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WIAS Graduate Programme

We are pleased to announce the awarded application for the WIAS graduate programme 2024.

Chantal van Everdingen - "Trained immunity to improve immune-mediated protection of poultry"

Chair group: CBI

Supervisors: Christine Jansen (CBI), Coen Govers (CBI), Joost van Neerven (CBI) and Aart Lammers (ADP).

Change in PhD thesis distribution procedure starting January 2025

Starting for defences from January 2025 on, each chair group can distribute their own PhD theses, including propositions, to the thesis committee (opponents and supervisors), the library and defence chairperson.

One copy still has to be handed in at the Doctoral Service Centre and from January 2025 on this can be done at the Omnia building. The graduation team will be present each Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Omnia building to receive the copy of the PhD thesis and to answer any other question you might have about the handling of the (draft) thesis. It is also possible to hand in your diploma for legalization.

WAPS News

Contact WAPS

Facebook: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: wias_phds

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WIAS Magazine

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) for more information.

Goodbye and take care!



WIAS Seminars and Courses

WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)

Date	Course
16 - 18 December 2024	WIAS/PE&RC Course Design of Experiments
17 December 2024	The Final Touch
21 & 22 January 2025	WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences
22 - 24 January 2025	Laboratory Animal Science - Species Specific Course on Fish
2 - 6 February 2025	Fish Nutrition Workshop
6, 20 February, 6 & 20 March 2025	Effective Behaviour in your professional surroundings
10 - 13 February 2025	WIAS/PE&RC course Statistics for Data Science
19 - 21 February 2025	WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD
4 March 2025	WIAS Annual Conference
12 & 19 March 2025	WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research
21 & 22 April	WGS course Ethics & Animal Sciences
25 April 2025	WGS: PhD Workshop Carousel

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

Scientific Diving Theoretical 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!

Scientific Diving Practical Course (MAE20806)

Are you diving for your PhD project? Get prepared for safe and efficient fieldwork operations with the Scientific Diving Practical course. Applications are now open!

We are 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: 10 July – 22 August 2025. The costs are approximately 3900EU for the full 10-day Scientific Diving Course, which includes access to facilities, gas fills and gear rental. Do note that accommodation and food are not covered. 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.

In case you perform any diving fieldwork please reach out to WURs Dive Safety Officer (erik.wurz@wur.nl) to get input for the required documents and certificates you need for this type of research. For further questions please get in touch with scientific.diving@wur.nl

Other Courses

WGS Courses

9 December 2024

[Scientific Writing](#)

11 December 2024 (online)

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

11 & 12 December 2024

[WUR Student Career Services - third edition of the Student Expedition Wageningen Campus](#)

16 December 2024

[Presenting with Impact](#)

18 December 2024

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

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

[Career Perspectives](#)

Individually based

[Career Assessment](#)

[PhD Competence Assessment](#)

Overview of all PhD training sessions

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

Other courses and training of interest

[Wageningen in'to Languages](#) For anyone looking to professionalise by communicating better. In any language.

[Gezondeboel](#) Inspiring programmes to keep you healthy.

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

[Teaching and Learning Centre – WUR](#) offers initial professionalisation in the areas of teaching, presentation skills and supervisory skills. Visit their page for the full list of training opportunities.

For more information specifically on supervising BSc & MSc thesis students, visit [Supervising thesis students \(BSc. and MSc.\) - Intranet WUR](#).

Other Graduate schools

November 2024 – June 2025 (VLAG)

[Advanced Organic Chemistry](#)

2, 4, 6, 9 December 2024

[Introduction to R and R Studio \(online\)](#)

4 December 2024

WIMEK lunch session on “Yoga” by Sabine Boerboom, registration before 3 December 2024 via this [form](#)

9 - 13 December 2024 (VLAG)

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

9 - 13 December 2024

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

11 December 2024

WIMEK lunch meeting on “PhDs/Supervisors challenges and solutions”

27 - 29 January 2025 (VLAG)

[Microscopy and spectroscopy in food and plant sciences](#)

27 – 31 January 2025 (VLAG)

[Advancing Implementation Science in Nutrition](#)

3 - 4 February 2025

[Making Impact: Increasing the relevance of research through science-society interaction](#)

3, 7, 14 February 2025 (VLAG)

[Open Hardware in the lab: DIY using 3D printers, laser cutters and CNC](#)

4 – 5 February 2025 (VLAG)

[Enhancing food supply chain integrity - the role of blockchain in traceability](#)

10 - 14 February 2025

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

17 - 28 February 2025 (WIMEK)

[Bioinformatics with Linux and Python](#)

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

3-7 March 2025 (WIMEK)

[The Bigger Picture \(in environmental and climate sciences\): Connecting your research to the wider context](#),

More details: <https://sense.nl/course/grasping-sustainability/>

22 - 24 April 2025 (VLAG)

[Lipid oxidation in foods and nutrition](#)

12 - 23 May 2025 (Utrecht University - WIMEK)

[Transformative Research for Sustainability Challenges](#)

16 - 19 June 2025 (VLAG)

[Healthy and sustainable diets: synergies and trade-offs](#)

30 June - 3 July 2025 (VLAG)

[Algae Biorefinery](#)

4 - 11 July 2025 (VLAG)

[Microalgae Process Design: from cells to bioreactors](#)

Library courses

5 December 2024 - Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: author profiles and impact analysis](#)

5 December 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

10 December 2024 - Course

[Get into Git: one-day workshop on collaboration with Git](#)

11 December 2024 - Lecture

[Library lecture: research analytics](#)

