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## **Annual Report**

of PhD programmes of the  
Utrecht Graduate School of Life Sciences

Name of the programme:  
Infection & Immunity

Reporting year: 2017

## **Preface**

This document reports the characteristics of PhD programmes of the Utrecht Graduate School of Life Sciences (GS-LS) for the indicated year. These characteristics include educational activities, justification of the budget spent and registered PhD candidates. The aim is to collect these data for all PhD programmes of the GS-LS in order to guide policies regarding education, training and supervision of PhD candidates.

Reporting of these data is in line with *the Quality assurance plan of training and supervision of PhD candidates of the Utrecht Graduate School of Life Sciences*.

**The qualifying date for all data is December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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**5. Description of the educational programme offered during the reported year.**

The term 'activity' refers to any educational activity organised by the programme, such as courses, PhD student retreats, master classes, workshops etc.

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Course Advanced Immunology
<b>Duration</b>	5 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	9 – 13 January
<b>EC</b>	1,5
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 27 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: 3 Other: 15
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	Yes

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Course Advanced Infection Biology
<b>Duration</b>	5 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	3 – 7 April
<b>EC</b>	1,5
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 14 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: 1 Other: 4
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	YES

<b>Name of the activity</b>	PhD Spring meeting
<b>Duration</b>	1 daypart
<b>Dates(s)</b>	18 May
<b>EC</b>	0,15
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Attendance not registered
<b>Organising entity</b>	Infection & Immunity Utrecht
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Infection meets Immunity Summer School
<b>Duration</b>	2 weeks
<b>Dates(s)</b>	14 – 25 August
<b>EC</b>	3
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 1 Dutch participants: 5 International: 27
<b>Organising entity</b>	Infection & Immunity Utrecht
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	YES

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Van Kinsbergen Infection & Immunity Advanced+ course
<b>Duration</b>	5 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	20 – 25 August
<b>EC</b>	1,5
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 28
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Vaccine symposium
<b>Duration</b>	1 day
<b>Dates(s)</b>	14 September
<b>EC</b>	0,3
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 5 Own MSc programme: 29 Other Dutch participants: 45 International: 4
<b>Organising entity</b>	Infection & Immunity Utrecht
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

<b>Name of the activity</b>	PhD retreat
<b>Duration</b>	2 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	9 & 10 November
<b>EC</b>	0,6
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 45
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Eijkman Seminar Series
<b>Duration</b>	8 x 4 hours
<b>Dates(s)</b>	12-01-2017, 23-03-2017, 01-06-2017, 02-10-2017, 12-10-2017, 26-10-2017, 23-11-2017, 07-12-2017
<b>EC</b>	x 0,15 EC
<b>Composition of participants</b>	The Eijkman Seminar Series consist of a lecture and a masterclass. Lectures are public lectures, so everyone interested in the subject can attend. Generally 75 - 100 people attend these lectures. Masterclasses are only open for I & I members. Generally 10 - 12 people attend the masterclasses.
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

<b>Name of the activity</b>	I & I lectures
<b>Duration</b>	12 x 1 hours
<b>Dates(s)</b>	16-02-2017, 06-03-2017, 14-03-2017, 16-03-2017, 24-03-2017, 10-04-2017, 11-04-2017, 19-04-2017, 18-09-2017, 21-09-2017, 02-10-2017, 10-11-2017
<b>EC</b>	12 x 0,05 EC
<b>Composition of participants</b>	The I & I lectures are public lectures, so everyone interested in the subject can attend. Generally 30 - 50 people attend these lectures.
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

#### 6. Results of evaluations.

In our courses we ask for feedback to individual lectures / lecturers. The results are discussed with the individual lecturers and our programme committee.

**7. Measures.**

N.a.

**8. Potential deviations from the programme.**

N.a.

**9. Participation of students from other PhD programmes.**

Most of our activities are public, so students (and staff members) from all PhD programmes are welcome to attend. In the Immunology and Infection biology course, some students from other PhD programmes participated (names & programmes are available on request).

**10. Concise financial report**

Activity	Estimated	Realised	Difference
Advanced Immunology course	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.204,15	€ 204,15
Advanced Infection Biology course	€ 1.000,00	€ 535,90	€ -464,10
Infection meets Immunity course	€ 2.000,00	€ 5.701,00	€ 3.701,00
Infection & Immunity Advanced+ course	€ 25.000,00	€ 22.531,07	€ -2.468,93
Lectures (Eijkman / I & I)	€ 8.500,00	€ 9.803,63	€ 1.303,63
Spring meeting	€ 1.200,00	€ 450,60	€ -749,40
PhD retreat	€ 11.000,00	€ 11.302,74	€ 302,74
PhD printing compensation	€ 2.500,00	€ 1.800,00	€ -700,00
Communication & PR	€ 6.500,00	€ 34.196,34	€ 27.696,34*
Salary	€ 68.318,00	€ 69.318,00	€ 1.000,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.018,00</b>	<b>156.843,43</b>	<b>€ 29.825,43</b>

\*Additional costs were made, because we started building our new website this year.

**11 Registered PhD candidates**

In 2017 50 new PhD candidates registered with our PhD programme and 32 defended their thesis. Because of this, the total number of PhD candidates in our programme is now 189.