



From the VLAG Office

New VLAG Scientific Director as of January 1, 2020



As of January 1, 2020 Prof. Karin Schroen (Food Process Engineering) will succeed Prof Renger Witkamp as Scientific Director of the Graduate School VLAG. Karin will introduce herself in one of the following editions of the newsletter. We are looking forward to work with Karin.

CALL for the INCOMING SABBATICALS 2019-2020

All Wageningen University chair groups participating in VLAG can submit a request for a subsidy for incoming sabbaticals.

Requirements:

- The candidate should contribute to the research of the hosting Chair group.
- The candidate should actively contribute to VLAG activities (e.g. PhD course, seminars, lecture, etc.).
- The candidate is a senior scientist, minimum Assistant Professor level (at least 5 years postdoctoral experience).
- The candidate has not been employed by WU, or spent a research period longer than a week in Wageningen in the last 3 years.
- The candidate should stay at Wageningen University for a continuous period of at least 3 months.

The maximum sabbatical grant per candidate amounts to € 5000,- to cover travel and housing costs.

The deadline to submit sabbatical requests is October 1st 2019.

Please use attached request form and submit the Curriculum Vitae of the proposed visiting scientist along with it. If you have any questions or remarks please do not hesitate to contact vesna.prsic@wur.nl.

VLAG Graduate School celebrates its silver jubilee



25... Really?!

On December 12th the VLAG community will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formal recognition of VLAG Graduate School and its first steps in 1994.

Focus of the celebration is on our credo: *Excellence in research and postgraduate education*. What does it mean to you? A PhD programme, a platform to collaborate,... What do we need to focus on in the coming years?

We have invited the VLAG PhD council and two VLAG alumni, Dr Martine Alles (Danone) and Prof. Thijs Ettema (WUR), to trigger the discussion, reflect upon their experience, ...
Our current and future scientific director will dwell upon their views on and ambitions for the Graduate School.

WHEN: Thursday, 12 December 2019

13.30 h Start programme

17.30 h Food & Drinks

20.00 h VLAG PhD Party

WHERE: De Dreijen Campus where it all started!

We warmly welcome your ideas to make this a day to remember. Please share your ideas by sending an e-mail to vlag@wur.nl.

VLAG People

Two young VLAG researchers were awarded with NWO grants on their entrepreneurial and innovative research ideas.

- Novel animal-free proteins – Edgar Suarez Garcia
- CRISPR-Cas Medical Diagnostic - Jurre Steens

For more information about the Take-Off programme click [here](#).

3 Veni grants awarded for VLAG researchers

- The wisdom of plants: Blocking pathogen's emergency exit to restore antimicrobial efficiency - Carla Araya-Cloutier
- Tuning the test to the target - Gert Salentijn
- Building sustainable C1-routes in a bacterium - Nico Claassens

For more information click [here](#).

VLAG Courses

2019

- 2, 4, 6, 16, 18, 19, 20 Sept: [Rheology course](#)
- 16-19 Sept: [PhDweek, 44th edition](#)
- 30 Sept – 31 Dec [Advanced Organic Chemistry](#)
- 14-16 Oct: [Intestinal Microbiome and Diet](#)
- 21-24 Oct: [Big Data in the Life Sciences](#)
- 14-15 Nov: Masterclass "[Dairy Protein Biochemistry and Proteomics](#)", Aarhus, DK, directly after the 16th International Symposium on Milk Genomics and Human Health
- 1-6 Dec: [Production and use of food composition data in nutrition](#)
- 2-5 Dec: [PhDweek, 45th edition](#)

2020

- March: Energy metabolism and body composition
- 16-20 Mar: Bioprocess design (BioTech Delft)
- 28 Apr -1 May: Healthy Food Design

Wageningen Graduate Schools (WGS) courses

[Developing my Research Vision](#) for Postdocs

Dates: 17, 28 October, 11, 21 November, 3, 12 December 2019

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

Thesis defenses

For an overview of the forthcoming thesis defenses please visit the [VLAG webpage](#).



THE 6TH WPS 2019 - SCIENCE WITH IMPACT

For more information and registration please click [here](#).

[Other events](#)

TEDx WageningenUniversity 2019

21 September 2019

For more information click [here](#).

Webinar Multivariate Statistics for Nutritional Sciences

Organised by the NuGO early Career Network

6 September 2019 at 16.00hrs

For more information and registration click [here](#).

Course “Nutrient delivery and impact on human health”.

4-6 November 2019

The course will be addressed to PhD students, post-docs and early career researchers in the food and health area from all Europe.

Information on the course is available [here](#).

International Conference Nutrition Disparity and Equity: From Differences to Potential

Friday, 8 November 2019

Wageningen International Conference Centre

Registration for the conference will open in July 2019. Junior scientists (PhDs and postdocs) will be offered the possibility to present their work through pitches and/or oral presentations.

The conference will be offered free of charge. For more information click [here](#).

Life Sciences with Industry 2019 Lorentz workshop

11-15 November 2019, Leiden

During the workshop, 24 participants (especially PhD students and postdocs) will tackle four scientifically challenging and commercially important problems formulated by four companies. To create multi-disciplinary teams, participants will be selected based on their (i) contribution to the case and (ii) motivation to participate.

Deadline for registration: [Monday September 16, 2019](#). Participation is free of charge, including hotel accommodation, lunches and three dinners during the workshop. For more information click [here](#).

Dutch Chemometrics Society - Masterclass on Data Visualization

12 November 2019

Bar Beton, Utrecht Central Station

For more information and registration click [here](#).

Workshop Introduction to Metabolomics

10-11 December 2019, Wageningen

For more information click [here](#).

Symposium Advances in Plant and Food Metabolomics

12 December 2019, Wageningen

For more information click [here](#).

Grant application course

16-17 January 2020, Amsterdam

During PhD students and postdocs can enhance their academic career prospects by improving their grant writing skills.

For more information click [here](#) .

[Grants](#)

Distinguished Women Scientists Fund 2019

This travel grant is intended for female postdocs, up to 3 years after obtaining a PhD and residing and working in the Netherlands, who would like to travel abroad within the framework of their research. Applications can be submitted until October 4, 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

Heineken Prizes 2020

Biennial awards for internationally acclaimed scientists and scholars
Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious [Heineken Prizes 2020](#). The deadline for nominations is **15 October 2019**.

Hestia – Refugees in Science Scheme.

The '[Refugees in Science](#)' pilot programme that was first launched in 2018 is set to continue in 2019 and 2020 under the name Hestia – Refugees in Science Scheme.

Best PhD Thesis Award: Promoting Flavor Research amongst PhD Students in Europe

Deadline applications: 31 October 2019.

For more information click [here](#).