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## **Annual Report**

of PhD programmes of the  
Utrecht Graduate School of Life Sciences

Name of the programme: Infection & Immunity Utrecht

Reporting year: 2015

## **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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**4. Names and affiliations of the members of the programme committee:**

The I & I educational committee actively monitors the coordination and integration between the MSc and PhD programmes and the quality of the training. Committee position ensures full representation for the departments of Veterinary Medicine and Medicine as well as for both the immunology-focused and the infection-focused research groups.

*Members are:*

Dr E. Knol (chair)  
Dr K. Denzer (MSc coordinator)  
Prof. dr J. van Strijp  
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*Staff members:*

Dr J. Borghans, UMC Utrecht  
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Mark Bakkers, Veterinary Medicine  
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### 5. Description of the educational programme offered during the reported year

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Course Advanced Immunology
<b>Duration</b>	5 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	5 - 9 January 2015
<b>EC</b>	1,5
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 20 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: 10 Other: 19
<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>	4 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	7 – 10 April 2015
<b>EC</b>	1,2
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 24 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: 1 Other: -
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	YES

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Van Kinsbergen Infection & Immunity Advanced+ course
<b>Duration</b>	6 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	9 – 14 August 2015
<b>EC</b>	2,0
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 21 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: - Other: -
<b>Organising entity</b>	PhD programme I & I
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	YES

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Infection meets Immunity Summer School
<b>Duration</b>	2 weeks
<b>Dates(s)</b>	17 – 28 August 2015
<b>EC</b>	3
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 3 Dutch participants: 4 International: 24
<b>Organising entity</b>	Infection & Immunity Utrecht
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	YES

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Vaccine symposium
<b>Duration</b>	1 day
<b>Dates(s)</b>	17 September 2015
<b>EC</b>	0,3
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 13 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: - Other Dutch participants: 108 International: 3
<b>Organising entity</b>	Infection & Immunity Utrecht
<b>Evaluated yes / no</b>	NO

<b>Name of the activity</b>	Spring symposium
<b>Duration</b>	1 afternoon
<b>Dates(s)</b>	16 April 2015
<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>	U-Microbiome symposium
<b>Duration</b>	1 afternoon
<b>Dates(s)</b>	5 November 2015
<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>	Eijkman Seminar Series
<b>Duration</b>	6 x 4 hours
<b>Dates(s)</b>	8 January, 16 March, 29 April, 22 May, 9 October, 19 November
<b>EC</b>	6 x 0,15 EC
<b>Composition of participants</b>	The I & I 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>	PhD retreat
<b>Duration</b>	2 days
<b>Dates(s)</b>	12 & 13 November
<b>EC</b>	0,6
<b>Composition of participants</b>	Own PhD programme: 60 Other PhD programme of the GS-LS: - Other: -
<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).