

Teaching Board of PhD Course in Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences (SAAF) - Cycle XXXVIII
Minutes no. 5 - Meeting held on 18th May 2023

Composition of the Teaching Board:

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1.	Abdelfattah	Ahmed			x
2.	Abenavoli	Maria Rosa		x	
3.	Agosteo	Giovanni			x
4.	Barreca	Francesco	x		
5.	Bernardi	Bruno	x		
6.	Bombino	Giuseppe	x		
7.	Campolo	Orlando	x		
8.	De Luca	Anna Irene	x		
9.	Di Fazio	Salvatore	x		
10.	García-Ruíz	Roberto	x		
11.	Giuffrè	Angelo Maria	x		
12.	Gulisano	Giovanni		x	
13.	Li Destri	Giulia	x		
14.	Lombardi	Fabio	x		
15.	Lucas-Borja	Manuel Esteban		x	
16.	Lupini	Antonio	x		
17.	Marcianò	Claudio	x		
18.	Marziliano	Pasquale	x		
19.	Modica	Giuseppe	x		
20.	Monti	Michele	x		
21.	Muscolo	Adele Maria	x		
22.	Nicolosi	Agata	x		
23.	Palmeri	Vincenzo	x		
24.	Piscopo	Amalia Rosa Maria	x		
25.	Poiana	Marco	x		
26.	Porto	Paolo		x	
27.	Proto	Andrea Rosario		x	
28.	Schena	Leonardo	x		
29.	Sicari	Vincenzo	x		
30.	Sorgonà	Agostino	x		
36.	Spampinato	Giovanni	x		
31.	Strano	Alfio		x	
32.	Sunseri	Francesco		x	
33.	Tassone	Valentina C.		x	
34.	Zema	Demetrio Antonio	x		
35.	Zimbalatti	Giuseppe		x	

The meeting takes place live at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Agriculture. The meeting is chaired by the Coordinator, prof. Leonardo Schena. Prof. Anna Irene De Luca acts as verbalizing secretary.

The channel "PhD SAAF (Cycle XXXVIII)" created by the coordinator in the Microsoft Teams platform is activated to allow the participation of the College's members residing abroad (Dr. Abdelfattah, Dr. García-Ruíz, Dr. Lucas-Borja and Dr. Tassone). Prof. García-Ruíz regularly connect to the meeting, while Dr. Lucas-Borja and Dr. Tassone is justified, having previously sent an e-mail request to the Coordinator, and Dr. Abdelfattah is considered absent.

The Coordinator, noting that the Council was duly convened by invitation sent by e-mail on May 11, 2023, and that it is able to deliberate, declares the meeting open at 14:40 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

1. Communications
2. Approval of Minutes no. 4 of 05.04.2023
3. Appointment of expert commissions for the evaluation of research projects
4. Appointment of co-tutors
5. Authorization of foreign period
6. Proposal for PhD course accreditation (XXXIX cycle)

1. Communications

The Coordinator reports that he attended the morning meeting of the Doctoral School Board and summarises some of the points discussed:

- The English Courses planned for XXXVIII cycle students will start in November 2023 and will be held at the "ih British School" in Reggio Calabria. The Courses will be taught by mother-tongue teachers and will be aimed at "Cambridge" certifications. The lessons will be held exclusively in person at the premises of the "Mediterranea" and will be preceded by an entrance test to verify the starting level of knowledge of English of the PhD students. Students from cycles XXXV and XXXVI will also have the opportunity to participate in the course and, possibly, also new students from cycle XXXIX who are expected to start activities at the beginning of November. Currently, 57 students from the different PhD courses at the "Mediterranea" have expressed interest in attending the English courses.
 - The financial resources and budget area of the University carried out the transfer of 2,000.00 euro to the five administrative Departments of the Doctoral Courses; these sums, as approved by the Council of the Doctoral School in its meeting no. 6 of 08/11/2022, are destined for teaching activities of the individual doctoral courses.
 - The sums related to the 10% additional budget for PhD students of cycles XXXV, XXXVI and XXXVII have been transferred to the Department. The Coordinator reports that these sums are currently also being used to cover the requests of cycle XXXVIII doctoral students, pending the transfer of what is foreseen for the latter doctoral students.
 - The Doctoral School has joined the "PubbliTesi" document system set up by the CNR under the patronage of the MUR. Doctoral students will have access to IRIS and the procedure for submitting the final thesis and its deposit in the National Libraries of Rome and Florence will be automated and streamlined.
- The board takes note.