12 December 2024 - Presentation

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

9 January 2025

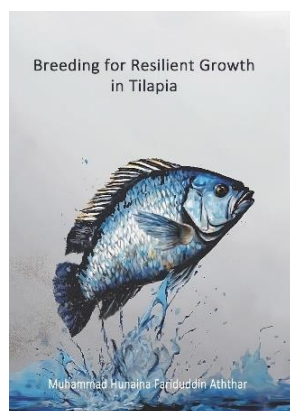
[Introduction to WUR Library for PhD candidates \(online session\)](#)

14, 21, 28 January, 4 February 2025 - Course

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

20 March 2025 (online)

[Adobe InDesign - from Dissertation Layout to Poster Design](#)

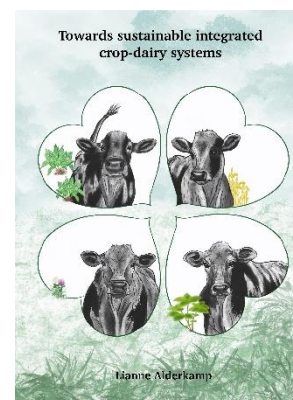


Muhammad Farid Aththar

Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 2 December 2024
Time: 15:30

Breeding for resilient growth in tilapia



Lianne Alderkamp

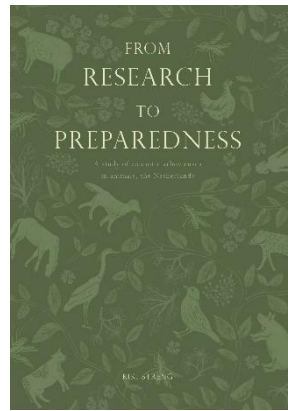
Animal Production Systems (APS)

Date: 4 December 2024
Time: 13:00

Towards sustainable integrated crop-dairy systems

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr J Komen, Dr JWM Bastiaansen

(co)promotors:
Dr FKD Taube, Dr CE van Middelaar,
Dr A van der Linden, Dr CW Klotwijk



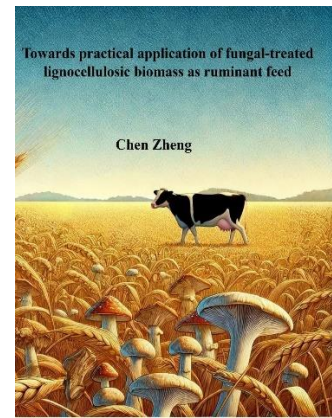
Kiki Streng

Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE)

Date: 17 December 2024
Time: 15:30

*From research to preparedness:
A study of zoonotic arboviruses in animals,
the Netherlands*

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr WHM van der Poel,
Prof. Dr MPG Koopmans, Dr Sikkema



Chen Zheng

Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 16 January 2025
Time: 15:30

*Towards practical application of
fungal-treated lignocellulosic biomass as
ruminant feed*

(co)promotors:
Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr JW Cone,
Dr JJP Baars, Dr AF van Peer

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KHMW Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit 2025

U kunt vanaf heden voordrachten indienen voor de KHMW Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit 2025, ter bekroning van onderzoek met een bijzonder interdisciplinair karakter dat de grenzen tussen de klassieke alfa/bèta/gamma-wetenschapsgebieden overbrugt.

Deze prijs van € 10.000,- is bedoeld als aanmoedigingsprijs voor onderzoekers die in de periode 1/9/2023 – 31/8/2024 gepromoveerd zijn. [Info](#)

KHMW Martinus van Marum Proefschriftprijs 2025, Life Sciences and Technology

U kunt vanaf heden voordrachten indienen voor de KHMW Martinus van Marum Proefschriftprijs voor de Natuurwetenschappen en Techniek 2025, in 2025 bestemd voor onderzoek op het gebied van de Life Sciences and Technology.

Deze prijs van € 10.000,- is bedoeld als aanmoedigingsprijs voor onderzoekers die in de periode 1/1/2020 - 31/12/2024 gepromoveerd zijn. [Info](#)

Sluitingsdatum voor nominaties is voor beide proefschriftprijzen **15 januari 2025**

WUR Postdoc Council

We are very happy to inform you of the creation of a WUR Postdoc Council, which brings together and aims to represent the interests of postdocs from the six Wageningen Graduate Schools! Our Council will focus on 1) building a strong network to connect and support postdocs, 2) providing training and workshops tailored to postdoc needs, and 3) being an active voice to represent, advocate and implement beneficial changes, such as improving postdoc recognition.



We are looking for additional members (especially from WASS and WIMEK)! If you are interested in joining our Council, contact our chair: cloe.villard@wur.nl.

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](#)

Green ERA-Hub Summer School 2025

Experience a unique opportunity to learn, network and grow at the Green ERA-Hub Summer School 2025 in Bari, Italy. This five-day event brings together promising PhD students with leading experts in the agri-food and biotechnology sectors to jointly develop innovative solutions to global challenges. For more information go to the Summer School [website](#).

1 October 2025 – 31 March 2026

The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic is seeking expert researchers and professionals to participate as Panellists and Sub-panellists in the upcoming [2026 Periodic Evaluation of Research, Development, Artistic and Other Creative Activities](#) in Slovakia.

The applications for the positions of Panellists and Sub-panellists can be submitted directly [VIA THIS FORM](#). The closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at nominations@minedu.sk (main contact person: Ms. Lenka Trokšiarová).

If you have any questions about this WIAS News please contact WIAS at wias@wur.nl