

# Notes on WTMC



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There are lots of opportunities for members to participate in upcoming events and activities.  
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## 25 years of WTMC

2012 is the official 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WTMC. The most important celebration will take place on 13-14 December in Amsterdam during an extra special annual meeting. Mark these dates in your diary now.

There are two special features of this annual meeting. First, there will be a party on the evening of 13 December. If you have ideas about special events for the party and/or would like to be involved in organising it, please contact me.

Second, the WTMC Board is delighted that all four founders of WTMC will be present – Wiebe Bijker, Rob Hagendijk, Arie Rip and Gerard de Vries. Each of them will make a presentation, but not alone. We will have four pairs – one of these esteemed gentlemen together with a current WTMC PhD member. Each pair will have an hour to present something of interest to the WTMC audience. It could take the form of an interview (you interview one of the founders, or he interviews you, or both), or a joint presentation by the two of you, or something completely different. Interested current PhD members should send me a one-page proposal about what you would like to do. Include your name, email address, which one of the founders you want to share the stage with, on what

topic, and in what format. The deadline for proposals is 21 May 2012. The successful applicants will be informed in early June – giving you lots of time to meet with your co-presenter and plan a great joint presentation.

Possibilities for interaction do not stop here, and nor are they confined to the PhDs. There will be time during the annual meeting to discuss new books and/or new projects by WTMC members. I try to keep on top of things, but given how productive and successful WTMC members are, I may well have missed something. Please send me suggestions of recent books or projects (by you or someone else – but the author/project leader must be a member of WTMC) that could be discussed during the annual meeting.

WTMC will also organise an event to be held at the EASST/4S conference in October in Copenhagen so that more of our international colleagues can share in the celebrations. Details to follow.

#### New website – pictures needed

A new website will be launched at the annual meeting. Preparations are already underway with a website designer, but one thing is already clear: the new website will have more pictures. If you have pictures that would be good for the website, send them to me. Let your imagination run wild. We could include photos of past summer schools, good images of science, technology & innovation, covers of WTMC PhDs and books, iconic diagrams or PPT slides. When you send something to me, include a short description, including identifying everyone in a photo. Do not send random images you have downloaded from the internet – they should clearly be meaningful for WTMC in some way. Do not infringe the copyright of others. We can accommodate most resolutions, but please try to ensure that pictures are at least 960 pixels wide.

#### Completed dissertations

Congratulations to the 'new doctors' who successfully defended their PhDs in the last few months:

- Anne-Charlotte Hoes. *Inside the Black Box of Agricultural Innovation Projects. Exploring the interactions between farmers, greenhouses, scientists, pigs and neighbours*. VU University, 14 December 2011 (supervisors: Joske Bunders, B. Regeer & M. Zweekhorst)
- Yvonne Jansen. *Pragmatic trials. The mutual shaping of research and primary health care practice*. Erasmus University, 2 March 2012 (supervisors: Roland Bal, Antoinette de Bont & Marleen Foets)
- Erwin van Rijswoud. *Public Faces of science. Experts and identity work in the boundary zone of science, policy and public debate*. 8 March 2012, Radboud University Nijmegen (supervisors: Hub Zwart & Hans Marks)
- And congratulations also to Bram Verhees, not a formal AIO member but he did participate in the full 4 workshops and 2 summer schools, so is well known to many of us: *Cultural legitimacy*

*and innovation journeys. A new perspective applied to Dutch and British nuclear power. 27*  
February 2012, Eindhoven (supervisors: Frank Geels & Johan Schot)

Inaugural lectures

Congratulations also to the 'new professor' Sjaak Koenis (Maastricht University) – who delivered his inaugural lecture in February, called *De democratisering van het ressentiment*.

*Sally Wyatt, WTMC Director, April 2012*

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