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## WIAS News

### Schedule PhD defences from 1 September 2024

The Academic Board has decided that from 1 September 2024, PhD defences will be held half an hour earlier so the time slots will be at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

### WIAS Science Day 2024 – Animals in a changing world

You are all invited to the WIAS Science Day on 25 April 2024 at the Reehorst.

Each year, WIAS organizes the WIAS Science Day for the WIAS community. The overarching theme of this year's edition is "Animals in a Changing World". Climate change, biodiversity loss, and critical views on animal husbandry and consumption of animal products, force us to think about our role as animal scientists and the contributions we make in animal science. As a result, the vibrant WIAS community is adapting to these developments and deploys the latest developments in AI and sensor technology to study animals, understand their needs and behaviour and their future role in circular farming systems and biodiversity.

In this edition of the WIAS Science Day, we explicitly invite PhD candidates, postdocs and early-stage tenure trackers to present their groundbreaking research to the wider WIAS community.

More information can be found on [our website](#).

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 7 May 2024, Dr Marc Verdegem, from the Aquaculture and Fisheries chair group, will give a lecture. 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
4 June 2024	Dr Büşra Atamer Balkan	QVE
2 July 2024	Dr Genoveva Rodriguez-Castaneda	WEC
3 September 2024	Prof. Wim van der 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

### Dutch Games & Food Evening

To celebrate the start of spring, the WAPS will be organizing a list of activities in the coming period. The first of which is Dutch Games & Food Evening. Do you want to experience the finest selection of Dutch entertainment and food (yes, Dutch cuisine is a thing!)? Or are you a Dutchy that wants to show his/her skills in a nostalgic game of 'Sjoelen', 'Mens erger je niet' or 'Spijkerpepen'? Then come join us 18 April starting from 5.30 pm onwards. You can fill in [this form](#) to administer your

attendance and give us extra tips or insights on games you would like to play (or have yourself and could bring). Additionally let us know which food/snacks you would like to try.

### **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. ([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**

We are happy to announce that the [tenth edition](#) of the online WIAS Magazine is out now! Under the heading 'Science connects us all' the WIAS magazine aims to strengthen the community of WIAS PhDs & Post-Docs. The WIAS Magazine offers a way to connect by showcasing some of the excellent research done under the WIAS umbrella and includes some lighter reading as well.

In this Winter 2023 edition of the magazine we again offer various research articles, so take your pick or read them all!

- [Word of the board](#) written by the WIAS Magazine Board
- [Ecosystem effects of offshore wind parks and other hard structures in the North Sea](#) written by Lea Kornau
- [Optimization of laying hens breeding programs](#) written by Mathilde Doublet
- [Ten simple rules for PhD-ing at our best](#) written by Inês Marcelino
- [MEMBERS OF WAPS](#) written by WAPS

We want to thank all contributors for their submissions.

### **Are you next? Submission deadline Spring edition: 12 April 2024**

Our step-by-step **author guide** is available [here](#), to make submitting even easier!

### **Questions or suggestions?**

You can email us at [wias.magazine@wur.nl](mailto:wias.magazine@wur.nl). We are always happy to help!



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

'**Science connects us all**'

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## **WIAS Seminars and Courses**

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

Date	Course
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22-23 April 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introductory Course for new PhD candidates</a>
23-24 April 2024	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
25 April 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Science Day</a>
26 April 2024	<a href="#">PhD Carousel 2024</a>
28 April-2 May 2024	<a href="#">22nd Fish Immunology/Vaccination Workshop</a>
29 April, 13 May, 27 May & 10 June 2024	<a href="#">Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
29 April 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Midterm Reflection Course</a>
22, 23 & 24 May 2024	<a href="#">LAS Species-Specific course on Fish</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>
4-5 June 2024	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
24 July-3 August 2024	<a href="#">Scientific Diving – Practical Course (MAE-20806)</a>
18 October, 1, 15 & 29 November 2024	<a href="#">Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
30, 31 October & 1 November 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
26 & 27 November 2024	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
17 December 2024	<a href="#">The Final Touch</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 2000 euro including travel, accommodation and gear rental. Expenses for food must 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**

8-11 April 2024

[WUR Career Week 2024: Flourish your Career!](#)

24 April 2024

[Last stretch of the PhD programme](#)

24 April 2024

[Science journalism](#)

25 April 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

8, 15 & 22 May 2024

[Entrepreneurship in and outside science](#)

13 June 2024

[Reviewing a Scientific Manuscript](#)

12 September, 10 & 29 October 2024

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

19 & 26 September 2024

[Mobilising your – Scientific - Network](#)

25 September, 2 October 2024

[Career Development for Postdocs: Science and the Alternatives](#)

18-22 November 2024

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](#)

### Library courses

11 April 2024 – Presentation

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

11 April 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

11, 18, 25 April, 2 May 2024 – Course

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

16, 23, 30 April, 7 May 2024 – Course

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

21 & 22 May 2024 - Course

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

21 May 2024 – Presentation

[Endnote, demonstration session](#)

27 May 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

3, 10, 17 & 24 June 2024 – Course

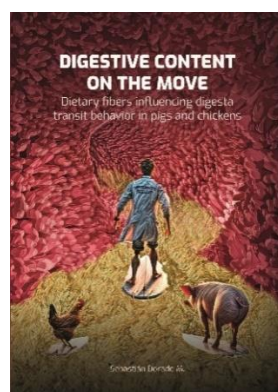
[Adobe Illustrator – scientific artwork & infographics](#)

