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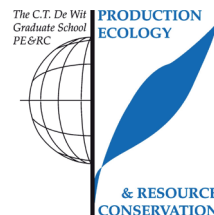


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Scientific integrity / ethics in science activity (0.3 ECTS)

- On being a scientist; Leiden University (2016)

Discussion groups / local seminars / other scientific meetings (6.6 ECTS)

- Learning from nature, learning from our ancestors, from tradition to evidence-based medicines (2016)
- Endless forms (2016-2019)

International symposia, workshops and conferences (5.1 ECTS)

- 18th European orchid council conference and exhibition; Paris (2018)
- 2nd Conference of the Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology (NLSEB); Wageningen (2019)
- 7th International orchid conservation congress; Royal Botanic Garden Kew (2019)

Societally relevant exposure (1 ECTS)

- Presentation; WEO (Werkgroep Europese Orchideeën), Maarn (2019)

Lecturing / supervision of practicals / tutorials (0.6 ECTS)

- Biology of Orchids

BSc thesis supervision (12 ECTS)

- Medicinal properties of Indonesian Coelogyne
- Antimicrobial properties of Indonesian Coelogyne on antibiotic-resistant bacteria
- Bioprospection of Indonesian medicinal orchids (Coelogyne) seems promising for finding potential new species for alternative drug discovery
- The epicuticular properties of orchids and their effect for snail herbivory activity