**WIMEK looking for new WIMEK PhD council members; help keep WIMEK democratic!**

The WIMEK PhD council has an important role to play within WIMEK by representing the voices and needs of PhD candidates. Therefore we are looking for PhD candidates with an interest to represent the WIMEK PhD candidates in the official boards and events, and through all the informal interactions with WIMEK staff!

What will you get out of it:

* Invaluable insights into how an organisation as the WUR, and in particular a graduate school, operates. Many future employers are looking for people that have an understanding of how a (big) organisation functions; this is a fun and nice way to build up this experience.
* 2 ECTS per year you are in the council
* €500 per year for your backpack (when council has 6 members and all members actively participate)…

What will you do:

Current tasks of the PhD council are: being part of the WIMEK board that decides on the strategy and policy of WIMEK; being a member of the Wageningen PhD council, representing PhD candidates at the WUR level; being a member of the WIMEK Education Committee, where decisions on PhD support and course organisation are being made; contributing to WIMEK’s social activities to make PhD candidates feel at home at WUR, and other initiatives that the WIMEK PhD council itself finds important to address. You can find more detailed information in the separate calls below.

If interested, please email the WIMEKPC@wur.nl; or wimek@wur.nl.

The WIMEK PhD council decides themselves how the tasks are divided; but if you are interested in a particular topic, please indicate this in your email to us.

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**Looking for PhD candidates willing to organise the first WIMEK PhD day.**

WIMEK is looking for PhD candidates who are willing to organise a day that brings together the WIMEK PhD community.

We are looking for PhD candidates willing to organise a PhD day with us from the bottom up; hence a committee of PhD candidates that will create a program that is interesting for the WIMEK PhD community.

Organising the day can be awarded with at least 1 ECTS in the management category. One member has to join the PhD council to keep everyone updated and to align the program with other (social) events of WIMEK; for this person the rewards will 2 ECTS and a contribution to the backpack. And for all knowing you have organised something of value for PhD candidates!

If interested, please email wimek@wur.nl

**WIMEK PhD council looking for a PhD candidate willing to represent Sandwich PhD candidates**

In order to guarantee that the WIMEK PhD council reflects the diversity in PhD candidates, the WIMEK PhD council is looking for a Sandwich PhD candidate to take a seat in the WIMEK PhD council.

We know that Sandwich PhD candidates may face issues related to the Sandwich PhD construct; yet they are often underrepresented in the WIMEK and WUR PhD councils. We are calling on Sandwich PhD candidates to become part of the WIMEK PhD council, so your voices are heard better.

The frequency of meetings, and how you can represent the voices of Sandwich PhD candidates, can be discussed with the other members of the PhD council; but participation by joining meetings online is possible.

Rewards are 2 ECTS per year of full WIMEK PhD membership, and all members share €3.000 per year (max. €500) to be added to your backpack. The true rewards of course, are representing PhD candidates, and learning more about how an institute like the WUR, and in this case Graduate Schools, operate.

If you are interested, please email WIMEKPC@wur.nl; or ask wimek@wur.nl’

**2-3 PhD candidates needed for the WIMEK Education Committee**

WIMEK’s Education Committee is where WIMEK’s education coordinators discuss with PhD candidates and other staff the program WIMEK offers and should offer. PhD representation in this committee is crucial to maintain a good balance between the interests of the whole WIMEK community

What will you do:

Currently, WIMEK is re-designing its program, including developing a “Ribbon course” that is meant to support PhD candidates in their development throughout the PhD (with links to the A1, 2nd and 3rd year days that will be organised, and WIMEK impact days to support and reflect on the kind of impact PhD candidates want to have with their PhD. We are also planning more day and half day events, and lunch meetings.

You will meet 4x a year with the whole committee, evaluating and discussing the courses that were organised, will be organised, and to give advice on what should be taken up in each of the activities we will organise in the future.

**PhD candidates wanted for organising social events**

Dear PhD candidates,

WIMEK aims to make all PhD candidates feel at home. We are therefore re-thinking what we can organise. One of the things we are currently organising, but need PhD input on, is our social events. Currently, we aim to organise two social events aimed at the WIMEK community that stays in Wageningen during the summer holiday break and the winter new year’s break.

This position is part of the work of the WIMEK PhD council; so all events and PhD related issues can be shared and discussed.

Rewards are 2 ECTS per year for full WIMEK PhD council membership, and all members share €3.000 per year (max. €500) to be added to your backpack. The true rewards of course, are representing PhD candidates, and learning more about how an institute like the WUR, and in this case Graduate Schools, operate.

If you are willing to think with us what should be organised, and willing to help us with organising these, and other smaller events, please send an email to WIMEKPC@wur.nl; or email to wimek@wur.nl