

**VLAG PhD COUNCIL:**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**To:** PhD council members  
Yvonne Smolders (VLAG Education coordinator)

**cc:** Dione Bouchaut (VLAG website manager)

**Note taker:** Yul Arsianti

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**Meeting Date:** May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Meeting Location:** Biotechnion, library

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**Participants:**

Yvonne Smolders (VLAG Education coordinator)  
Vesna Prsic (VLAG Programme coordinator)

Bart de Koning (Microbiology)  
Van-Anh Phan (Product Design and Quality Management)  
Pleunie Hogenkamp (Human Nutrition)  
Ana (Human Nutrition)  
Yul Arsianti (Food Physics)

Nagesh Wagdare (Organic Chemistry)  
Ana Sotoca Covalada (Toxicology)  
Jimmy Omony (Systems and Control)  
Simone Albrecht (Food Chemistry)

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**Absence:**

Tamara Besselink (Food and Bioprocess Engineering)  
Stefania Montersino (Biochemistry)

Kathelijne Wintraecken (Physical Chemistry and Colloid Science)  
Greetje Castelijijn (Food Microbiology)

**1. Minutes of the last meeting (March, 13<sup>th</sup> 2009)**

No remarks or questions

**2. News and Announcements from VLAG**

Special event:

- Jorge Cham (the creator of PhD phdcomics.com) is coming to Wageningen to give a lecture. More information on time and venue will be sent later by VLAG.

Peer review:

- VLAG has been very busy with the preparation for the peer review, which takes place every 6 years.
- During this event, each research group within VLAG will be visited for 1 hour and a committee will judge the performance of the group based on among others, how many times the articles published by the group are being cited.

**3. Wageningen PhD Council meeting (29-05-2009)**

TSP:

- The number of credits given for original posters and oral presentations are increased.
  - The recommendation to have a minimum credit for learning by doing is considered unnecessary by VLAG since it can be included in the part of general learning.
  - VLAG also thinks it's unnecessary to have a minimum amount of credit for teaching. Bart disagree with this because it's unfair for the PhD students, since some PhD students have to teach more classes than the others.
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- VLAG pointed out that they can't be expected to govern all the internal affairs of each chair group, so it is in the hand of the PhD students themselves to draw the line of some things expected from them. However, PhD students can always contact VLAG for problems with the policy of the chair group.
  - After a lot of discussion about credits given to fulfill TSP, it was decided to continue TSP discussion another time.

PhD student representative for Wageningen University:

- The position for a representative of PhD students from Wageningen University in Dutch PhD student organization is vacant. Interested candidate should contact Van-Anh.

Science day:

- To celebrate the university's 5000<sup>th</sup> PhD students, a workshop will be organized in the spring.
- A "hot" topic to be talked about in this workshop will be chosen, and some people will be asked to give presentations on this topic. So there's no need to have a committee to select posters to be presented.

#### **4. Preparation for the VLAG external peer review meeting**

Discussion on the outcome of the questionnaire for each research group:

- Each group shared the summary of the outcome (please see the summary prepared by Simone)

#### **5. Questions and Remarks**

N.A

#### **6. Next Meeting**

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