2. Approval of minute no. 4 of 05.04.2023

The Coordinator reminds that the draft minutes of meeting no. 4 of 05.04.2023, drawn up in Italian and in English, were sent to all the members of the College on 11st May 2023, together with the convocation of the present College. The minutes, in both versions (Italian and English), are unanimously approved.

3. Appointment of expert committees for the evaluation of research projects

The Coordinator reminds that, in line with what was approved in meeting no. 3 of 2nd March 2023, among the criteria for the evaluation of the first year of PhD students' activities, is the evaluation of a research project by an internal/external commission composed of three members, at least two of whom must be external to the Board of Lecturers. This committee must be approved by the Board of Lecturers. In order to follow up on what was envisaged, on 11th May 2023 and, subsequently, together with the convocation of this Board, the coordinator asked all Tutors to send him a formal proposal of potential evaluators accompanied by the following information: their institution, disciplinary-scientific sector (DSS) (not necessary for foreign evaluators), e-mail address and a brief description of competences.

The Coordinator reports having received the following proposals:

Tutor	PhD Student	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
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The Board unanimously approves all the committees proposed by the Tutors.

This item is read out and approved immediately.

4. Appointment of co-tutors

The Coordinator reports that no requests have been received in this regard.

5. Authorization of foreign period

The Coordinator reports that no applications have been received.

6. Proposal for PhD course accreditation (XXXIX cycle)

The Coordinator points out that he has sent the draft proposal for the renewal of the PhD Course in Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences (XXXIX Cycle) to all the members of the College by e-mail on 17th May 2023, to incorporate any proposals for changes and/or additions. The Coordinator communicates that he has received indications from Prof. Spampinato and Proto regarding the need for minor integrations concerning the contents of the research topics for DSS BIO/03 (Plant Biology) and AGR/06 (Wood Technology and Forestry Uses) respectively, which will be integrated into the renewal proposal. Therefore, to proceed with the completion of the accreditation procedure, the Coordinator communicates that in the proposal submission, the composition of the Board remains unchanged with respect to the previous year, since the willingness of the current members of the Board to reconfirm their participation for the XXXIX Cycle has been recognised. The most significant change consists in the proposed elimination of the three curricula envisaged up to Cycle XXXVIII: Agricultural Production Sciences, Food Science and Technology and Forestry Sciences. The Coordinator explains that this proposal came about at the level of the Doctoral School since the presence of several curricula does not represent an element of merit in the Ministry's evaluation of the Doctorate and, on the contrary, may make its management more complex. The consequence of this change is that some teaching activities compulsorily envisaged in the XXXVIII cycle, for only one of the three curricula, are no longer proposed in the XXXIX cycle. The Coordinator explains that these activities may still be made available to doctoral students, but there will be no obligation to attend. Lastly, the Coordinator reports that the accreditation proposal for the XXXIX cycle envisages five scholarships, four of which are to be awarded under DM 118 and one under DM 117 on 2nd March 2023. In addition, one position is planned without a scholarship. He points out that the unit cost for a PhD scholarship is € 60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) for the purposes of DM 118 and € 30,000.00 (thirty thousand/00) for the purposes of DM 117.

In this latter case, co-funding of €30,000.00 is required, which in this specific case will be provided by the CREA - Research Centre for Olive, Fruit, and Citrus Cultivation. Lastly, for all scholarships, the University provides an additional €15,000.00 needed to increase the scholarship during the foreign training period and to finance the additional 10% budget for PhD students. The Board mandates the Coordinator to make any further changes that may be necessary for administrative and/or formal reasons following discussion with the Offices. An in-depth discussion follows with some requests for clarification, during which broad agreement emerges on the proposed PhD project. The Board unanimously approves the renewal proposal and mandates the Coordinator to conclude the telematic procedure for the re-accreditation of the course.

This item is read out and approved immediately.

There being no other items for discussion and having dealt with all the items on the agenda, the meeting is adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

The Coordinator
Prof. Leonardo SCHENA

The Secretary
Prof. Anna Irene DE LUCA