

## **Minutes VLAG PhD council**      April 7th, 2005 (Canteen of Biotechnion, 16h-17h)

**Present:** Maaïke Schutte, Jeroen Knol, Rinke Stienstra, Eline Klaassens, Marieke Koopmans, Heidy den Besten, Hilde Ruis, Sandra van der Graaf, Nathalie Creusot.

### **1. New members:**

Marieke Koopmans from Process Engineering (she will replace Sandra) and Hilde Ruis from Food Physics (she will replace Elke).

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

No comment.

### **3. News and Announcements.**

- News from VLAG:

For the meeting of the VLAG International Advanced Board of next year (they meet once a year) attending people wish to meet a PhD to talk about VLAG education plan, the Training and Supervision Plan and the courses offered by VLAG (what can be improved...). We have to find a PhD candidate for that meeting.

- Yvonne would like to know if PhD's agree with the way she communicates news from VLAG. We think e-mails are OK.

- We think VLAG is vague about when a TSP is approved or not. We have to discuss with Fre, Vesna or Yvonne if they could give confirmation to PhD's when a TPS is received and approved by VLAG. As well, we would like to know to who to go when a PhD has questions about the TSP. Jeroen will talk to Fre and Vesna about that point.

- News from WPC:

Reasons for contract extension: the complete proposal was discarded by the unions (there is not enough PhD in the council) and we do not know why. New meetings will take place the coming weeks.

- VLAG discipline courses 2006:

Contact PhD's in groups to know what courses are missing. Ideas: bioinformatics, genome data, emulsion science.

### **4. VLAG PhD party with Nutrim**

The party will be held in Wageningen. If people from Maastricht wish to join, someone might arrange a bus. Date: in June. Where: at SSR. Food: BBQ. Budget: ask Fre. A band should be hired. Maaïke and Eline will organize the party.

### **4. Questions / Remarks**

- There are 1-day workshops organized by NOW for PhD's and Postdocs from September to December ([http://www.nwo.nl/interact.nsf/Pages/NWOP\\_66CLKT](http://www.nwo.nl/interact.nsf/Pages/NWOP_66CLKT))

- Do we get credit points for supervising MSc. Students?

- VLAG current research: we agree on the fact that the e-mails we received from VLAG to submit our project description were quite "rude".

**Next meeting: June 2nd, 16h00, Canteen of Biotechnion**

**Nathalie 15/05/05**