

Report 2019 of the Stichting WAGT-MOOC, including the WAGT-Report over 2019

Stichting WAGT-Mooc is a foundation under Netherlands Law to develop MOOC's in Gerontechnology

General information WAGT-MOOC

Official name	Stichting WAGT-MOOC
Established	Lelystad July 10, 2019
Statutory seat	Municipality of Buren (The Netherlands)
President	Prof. em. Herman Bouma, The Netherlands
Secretary-General	Prof. em. Johanna dr. E.M.H. van Bronswijk, The Netherlands
Treasurer	Prof. em dr. Don G. Bouwhuis, The Netherlands
Member	Prof. Neil Charness PhD, USA
Registration number (KvK)	75335042
Fiscal number (RSIN)	860242602 (ANBI status starting fiscal year 2019)
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In 2019 the board met twice in person, and once through e-mail contact.

The WAGT is an association under French law to support gerontechnology

General information WAGT

Official name	World Academy of Gerontechnology
Statutory seat	Municipality of Nice (France)
Established	Nice, September 27, 2016
Acting President	Prof. em. Johanna E.M.H. van Bronswijk, The Netherlands
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In 2019 the board of the WAGT did not meet in person, but board members had e-mail conversations on master classes and the establishment of the WAGT-MOOC foundation.

Both WAGT and WAGT-MOOC are volunteer organisations, board members and teachers are not paid for their services. Both also have no paid personnel in the organisation.

We combined the report of WAGT and WAGT-MOOC for 2019 since, before July, work on MOOC was still done in the WAGT association.

WORK OF WAGT AND MOOC-WAGT

The WAGT association formulated earlier three distinct aims, providing:

- master classes for new students in gerontechnology in combination with the ISG-World Conferences, conferences of ISG Cultural Chapters and other regional events.
- an Open Access Teaching Library for all persons interested.
- MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) to introduce students in the domain of gerontechnology.

Our MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) are essentially free courses for international bachelor students at Institutions of Higher Learning. Policy makers and other professionals may also be interested.

In all cases volunteers from the gerontechnology community will present the gerontechnology knowledge and skills.
Financially speaking, aim 2 and 3 are far more costly than aim 1.

It was therefore decided in 2019 to establish a foundation for MOOC developments: WAGT-MOOC. Since an Open Access Teaching Library is both needed for students following a MOOC as well as other interested parties, it can be approached through the WAGT.world and MOOC-WAGT.nl websites (for all those interested), but will be integrated in the MOOC software.

In 2019 WAGT prepared for the Master Class during the 2021 World Conference of the International Society for Gerontechnology, while both WAGT and MOOC-WAGT took up the 2018 program for a MOOC on 'Essentials of Gerontechnology' for further development.

Delay in the first step, setting up the infrastructure, was caused by difficulties in obtaining funding. We are, however, very thankful to the Herman Bouma Foundation for Gerontechnology for providing this funding in the last quarter of 2019.

This allowed the completion of the following tasks:

- Updating the 2018 MOOC program '*Essentials of Gerontechnology*'
- Officially establishing the WAGT-MOOC foundation
- Preparing the request for the ANBI-status
- a website WAGT-MOOC.nl to fulfill the requirements of the Netherlands Revenue service. Its also includes information on the MOOC for persons interested in gerontechnology. Text is in both Dutch and English. It has a members-corner where drafts can be uploaded of MOOC parts and proposals for the Open Access Teaching Library. It also includes a donation option serviced by MOLLIE;
- a website MOOC-WAGT-world with a first ICT-structure for the MOOC '*Essentials for Gerontechnology*' prepared in the free open access program MOODLE
- a first list of possible members of the testing group for our first MOOC.

In addition, in December WAGT-MOOC received the so called ANBI status of the Netherlands Revenue Service. An ANBI (een Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling) is a recognized Public Benefit Institution. In the Netherlands it makes us exempt from inheritance and gift tax, meaning that the whole donation or legacy will be used for MOOC projects. Donors taxed under Netherlands law may also deduct the amount of their gifts from income or corporation tax, under certain conditions.

WORK NOT COMPLETED

The 2019 workplan also included:

- the selection of open source publications (by the teachers);
- collecting, evaluating, and selecting free videos from the Cultural Chapters of the ISG, International Society for Gerontechnology, and
- detailing the different building blocks of the MOOC on the dedicated website.

Unfortunately, due to the late start-up of the ICT infrastructure these work packages had to be placed in the 2020 work program.

Approved at the board meeting of WAGT-MOOC July 2, 2020

Approved at the General Assembly of WAGT May 22 / June 2, 2020 (by email consultation)