

Minutes of the Academic Board of the SAAF PhD n. 11 (cycles XXXVIII-XXXIX-XL)
Meeting of 24th July 2024

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 is held in presence in the “Francesco S. Nesci” room of the Department of Agriculture. The meeting is chaired by the Coordinator, Prof. Leonardo Schena. Prof. Anna Irene De Luca acts as secretary for the minutes. The special channel "PhD SAAF (Cycles XXXVIII/IX/XL)" created by the Coordinator in the Microsoft Teams platform is activated to allow the participation of the members of the Board residing abroad

(Dr. Abdelfattah, Prof. García-Ruíz, Dr. Lucas-Borja). Dr. Lucas-Borja is considered justified absentee having previously sent a request by e-mail to the Coordinator. Prof. García-Ruíz, Dr. Abdelfattah and Dr. Tassone are considered absent since they have not sent any request and do not connect to the meeting on the platform. The Coordinator, having noted that the Board has been duly convened by invitation sent by e-mail on 19 July 2024 and that it is in a position to deliberate, declares the meeting open at 09:10. The agenda is as follows:

1. Communications;
2. Approval of minutes no. 10 of 29.05.2024;
3. Appointment of expert commissions for the evaluation of the research projects of PhD students (XXXIX cycle);
4. Designation of the Selection Committee for the admission competition to the XL cycle PhD Course;
5. Appointment of co-tutor;
6. Authorization for the foreign period.

1. Communications

The Coordinator announces that the proposal for the renewal of the SAAF Doctorate (XL cycle) has received a favorable opinion from ANVUR. In accordance with DR no. 183/2024 (Prot. 0016924 note of 21/06/2024) the public selection was announced at no. 5 positions, 4 of which with scholarship, of which 1 is preferably reserved for foreign candidates. Applications must be received by 22 July.

2. Approval of minutes no. 10 of 29.05.2024

The Coordinator reminds that the draft of the minutes of meeting no. 10 of 29.05.2024, drawn up in Italian and English, was sent on 19 July 2024 to all members of the Board, together with the convocation of this Board. The minutes, in both versions (Italian and English) are approved unanimously.

3. Expert commissions appointment for the research projects evaluation of XXXIX cycle PhD students

The Coordinator recalls that in line with what was approved in meeting no. 10 of 29 May 2024, among the criteria for the evaluation of the first year of activity of doctoral students is the evaluation of a research project by an internal/external commission composed of three members, at least 2 of whom are external to the Academic Board. This commission must be approved by the Academic Board. To follow up on the provisions, on 01/07/2024 the Coordinator preliminarily asked all Tutors to send a formal proposal of potential evaluators. The following proposals have been received and are hereby presented for Board consideration:

PhD student	Tutor	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
Roberta CARIDI	Agostino SORGONÀ	Antonio GELSOMINO PA, SSD AGR/13 Department of Agriculture Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria agelsomino@unirc.it	Tanja MIMMO PO, SSD AGR/13 Faculty of Science Agricultural, Environmental and Food Free University of Bozen- Bolzano tanja.mimmo@unibz.it	Fulvia TAMBONE PA, SSD AGR/13 Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Milan fulvia.tambone@unimi.it
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Emanuele PORCU	Orlando CAMPOLO	Vincenzo PALMERI PO, SSD AGR/11 Department of Agriculture University of Reggio Calabria vpalmeri@unirc.it	Giulia GIUNTI PA, SSD AGR/11 DIFARMA University of Salerno ggiunti@unisa.it	Giacinto Salvatore GERMINARA PO, SSD AGR/11 Department of Agricultural Sciences, Food, Natural Resources and Engineering University of Foggia giacinto.germinara@unifg.it

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Antonio ZUMBO	Andrea Rosario PROTO	Lorenzo M. M. ABENAVOLI RU, SSD AGR/09 Department of Agriculture, University of Reggio Calabria laben@unirc.it	Jacopo BACENETTI PA, SSD AGR/09 Department of Environmental Science and Policy - University of Milan jacopo.bacenetti@unimi.it	Pasquale MARZILIANO PA, SSD AGR/05 University of Reggio Calabria pasquale.marziliano@unirc.it

The Board unanimously approves all the commissions proposed by the Tutors.
This point is read and approved immediately.

