13-17 November	<a href="#">WIAS Course Sensor applications for aquatic species</a>
20-21 November	<a href="#">WGS Ethics and Animal Sciences</a>
12 December	<a href="#">WIAS course The Final Touch</a>

13-15 December	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course statistics course Design of Experiments</a>
4-8 February 2024	<a href="#">Fish Nutrition Training Workshop</a>
28-29 February & 5-6 March 2024	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course Statistics for Data Science</a>
5, 12 & 19 March 2024	<a href="#">WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research</a>

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

## Other Courses

### WGS Courses

5 October 2023

[Research Data Management, Privacy & Security](#)

5 October 2023

[Lunch workshop for PhD Supervisors on Propositions](#)

12 October 2023

[Library dialogue: Dealing with Questionable Publishers](#)

12 October, 15 November, 16 November 2023

[Project and Time Management](#)

20 October 2023

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

23 October 2023

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

25 & 27 October 2023

[Intercultural cooperation skills in academia](#)

1 November 2023

[Ethics in Plant and Environmental Sciences](#)

2 November 2023

[Science Journalism](#)

6 & 7 November 2023

[Scientific writing](#)

15, 22, 29 November, 6 & 13 December

[Mindful Productivity for Scientists](#)

23 November 2023

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

29 November 2023

[Stress Identification & Management](#)

Individual planning

[Career 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](#)

### 4 October 2023

**WIMEK Lunch meeting:** [Embedding fundamental research into WUR's impact mission](#)

### Big data exploration and object-oriented programming with Python

This course is organized by WIMEK-Sense from 9-13 October 2023, for more information about this course please go to [PhD course Big data exploration and object-oriented programming with Python - WUR](#)

## Big Data Analysis in the Life Sciences

This course is organised by VLAG from 23-26 October 2023, for more information about this course please go to <https://www.vlaggraduateschool.nl/en/courses/course/bda23-1.htm>

## 6-7 November 2023

Identifying and Tackling Postdoc Challenges, [course](#) organised by PE&RC

## Course on Biology of Vector-borne Diseases (6-days) – 2024 University of Idaho

For information please go to [website](#)

## Library courses

3 October 2023 – Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

10 & 11 October 2023 – Course

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

12 October 2023 – Course

[Scientific Publishing](#)

12 October 2023 – Presentation (online)

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

19, 26 October, 2, 9 November 2023 – Course

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

26 October 2023 – Webinar

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

31 October 2023 – Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

31 October 2023 – Webinar

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

7, 14, 21, 28 November 2023 – Course

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

9 November 2023 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

9, 15, 23 November 2023 – Course

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

14 November 2023 – Webinar

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

16, 23, 30 November, 7 December 2023 – Course

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

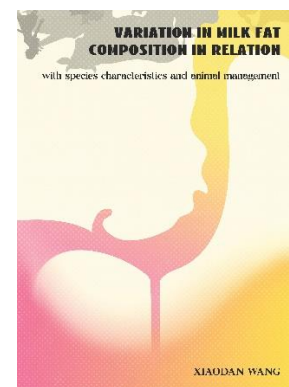
23 November 2023 – Course

[Reviewing a scientific manuscript](#)



**Pauline Jehannet**

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)



**Xiaodan Wang**

Adaptation Physiology (ADP)

Date: 4 October 2023  
Time: 16:00

*How to make good eel larvae?*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr J Komen, Dr AP Palstra

Date: 11 October 2023  
Time: 13:30

*Variation in milk fat composition  
in relation with species characteristics and  
animal management*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr B Kemp, Prof Dr J Lv,  
Dr ATM van Knegsel, Dr E Saccenti

## Calls

### Research Award Call 2023

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:

- A. Research paper of the year
- B. Team effort of the year
- C. Transdisciplinary research of the year
- D. Supervisor of the year

Nominations must be submitted to [doro.office@wur.nl](mailto:doro.office@wur.nl). The deadline for nominations is 1 November 2023. More information about the conditions and criteria and the procedure can be found in the [call attached](#).

### Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) Postdoc Talent Programme Call for proposals 2023

The Postdoc Talent Programme offers talented researchers from abroad the opportunity to start a career at WUR. Applications should demonstrate the added value of the grant for the applicant's career and the value of the applicant's expertise for WUR. Talented eligible researchers can apply for a two-year position within one of the Wageningen University research groups. The position may result in an application for personal funding. For more information please [click here](#).

### Graduate School Green Top Sectors TKI 2023

The green top sectors TKI graduate programme is aimed at MSc students who have written their own PhD project. Staff members of the graduate schools EPS, PE&RC, WIAS, VLAG, WIMEK and WASS can apply as main applicant. The research subject must fit within the research missions of the Knowledge and Innovation Agendas of the top sectors. Awarded projects will be funded by TKI funds (this is third stream funding). For more information please [click here](#).

### The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship – Call for Applications

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship supports the best and brightest minds in their postdoctoral research in Israel, connecting them with world-class academics and leading researchers. The fellowship is open to applicants from all around the world.

The fellowship provides significant funding, academic programming, and support to 24 international postdoctoral researchers, enabling them to carry out research in exact sciences, life sciences, humanities, and social sciences at eligible Israeli academic institutions.

The online application system is set to open on 1 September 2023 [Call for Applications](#).

### 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>

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## Other news

### **Spark training Centre for Unusual Collaborations**

Ready for Business as Unusual? Get Sparked at the Centre for Unusual Collaborations. Spark is an interdisciplinary learning journey aimed at stimulating unusual collaborations to address societal challenges. The learning journey starts with four half-day training sessions focused on interdisciplinary competences, followed by the opportunity to access a Spark grant to form an unusual research team and work towards a proposal. Spark is open to early and mid-career researchers from TU/e, UU, UMC and WUR.

Upcoming training dates are:

9 – 16 October between 13.00 – 17.00 hrs - For more information click [here](#).

### **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](#).

*If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl)*