

# The floor is yours!

March 2015

*New month, new format!  
Enjoy our newsletter and discover all the great  
activities we have in store for you!*

## Wageningen Open

On Saturday June 6th 2015 the first Wageningen Open debating tournament will be organised.

Wageningen Debating and the Wageningen University are excited to welcome up to 44 teams from all parts of the country for a one-day debating tournament in English.

Registration has been opened on [our website](#).

For those who want to get to know debating, it is the perfect opportunity. Between the beginning of March and the tournament we will organise three evenings of training to introduce you into debating and the format. Also you can take part in the practice debates of Wageningen Debating members. At the end you are well-prepared and you participate in your first international

tournament. Costs are only the registration fee for the tournament: 20 euros per person. You can subscribe for the course (dates to be decided) as an individual, subscription for the tournament is only possible as a team of two. For more (practical) information, check [our event](#).



## A new old-fashioned way? - Lunchlecture

When working in practice, veterinarian Gerdien Kleijer found many unhealthy animals that didn't need antibiotics because they didn't have a bacterial infection. These animals were suffering from viral infections, or some of their organs were not working properly. In her search to help these kind of patients she started using herbal remedies that sometimes gave really nice results.

At the moment the use of antibiotics is a hot item. More and more people start to understand that we need other ways to keep animals healthy. Good management, housing and feed are basic. But sometimes these natural remedies can help farmers to keep animals healthy.

Join us on **April 1st at 12.15 in Impulse**, to explore the different cultural ideas and methods to improve the well-being of animals. And of course we will have a proper debate at the end because that's how we do!

More information can be found on our [website](#).



## Ik luister je groot– Lunchlecture report



On Wednesday February 25th, Petra Hiemstra, a professional coach, provided a lunchlecture in Impulse about the importance of listening in a conversation. She explained why and how you should act in order to become a great listener. It involved a rather theoretical model and very practical advise.

The lecture was a big success in both attendance as well as in the enthusiasm of the audience. We would like to thank Petra once more for the very interesting lecture.

## Upcoming activities

For March we have a lot of “the good stuff” prepared for you.

The first training of the month , 05/03, will be on asking questions. Not only during debates but also in daily life it might be quite a challenge to ask the right questions in the right way.

On 12/03 we will focus some attention to creative argumentation; how to come up with all kinds of (good arguments) for any topic.

Scared to speak in front of an audience or just interested in improving your magic to capture the audience? During the training of 19/03 we will give you some tips and tricks to improve your presentation skills while on 26/03 we will get into some practicing with some actual debates!

You can find us every Thursday in Impulse (WUR building 115) from 19.30 to 21.00. After our trainings we might spontaneously decide to go for a drink to prolong the fun but of course, no strings attached ;). You can join us some times before deciding if you would like to become a

**Questionmark-  
Weekly meeting**

**March 5th**

**Creative argumentation-  
Weekly meeting**

**March 12th**

**Presentation skills- weekly  
meeting**

**March 19th**

**Practice debates - weekly  
meeting**

**March 26th**

**A new old-fashioned way-  
Lunchlecture**

**April 1st**



## Leiden Open & BDT—Tournament reports

Our members, Teun and Shahin participated with a lot of enthusiasm at the Bonapartiaans debating tournament on Valentine's day.

On February 28th, they participated again in the Leiden Open together with Nathania and Jelske while Lara was an adjudicator. Jelske and Nathania didn't have much luck this time but Teun and Shahin made it to the novice finals! Unfortunately they could not participate in the finals but we are incredibly proud of them!



## Upcoming tournaments

**March 6-8: Budapest Open –BP**

**March 14: NK beleidsdebatteren (NL) in Eindhoven- AP**

**April 11: NK debatteren (NL) in Nijmegen-BP**

**April 18-19: Maastricht Open-BP**

**May 8-9: Kaliope Debattoernooi (NL) in Groningen- BP**

**May 16: NK sneldebatteren (NL) in Amsterdam-AP**

**June 6: Wageningen Open- BP**



We talk about current newsitems, we practice debating in all sorts and forms, we challenge and train you in (public) speaking and we also join in debates that are organised by different organisations in Wageningen.

Those interested in the debate sport are also encouraged to join (inter) national competitions. And last but not least, we have socials to have fun and get to know each other better.

Join us and find out for yourself how great it is to be part of Wageningen Debating!

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## Young KLV informatieavond: Lenen voor je studie

Young KLV organiseert op 26 maart een gratis informatieavond over het LEENSTELSEL in samenwerking met DUO. Iedereen is welkom.

Heb jij nog zaken die niet helemaal duidelijk zijn nu het nieuwe leenstelsel voor hoger en universitair onderwijs ingaat per september 2015? De effecten van de invoering van het leenstelsel op de toegankelijkheid van het hoger onderwijs zullen nog worden gemonitord om te bezien of er geen groepen onevenredig hard geraakt worden.

Experts van DUO staan klaar om inzicht te scheppen in alle relevante regels, je te helpen een slimme toekomstgerichte strategie te ontwikkelen en al je vragen te beantwoorden. Er wordt alleen naar je persoonlijke situatie gekeken als je dat zelf aangeeft. [Meer informatie](#)

*“Calm, open debate and logical thought, drive strength to its maximum effectiveness.”*

*-Billy Corgan*

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