4 June 2024 – Workshop

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

6, 13, & 20 June 2024 – Course

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



### Sebastian Dorado Montenegro

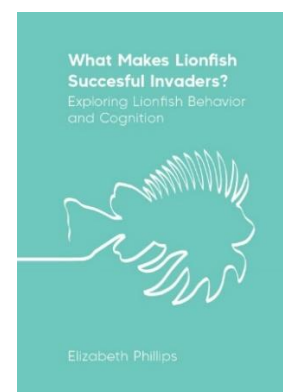
Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 10 April 2024

Time: 16:00

*Digestive content on the move*

*Dietary fibers influencing digesta transit behavior in pigs and chickens*



### Elizabeth Phillips

Behavioural Ecology (BHE)

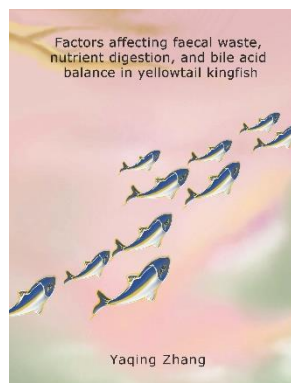
Date: 7 May 2024

Time: 13:30

*What Makes Lionfish Successful Invaders?  
Exploring Lionfish Behavior and Cognition*

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

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr M Naguib, Dr A Kotrschal



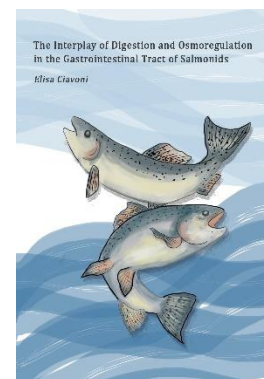
### Yaqing Zhang

Aquaculture & Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 21 May 2024  
Time: 11:00

*Factors affecting faecal waste, nutrient digestion, and bile acid balance in yellowtail kingfish*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr GF Wiegertjes, Dr JW Schrama,  
Dr RM Maas



### Elisa Ciavoni

Aquaculture & Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 24 May 2024  
Time: 11:00

*The Interplay of Digestion and Osmoregulation in the Gastrointestinal Tract of Salmonids*

(co)promotors:  
Dr JW Schrama, Dr AJP Philip,  
Dr O Saele

## Calls

### 3Rs Student Grants

Every year, a number of high-profile international meetings bring together world-class scientists working on the development and acceptance of 3R alternatives to animal testing (Replacement, Reduction or Refinement). Costs linked to participation may prevent students with promising work or young scientists at the beginning of their career from attending these events. The EPAA partners are therefore happy to sponsor the 3Rs Student Grants to facilitate the participation of students and young scientists in such events. For more information about these grants, please click [here](#).

### WGS Sandwich PhD Programme

The aim of the WGS Sandwich PhD Programme is capacity building: a way for the university to reach out to like-minded scientific institutes to build international scientific networks, to facilitate exchange and to reinforce the knowledge basis of these institutes.

The grant of the WGS sandwich PhD programme covers living allowance (salary costs via a fictitious employment agreement) for a total of 18 months in Wageningen, (partial) travel costs of candidate and WU/local supervisors, visa application costs, WUR account and use of facilities.

Additional funding for a candidate is needed for the time not spent in Wageningen. The education budget and the costs for printing the thesis are not included in the budget. The WU chair group at which candidates conduct their research are expected to pay these costs. For more information on the program, conditions, eligibility and the application form please click [here](#).

- Number of positions available: 6
- Eligibility: see [country list](#)
- Application deadline: 13 May 2024, 23:59 hrs (CET)

- Start: before the end of 2024

## Other news

### **WIAS Symposium 10 April 2024**

“The role of fibres in digesta transit and digestion in pigs and poultry”. Symposium organized by ANU on the occasion of the PhD defences of Sebastián Dorado Montenegro and Corentin Lannuzel. For more information about the program, check the intranet, for registration please [click here](#).

### **Beurzenregeling Wetenschappelijke Boeken (Dutch only)**

Het Lira Fonds stelt sinds 2021 jaarlijks vier beurzen van €37.500 beschikbaar aan (bijna) gepromoveerde wetenschappers voor het schrijven van een Nederlandstalig populairwetenschappelijk boek. Met de Beurzenregeling Wetenschappelijke Boeken biedt Lira Fonds onderzoekers de kans om een Nederlandstalig boek te schrijven waarin zij hun onderzoek met een breed publiek kunnen delen. Aanvragers moeten verbonden zijn aan een Nederlandse universiteit of kennisinstelling (bijvoorbeeld het NIOD of Naturalis) én over stilistische vaardigheden in het Nederlands beschikken. Meer informatie over deze regeling, klik [hier](#).

### **Global One Health Event 23-25 April 2024**

Register for the [International Symposium Paradigm shifts for Global One Health](#) – 23-25 April in Wageningen. The symposium includes a day tailored to young One Health researchers. This day will feature ample time to discuss our work, and offer the chance to participate in workshops that that will help us all become better One Health practitioners. The remainder of the symposium will offer insights in the cutting edge work being done to reduce the risk of future pandemics, and to improve the health of all species. PhD students attend for free, but registration is required!

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