

Teaching Board of PhD Course in Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences (SAAF) - (Cycles XXXVIII-XXXIX)
Minutes no. 9 - Meeting held on 31st January 2024

Composition of the Academic Board:

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1.	Abdelfattah	Ahmed		X	
2.	Abenavoli	Maria Rosa			
3.	Agosteo	Giovanni		X	
4.	Barreca	Francesco	X		
5.	Bernardi	Bruno	X		
6.	Bombino	Giuseppe			
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			
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			
27.	Proto	Andrea Rosario	X		
28.	Schena	Leonardo	X		
29.	Sicari	Vincenzo	X		
30.	Sorgonà	Agostino	X		
36.	Spampinato	Giovanni	X		
31.	Strano	Alfio			
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” hall of the Department of Agriculture. The meeting is chaired by the Coordinator, Prof. Leonardo Schena. Prof. Anna Irene De Luca acts as secretary. The special channel “PhD SAAF (Cycles XXXVIII/IX)” was created by the coordinator in the Microsoft Teams platform to allow the participation of the members of the College residing abroad (Dr Abdelfattah, Prof. García-Ruíz, Dr. Lucas-Borja, Dr. Tassone) and activated at the beginning of the meeting. Prof. García-Ruíz and Drs. Lucas-

Borja and Abdelfattah are considered excused absences having previously sent a request by e-mail to the Coordinator, while Dr. Tassone, who does not connect, is considered absent.

The Coordinator, noting that the Board of Directors has been duly convened by invitation sent by e-mail on 25 January 2024 and that it is in a position to deliberate, declares the meeting open at 4.30 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

1. Communications;
2. Approval of minutes no. 8 of 21.11.2023;
3. Evaluation of PhD students XXXVIII cycle, starting in February 2023 (PNRR), for admission to the second year;
4. Authorization for the period abroad;
5. Appointment as co-tutor.

1. Communications

- The Coordinator reports that, in the face of numerous requests made in person or sent by e-mail to the Coordinator of the School, Prof. Paolo Fuschi and to the Pro-Rector Delegate for Major University Projects and Research Infrastructures, Prof. Mariateresa Russo, to date she has not yet received specific indications regarding the characteristics of the companies where the doctoral students of the XXXVIII cycle, with PNRR scholarships funded under the Tech4you - Spoke 3 project, must mandatorily carry out a minimum period of 6 months. He points out that the absence of such information one year after the start of the activities causes great inconvenience since it does not allow a rational planning of the activities.

- The Coordinator reports on the possibility of activating a collaboration with the Doctoral Course in *Mediterranean Agricultural Food and Forest Systems* (SAAF) of the University of Palermo promoted by Prof. Anna Irene De Luca through an interlocution with Prof. Antonino Galati, vice-coordinator of the Doctoral Course of Palermo. The immediate collaboration provides the PhD students of Reggio Calabria the opportunity to take advantage of a cycle of seminars in the form of webinars on specific, but also transversal, topics of potential interest. The program of these seminars will be sent by email to PhD students and tutors. In the future, the collaboration could be implemented through specific agreements and/or memoranda of understanding to share the educational offer of the two PhD Courses and, consequently, expand the possibilities of choosing doctoral students to acquire CFUs.

The College takes note of this.

2. Approval of minutes no. 8 of 21.11.2023

The Coordinator reminds those present that the draft of the minutes of meeting no. 8 of 21.11.2023 drawn up in Italian and English was sent on 25 January 2024 to all the members of the Board, together with the convocation of this Board. The minutes, in both versions (Italian and English), were approved unanimously.

3. Evaluation of PhD students XXXVIII cycle, starting in February 2023 (PNRR), 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 February 2023: Lamia RAHALI, Edda FRANCOMANO, Gabriella IMPALLOMENE, Leonardo Maurizio MANTI, Corinne GIACONDINO, Mariateresa OLIVA, Domenica PANGALLO, Dorra KOUKA. The Coordinator reminds that the documentation necessary for the evaluation of PhD students has been made available on the Team called "PhD SAAF (Cycles XXXVIII/IX)" to which all members of the PhD 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' opinion;
- Three-year PhD project;
- Evaluation forms completed by the expert committees appointed at meeting no. 5 on 18.05.2023.

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

The Coordinator points out that the PhD students Lamia RAHALI, Leonardo Maurizio MANTI, Corinne GIACONDINO and Mariateresa OLIVA have acquired the 35 credits of teaching activities planned for the first

year. PhD students Edda FRANCOMANO, Gabriella IMPALLOMENE, Domenica PANGALLO, and Dorra KOUKA have acquired a lower number of credits, but will be able to easily make up for the missing credits in the second year of the doctorate, following the course of "Language Specialization" and any other teaching activities. In this regard, he points out that the delivery of the "Language Specialization" course organized by the Doctoral School and part of the teaching plan approved by the SAAF Board in meeting no. 3 of 02.03.2023 for the doctoral students of the XXXVIII cycle is currently underway, having not been held in 2023, as initially planned. All PhD students have acquired the ECTS of research activities (23) scheduled for the first year as per the resolution of meetings 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 Lamia RAHALI, Edda FRANCOMANO, Gabriella IMPALLOMENE, Leonardo Maurizio MANTI, Corinne GIACONDINO, Mariateresa OLIVA, Domenica PANGALLO, Dorra KOUKA.**

This item shall be read out and approved on the spot.

4. Authorization for the foreign period

No requests were received.

5. Appointment of co-tutor

The Coordinator reports that he has received requests from:

- Prof. Bruno Bernardi, tutor of the PhD student Matteo Sbaglia (XXXIX Cycle) with whom we propose the assignment as co-tutor of Dr Giuseppe Papuzzo, a second-level technologist at the Institute of Computing and High-Performance Networks of the National Research Council, Rende (CS) Campus.
- Dr Orlando Campolo, tutor of the PhD student Emanuele Porcu (XXXIX Cycle) with whom we propose the assignment as co-tutor of Dr Michele Ricupero, RTDa at the University of Catania.

Prof. Sorgonà, who is the tutor of the PhD student Caridi Roberta (XXXIX Cycle), present in the meeting, proposes the assignment as co-tutor of Prof. Maria Rosa Abenavoli.

The Board, having verified that all the proposed co-tutors meet the requirement of the "number of publications for the ASN at the associate level of the SSD of the professor or doctoral student" adopted by resolution no. 3 of 12 March 2021 (XXXVI cycle), approves their appointment unanimously.

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