

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

Minutes no. 7 - Meeting held on 19th October 2023

Composition of the Academic 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 PhD room 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 special channel "PhD SAAF (Cycles XXXVIII/IX)" created by the coordinator in the Microsoft Teams platform to allow the participation of the members of the Board residing abroad (Dr Abdelfattah, Prof. García-Ruíz, Dr Lucas-Borja and Dr Tassone) is activated. Prof. García-Ruíz and Dr Lucas-Borja are considered excused absences having previously sent a request by e-mail to the Coordinator, while Dr Abdelfattah and Dr Tassone, who do not connect, are considered absent.

The Coordinator, noting that the Board of Directors has been duly convened by invitation sent by e-mail on 14th October 2023 and that it can deliberate, declares the meeting open at 4.30 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

1. Communications;
2. Approval of minutes no. 6 of 13.09.2023;
3. Evaluation of PhD students XXXVIII cycle, starting on 02.11.2022, for admission to the second year;
4. Authorization for the foreign period;
5. Appointment co-tutor.

1. Communications

- With D.R. no. 302/2023, the selection documents for admission to the three-year PhD Course in "Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences" (XXXIX cycle) were approved for no. 6 positions of which no. 5 positions with scholarship and no. 1 without scholarship: 1) no. 4 scholarships under the Ministerial Decree n. 118/2023 - Mission 4 - Component 1 - Inv. 4.1, letter b) PNRR; 2) n. 1 scholarship under the DM. 117/2023 - Mission 4 - Component 2 - Inv. 3.3 and co-financed with CREA. Take-up is scheduled for November 2, 2023.
- Shortly it will be necessary to launch and consolidate a series of actions aimed at promoting the best possible evaluation of the Doctorate by ANVUR. Also for this reason, as per the communication sent last Thursday 5th October by the Coordinator to all the members of the board, it is planned to convene a specific board to be held in the second half of November 2023 which will have to include, among other things, the following items on the agenda: 1) Evaluation of the PhD (AVA3 system); 2) Appointment of QA Ph.D. group; 3) Training project; 4) Appointment of tutors.

The College takes note of this.

2. Approval of minutes no. 6 of 13.09.2023

The Coordinator reminds those present that the draft of the minutes of meeting no. 6 of 13.09.2023, drawn up in Italian and English, was regularly sent on 14th October 2023 to all members of the Board, together with the convocation of this Board. The minutes, in both versions were approved unanimously.

3. Evaluation of PhD students of XXXVIII cycle, starting on 02.11.2022, for admission to the second year.

The Coordinator brings to the attention of the Board the evaluation of the PhD students of the XXXVIII cycle who began their activities in November 2022: CANINO Francesco, CILEA Iolanda, LATELLA Ilaria, VIZZARI Giuseppina, RODINO' Maria Teresa.

The Coordinator recalls that the documentation necessary for the evaluation of doctoral students has been made available on the Microsoft Team called "PhD SAAF (Cycles XXXVIII/IX)" to which all members of the Doctoral Board have access. The available documents are:

- Annual report on the activities carried out;
- Educational plan with the list of training and research activities carried out for the acquisition of CFUs;
- Tutors' judgement;
- Three-year PhD project;
- Evaluation forms completed by the expert committees appointed at meeting no. 5 of 18.05.2023

The members of the Board of Statutory Auditors present confirm that they have read this documentation.

About the training plan, the Coordinator points out that some courses organized by the Doctoral School and part of the teaching plan approved by the SAAF Board in meeting no. 3 of 02.03.2023, have not yet been delivered. These are the following courses:

1. Fundamental Principles of Ethics, Gender Equality, and Integrity;
2. Language improvement;
3. Exploitation and dissemination of results, intellectual property and open access to research data and products;
4. Research and knowledge management of European and international research systems.

As provided for in the Calendar of "Teaching activities common to PhD students for the Academic Year 2022/2023" (https://www.unirc.it/ricerca/attivita_didattica_dottorati.php) courses 1, 3 and 4 will be held on

25th and 26th October 2023, while course 2 is scheduled for the period November 2023 - April 2024. The Coordinator points out that the PhD students Cilea Iolanda and Latella Ilaria have already acquired the 35 credits of teaching activities planned for the first year, while the PhD students Canino Francesco, Rodinò Maria Teresa and Vizzari Giuseppina, will be able to easily acquire them by following the courses not yet delivered. All PhD students have abundantly acquired the ECTS of research activities (23) scheduled for the first year (meeting no. 3 of 02.03.2023 and no. 4 of 05.04.2023)

The Board, taking into account all the documentation available for each doctoral student, after discussion, unanimously resolves to admit to the second year the doctoral students CANINO Francesco, CILEA Iolanda, LATELLA Ilaria, VIZZARI Giuseppina, RODINÒ Maria Teresa. The Board invites all PhD students to follow the courses organized by the Doctoral School that have not yet been delivered.

This item shall be read out and immediately approved.

4. Authorization for the foreign period

No requests were received.

4. Appointment of co-tutors

No requests were received.

As there were no other items for discussion and all the items on the agenda had been dealt with, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The Coordinator
Prof. Leonardo SCHENA

The Secretary
Prof. Anna Irene DE LUCA