4. Designation of the Selection Committee for the admission competition to the Doctoral Course XL cycle

The Coordinator points out that with D.R. no. 183/2024 (Prot. 0016924 note of 21/06/2024) the public selection has been announced which provides for 5 positions for the SAAF doctorate, of which 4 with scholarship, of which 1 is preferably reserved for any foreign candidates, as outlined below:

Scholarships	Financing	Theme
1	University	Free
2	DM 630/2024 with co-financing from the Italian Association of Organic Agriculture APS (AIAB)	Evolution of Community-led Local Development (CLLD) and Food and Biodistrict Districts in some Italian areas
3	DM 630/2024 with co-financing from the Council for Agricultural Research and Analysis of Agricultural Economics (CREA)	Management and enhancement of the forest heritage
4	DM 630/2024 with co-financing from the Experimental Station for the Industries of Essences and Derivatives from Citrus Fruits - Special Agency - RC Chamber of Commerce	Development and enhancement of citrus products
Without	University	Free

The deadline for candidates to submit the application expired on 22.07.2024 and, therefore, the Selection Committee for the admission competition to the PhD course (XL Cycle) can be designated. The dates set out in the call for applications for the exam are 2 September for the evaluation of qualifications and 5 September for the oral test.

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

- Must include at least three full members among tenured university professors and researchers, in respect, where possible, of gender balance;
- Must include at least one full professor and at least one member of the Academic Board of the said PhD Course;
- Foreign university professors of the same or related disciplines may also be part of the Commission;

- Be composed of an odd number of professors or researchers. The number of researchers cannot be more than half of the teachers;
 - To overcome the hypothesis of impediment of one of the permanent members, a number of alternate members must be provided for each Selection Committee in compliance with the provisions of the previous points;
 - Professors who were part of the commission for the previous year cannot be proposed. In this regard, the Coordinator recalls that last year for the evaluation of candidates for the selection called by Rector's Decree No. 371 of 20.10.2023, a Commission was appointed consisting of: Prof. Vincenzo Palmeri, Prof. Maria Rosa Abenavoli, Prof. Bruno Bernardi, Prof. Francesco Sunseri, Dr. Giuseppe Badagliacca;
 - the Selection Committees, including the alternate members, are appointed by Rector's Decree upon initial designation by the Academic Boards and the favorable opinion of the Department Council;
- This is followed by a broad and articulated discussion at the end of which, considering the competences of the topics of the scholarships with a restricted theme and the availability that has emerged, the Board appoints the following commission:

Actual components:

- Marco POIANA, Full Professor, SSD AGR/15 - FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY;
- Agata NICOLOSI, Associate Professor, SSD AGR/01 - RURAL ECONOMICS AND APPRAISAL;
- Orlando Campolo, RTDB SSD AGR/11 - GENERAL AND APPLIED ENTOMOLOGY.

Alternate members:

- Michele MONTI, Full Professor SSD AGR/02 - AGRONOMY AND HERBACEOUS CROPS;
- Pasquale MARZILIANO, Associate Professor SSD AGR/05 - FOREST MANAGEMENT AND SILVICULTURE;
- Antonio LUPINI, Associate Professor SSD/AGR07 - AGRICULTURAL GENETICS.

This point is read and approved immediately.

5. Appointment of co-tutor

No requests were received.

6. Authorization for the foreign period

No requests were received.

Since there are no other topics for discussion and having dealt with all the items on the agenda, the meeting is closed at 10:20 a.m.

The Coordinator
Prof. Leonardo SCHENA

The Secretary
Prof. Anna Irene DE LUCA