

## STELLINGEN

bij het proefschrift *Development and Evolution of Butterfly Wing Patterns* door Patricia Beldade

1. Genetic correlations between traits do not necessarily preclude their evolutionary independence, OR “It is an important and popular fact that things are not always what they seem” [Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*] (chapters 2 and 3, this thesis)
2. Courtship and mate rejection in *Bicyclus anynana* butterflies can only be fully expressed in natural-like environments (chapter 5, this thesis)
3. Evolutionarily conserved genes which are used time and again during development can still contribute to subtle quantitative variation among individuals in a population (chapter 6, this thesis)
4. There is more to evo-devo than the study of development in distantly related species (this thesis)
5. A temporal component is fundamental in discussions about evolutionary constraints
6. Most faults in experimental design seem obvious in retrospect
7. Not everybody likes short scientific publications
8. Knowledge is relevant for society
9. When “tradition” is the only argument that can be put forward to justify the maintenance of any particular ceremony, it’s time to re-think it
10. *Stellingen* would be more interesting if they weren’t mandatory and censored
11. To ask a *promovendus* to pay for the printing of his/her thesis is as logical as to ask a *hoogleraar* to pay for the printing of his/her students’ *syllabus*
12. The decision of whom to acknowledge in a thesis is better left to the one who actually did the work.