

Teaching Board of PhD Course in Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences (SAAF) - Cycles XXXVIII-XXXIX

Minutes no. 6 - Meeting held on 13th September 2023

Composition of the Teaching Board:

			P	JA	A
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 in the “Francesco S. Nesci” room of the Department of Agriculture. The meeting is chaired by the Coordinator, Prof. Leonardo Schena. The Vice Coordinator, Prof. Anna Irene De Luca acts as a verbalizing secretary. The special channel “PhD SAAF (Cycle XXXVIII)” created by the Coordinator in the Microsoft Teams platform is activated to allow the participation of the members of the College residing abroad (Dr Abdelfattah, Prof. García-Ruíz, Dr Lucas-Borja and Dr Tassone). Prof. García-Ruíz and Dr Lucas-Borja are considered excused absentees having previously sent an e-mail request to the Coordinator, while Dr Abdelfattah and Dr Tassone, who do not connect, are considered absent.

The Coordinator, noting that the Board has been regularly convened by invitation sent by e-mail on 7th September 2023 and that it is in a position to deliberate, declares the meeting open at 09.00 am CEST. The agenda is as follows:

1. Communications;
2. Approval of minutes no. 5 of 18.05.2023;
3. Designation of the Jury for the competition for admission to the XXXIX cycle PhD Course;
4. Appointment of co-tutor;
5. Authorization for the foreign period.

1. Communications

- The Coordinator recalls that the deadline for sending the evaluations of the research projects of the PhD students of the XXXVIII cycle is September 15th and all the Tutors / Co-tutors are invited to work to ensure that this deadline is respected.
- The Coordinator reports that on 02.07.2023 he authorized PhD student Maria Teresa Rodinò to travel to the Netherlands at the “*University of Groningen, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Microbial Community Ecology cluster*” from 01.09.2023 to 17.12.2023 (Prot. n. 0015711 of 05.07.2023). This authorization was granted following a specific request of the PhD student countersigned by the Tutor, prof. Michele Monti. Subsequently, the PhD student communicated with a letter countersigned by the tutor that the planned stay in the Netherlands could no longer take place due to “*lack of accommodation for the planned period*” (Prot. n. 0019373 of 05/09/2023). On 05.09.2023 the Coordinator received a new request from PhD student Maria Teresa Rodinò, countersigned by the Tutor, to go to Slovakia at the “*Institute of Molecular Biology, Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)*” from 01.10.2023 to 20.12.2023. Since the authorization is requested for a period of less than six months, in line with the provisions of the regulation, the PhD student has been authorized by the Coordinator to travel to Slovakia (Prot. n. 0019525 of 06/09/2023) The college takes note of it.

2. Approval of minutes no. 5 of 18.05.2023

The Coordinator reminds that the draft of the minutes of meeting no. 5 held on 18.05.2023 drawn up in Italian and English was transmitted on 07 September 2023 to all the members of the Board, together with the convocation of this Board. The minutes, in both versions (Italian and English), are approved unanimously.

3. Designation of the Selection Board for the competition for admission to the XXXIX cycle PhD Course

The Jury is designated for the competition for admission to the PhD course (XXXIX Cycle). The Coordinator recalls that with D.R. n. 213 of 12.07.2023 the public selection was announced which provided for the SAAF doctorate n. 6 places of which n. 5 places with scholarship. These latter are based on Ministerial Decree 118/2023 (4 scholarships) and Ministerial Decree 117/2023, with co-financing by CREA (1 scholarship). The deadline for submitting applications was 21.08.2023, while the dates set by the call for applications for the

completion of the exam were, respectively, 21st September 2023 for the evaluation of the qualifications and 26th September 2023 for the oral exam.

The Coordinator reads the art. 25 of the Regulations on PhD governing the appointment of the Commission for admission to the Doctorate. In particular, it is highlighted that the Commission must guarantee the following requirements:

- include at least three full members of tenured university professors and researchers, while respecting gender balance where possible;
- include at least one full professor and at least one member within the Board of Professors of this PhD Course;
- foreign university professors of the same or similar disciplines may also be part of the Commission;
- If the Doctoral Course is divided into several *curricula*, *the Selection Committee is composed of a number of teachers equal to the number of curricula so that there is at least one professor or a qualified researcher in the disciplines characterizing each curriculum.*
- the Commission is composed of an odd number of lecturers or researchers. The number of researchers may not exceed half of the teachers;
- to avoid the hypothesis of impediment of one of the effective members, for each Commission, a number of alternate members must be provided in compliance with the provisions of the previous points;
- teachers who were part of the Commission the previous year cannot be proposed. In this regard, the Coordinator recalls that last year there were two selections for the admission of PhD students of the XXXVIII cycle:
 - Selection announced with D.R. no. 241 of 29.07.2022: Commission composed of Prof. Adele M. Muscolo, Prof. Amalia R. M. Piscopo and Dr Maria G. Li Destri Nicosia;
 - Selection announced with DR. 430 of 25.11.2022: Commission composed of Prof. Giuseppe Modica, Prof. Giuseppe Bombino, Prof. Demetrio A. Zema, Prof. Angelo M. Giuffrè and Dr Ahmed Abdelfattah.
- the Selection Commissions, including the alternative members, are appointed by the Rector's Decree upon initial designation of the Teaching Boards and favourable opinion of the Council of Departments. This is followed by an extensive and articulated discussion at the end of which, considering the availability that has emerged, the Board appoints the following commission:

Actual components:

- Prof. Vincenzo Palmeri, Full Professor SSD AGR/11 - General and applied entomology;
- Prof. Maria Rosa Abenavoli, Associate Professor SSD AGR/13 - Agricultural Chemistry;
- Prof. Bruno Bernardi, Associate Professor SSD AGR/09 - Agricultural mechanics;
- Prof. Francesco Sunseri, Associate Professor SSD AGR/07 - Agricultural genetics;
- Dr. Giuseppe Badagliacca, Researcher SSD AGR/02 - Agronomy and herbaceous crops.

Substitute members

- Prof. Salvatore Di Fazio, Full Professor SSD AGR/10 - Rural constructions and agroforestry territory;
- Prof. Agostino Sorgonà, Associate Professor SSD AGR/13 - Agricultural Chemistry;
- Prof. Antonello Lupini, Associate Professor SSD AGR/07 - Agricultural genetics;
- Dr Orlando Campolo, Researcher, SSD AGR/11 - General and applied entomology;
- Prof. Alfio Strano, Associate Professor SSD AGR/01 - Rural economics and appraisal.

This item shall be read out and adopted unanimously immediately.

4. Appointment of co-tutors

The Coordinator reports that he has not received any request in this regard.

5. Authorization for the foreign period

The Coordinator brings to the attention of the Board the request of the PhD student Ilaria Latella, countersigned by her Tutor, Dr Orlando Campolo, to be authorized to carry out the foreign period in Germany at the “*Zoologische Staatssammlung München*” in Munich, for a total duration of 6 months and 13 days (02.10.2023 - 15.04.2024). The Coordinator also informs the Board that he has received communication from the foreign institution, on behalf of Prof. Axel Hausmann, confirming his availability to host the PhD student Latella in the aforementioned period.

The Board unanimously approves the request of PhD student Ilaria Latella to travel to Germany from 02.10.2023 to 15.04.2024.

This point is read and approved immediately.

As there were no other items for discussion and all the items on the agenda had been dealt with, the meeting was closed at 09:30 am CEST.

The Coordinator
Prof. Leonardo SCHENA

The Secretary
Prof. Anna Irene DE LUCA