

# Erasmus Combined staff Mobility Report-Belgium, Odisee University of applied Science, Dept of Agro- and biotechnology

31/1-2/2/2024 by A. Kanellou

31/1/24 Mechelen

10.00 -11.00 Meeting with Prof Steven Meeus (Odisee University) regarding the dissertation thesis evaluation, confidentiality issues and the defense procedure planned for Friday the

13.30-16.00 Kellogg/Kellanova plant (teaching)

- Meeting the thesis mentor of the experimental part (Stefan Matthijs for Kellogg) and the dissertation supervisor (Caroline Sabbe for the Odisee university), together with the UniWA outgoing students (Leonidas Sakellariou, Nikos Xenakis). (teaching)
- Fine tuning discussion, thesis pre-evaluation (teaching)
- Changes, regarding the dissertation thesis structure from the different viewpoints of the food industry and the university, were extensively discussed and proposed alterations adopted by the students and highly appreciated by me as an educator. Based on that I will suggest to adopt and adapt them to the UniWA guidelines, accordingly (teaching)
- guided tour through the labs used for the experimental part of the dissertation (Pringle's Kellanova/Kellogg) (training) presentation of the experimental part procedure also by the two outgoing students (part of the pre-assessment procedure) (teaching)



Kellanova/Kellogg: Dissertation thesis pre-assessment, manuscript structure

01/2/24 10.00-13.00 Ghent - Odisee campus (training)

- meeting Steven Demunter (from the IRO) for Erasmus issues.
- Petra Lommens (dept of chemistry which is doing also food science). Campus tour, particular the labs (*training*).
- PhD candidate presented the current research topics (antioxidant content of apple trees wood, fermentation to extent shelf life in kombucha drinks, nose sensoric which could be added to the UniWA course material). (*training*)
- Exploring the Study plan structure (in two related dept of Odisee), the content of a field work course (visiting food industry which was evaluated -with fail or pass- by assessing the observational notes that the students have to submit), which I will introduce to the home dept. (*training*)
- The issue of the structure and the given guidelines to the students, regarding the conduction of a dissertation thesis, was extensively discussed, also with other colleagues. Based on the received material, I will introduce changes to the current docs at the home dept.
- The UniWA winery dept will be informed about the existence of a Brewery on Odisee campus Ghent for eventual future collaboration.

2/2/24 Sint Niklaas Odisee campus

8.30-11.30 (*teaching*)

- Exam and assessment of two dissertation defenses (UniWA outgoing studies) with my role as a co-supervisor. The evaluation board consisted of two Odisee professors and two Kellanova/Kellog mentors. The criteria and their contribution in forming the final thesis grade, in regard to facing the ChatGPD issue, was extensively explored. Conclusively, 50% comes from the presentation, slides, and answering questions during the defense. Further 50% from manuscript content/structure and process/work during the dissertation period. Weekly meetings with the supervisor was regarded important.

11.30-12.30

- department tour by Steven Meeus, diversity and inclusiveness issues were addressed since the small size of the Odisee campus, allows more personal contacts and thus attracts students with fewer opportunities. Since both, Steven Meeus and myself happen to be the coaches for student with disabilities, at our universities, good practices and exchange of experience yielded to more targeted and applicable approaches

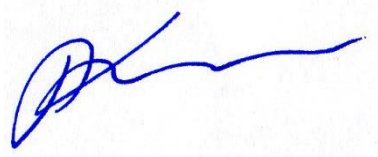


Odisee University: Thesis defense of outgoing UniWA students (L. Sakellariou, N.Xenakis)

13.00-15.30

◦ Study plan issues, upon having received the e-course guidelines, regarding the dissertation thesis structure, and the study plan of the field work course also from Ghent, I will introduce some elements of the Odisee study plan to ours at UniWA. The same happened when discussing with Caroline Sabbe and Lisbet Devos the Sint Niklaas course contents.

- The creation of a food development lab (similar to the structure in the Odisse and other universities facilities) will be introduced to my home dept. It seems being of high importance to encourage innovation at the food science home dept.
- Labs space architecture, half constructed as a classroom (with desks, whiteboard and projector) and the other half for the lab facilities, is considered an interesting practical approach



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