

Name of the course: IPM Journal Club

ECTS credits: 1

Course parameters:

Language: English

Level of course: PhD course

Semester/quarter: autumn 2018

Total work load app. 35 hours (including preparatory reading, lectures and discussions during the course).

Capacity limits: 10 - 12 participants

Objectives of the course:

The objective of the journal club is to spur interest in a range of aspects of integrated pest management (IPM). There is a large group of students working with different areas relevant for IPM within the Department of Agroecology. This journal group can draw on each other's competences and experiences with regard to experimental and statistical methods as well as help the students to maintain updated on recent achievements within IPM and put smaller research areas in a larger perspective. The journal club will focus on the concept of IPM and critical analyses of data and the development of the students own research ideas and interests. This can occasional be achieved through discussion of the students own manuscripts, which will provide the students with opportunities for supporting each other and profit on the groups competences through discussions.

The course is aimed towards PhD students and postdocs working with IPM. However, MSc students and other colleagues are also welcome.

Learning outcomes and competences

After completing the course the students should be able to:

- Describe and present research results of scientific papers
- Reflect on the relevance of different methods for specific research purposes
- Reflect on the possible application to their own research

Compulsory program:

The students should read all the presented and discussed journal papers, prepare presentations and participate actively in discussions.

Course contents:

Out-of-class preparation

1. Search for the most recent journal papers on IPM related to the student's research area.
2. Prepare for a paper presentation
3. Read all the papers to be presented and preparing questions to be discussed

In-class activities

4. Paper presentation by one student per meeting
5. Formulation of critical questions for the presented paper regarding methods, analyses and conclusions drawn
6. Active discussion by all members

Prerequisites:

Ph.D. students from Agroecology

Name of instructor:

Mette Sønderskov, Department of Agroecology, Science and Technology, Aarhus University.

Type of course/teaching methods:

Out-of-class reading, in-class presentations and discussions.

Literature:

The students choose the papers most relevant for their research.

Course homepage:

Course assessment:

Pass or fail on the basis of active participation.

Provider:

Department of Agroecology

Special comments on this course:

none

Time:

7 sessions of 1½ hours duration– once every 3 week (autumn 2018 will start Sep. 6th and proceed every third Thursday (with a few deviations agreed upon by the participants).

Place: AU-Flakkebjerg

Registration:

For registration or questions: mette.sonderskov@agro.au.dk, Office A232