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Life at LIFE

Danish bachelor project most read Lancet article

A Danish student from the Faculty of Life Sciences has discovered a dangerous side-effect of the slimming product Rimonabant. The discovery was presented in The Lancet and is now the most read article in the journal's four November issues.

Pernelle Kruse Kristensen is studying clinical nutrition at the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen. During her traineeship she has discovered that patients taking the product Rimonabant run the risk of developing a serious depression. The discovery has formed the basis of a bachelor project with analyses which have subsequently attracted considerable attention among scientists worldwide, for example from Professor Phillip **Mitchell** and Professor Margaret Morris from the University of New South Wales, Australia:

"The discovery is significant, especially since persons with a predisposition for depression are excluded from the studies," they say.

Arne Astrup, Professor and Head of the Department of Human Nutrition at the Faculty of Life Sciences, who has helped analyse and further develop the discovery, is also very excited: "The discovery is an excellent example

of how it is possible even for bachelor students to present their findings to a wider audience and where it can really make a difference," he says, adding that it is gratifying to see that so many people around the world have shown an interest in the discovery.

In November, the Lancet – one of the most influential medical journals in the world – published Pernelle Kruse Kristensen's discovery in an article co-edited by Professor Arne Astrup and Robin Kristensen from the Parker Institute at Frederiksberg Hospital.

It is now the most frequently downloaded article from the four November issues of the journal worldwide.

Press release

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Large Animal Hospital moving to Taastrup

The cows and horses are leaving Frederiksberg Campus. The Large Animal Hospital is moving to new and impressive premises in Taastrup.

The new hospital has been designed by the architect Lars Møller from the firm of architects Arkitektfirmaet Rørbæk & Møller.

The design of the new hospital is extremely functional with roof lights letting in just the right amount of sunlight not to stress the ill animals and with cranes for lifting the animals onto the operating tables etc. An auditorium seating 90 has been fitted out, with a video link to Frederiksberg Campus, as well as three new teaching rooms accommodating 45 students each.

The official opening will take place on Friday, 30 May 2008.

See photos from the move from Dyr lægevej.



Photo 1:
The first load is shifted on 5 February from the old buildings which used to house Internal Medicine.

Photo 2:
Breezeway Dyr lægevej 48.
The stables were emptied of animals just before the weekend.
Time for packing down everything.

Photo 3:
A slightly unusual load.

Photos: **Susanne** Nautrup Olsen



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A green heart

“Grønnegården” is situated in the heart of the faculty, surrounded by Bindsbøll’s main building, the North and South wings and on the other side of Grønnegårdsvej the Anatomy building.

Grønnegårdsvej is a fairly new name as the names of the streets around the old part of the faculty were fairly unimaginative (Vej 1, Vej 2, Vej 3 and Vej 4). These days, the streets names usually have a bit more excitement about them, some even relating to the location, e.g. Dyr lægevej (Veterinary street), Ridebanevej (Riding ground street), Stigbøjlen (The Stirrup) and Grønnegårdsvej.

“Grønnegården” is dominated by a large lawn, the old riding grounds which later moved to their present location behind the Anatomy building. The lawn is surrounded by really tall lime and plane trees, and as these trees were planted when the main building was constructed in 1858, they have witnessed quite a few developments in the past 150 years.

Also, Grønnegårdsvej used to be lined with a number of very tall elms, but unfortunately they were victims of Dutch elm's disease. When the elms hit the ground, it was clear that felling them could not have been left for much longer as they disintegrated into little bits, and only the largest trunks needed a motor saw.

In May 2000, the idyllic green lawn was suddenly turned into an inferno when a gas explosion blew up the main lecture hall, and bricks, wood, iron and splintered glass rained down on the lawn. In connection with the reconstruction of the main lecture hall, for a couple of years the lawn was turned into a forest of site butts and piles of building materials, and it was hard to imagine that Grønnegården would ever be its own beautiful self again.

While others managed the reconstruction of the main lecture hall, the landscape architect Andreas Bruun was charged with re-establishing Grønnegården once the area was finally cleared of site huts. One day I found myself talking to Andreas who was despairing slightly as the soil was full of bits of glass, and it would cost a fortune to scrape off the topsoil, transport it away and have it deposited as hazardous waste. I suggested raking the area to gather up the biggest pieces of glass, then putting 5 cm of new top soil on and then roll out grass. Andreas was delighted with the idea: "You have probably just saved us several hundred thousand kroner."

While the law was being recreated, Andreas Bruun's firm also handled the task of relaying Grønnegårdsvej, which resulted in the very beautiful little square with the stone bench and the statue of the founder of the Veterinary School, P.C. Abildgaard.

Prior to the renovation, the diagonal footpaths across the lawn were gravel paths, but in order for the paths to be integrated with the paving around Grønnegården and the Library, the paths were laid with cobble stones. However, it would appear that cyclists do not like cobblestones for alongside the beautiful path is now a black trail of worn-down grass. One could be quite tempted, in fact, to drop a box of drawing pins there. To complete the make-over of Grønnegården, the row of old elm trees along Grønnegårdsvej was replaced by a new row of young lime trees, and everything has been restored to its former beauty.

The lawn get quite a lot of use, particularly from students, but recently also by Cirkus Charlie. Unfortunately, it is also a popular spot for dog walkers, who shamelessly ignore the ban on dogs being let loose in the faculty's grounds.

Nobody knows whether P.C. Abildgaard kept his dog on a lead. All we can see is that his statue has turned its back on the lawn and prefers to look towards the Anatomy building, nodding appreciatively to the other great members of the faculty who have been found worthy of a statue.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener



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Announcements

Seminar: Den Grønne Vej – for fremtidens universiteter, 28-30 March at Skovskolen in Nødebo

On 28-30 March 2008 "Grønt Netværk" (Green Network) at the University of Copenhagen will be holding the seminar "Den Grønne Vej – for fremtidens universiteter".

At the seminar, students from all over Denmark will discuss and give their views on the role which the universities could play in the efforts to make society sustainable.

If you would like to join the green movement and take part in the seminar, then click onto www.greenuni.dk

[Read invitation.](#)

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Join Save the Children Youth

Save the Children Youth is currently looking for volunteers who would like to help make a difference to integration, and who can offer, for example, things like extra tuition, sports activities, and clubs for children and young people.

See volunteer opportunities at <http://www.redbarnetungdom.dk>

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City of Frederiksberg is still offering free stop-smoking courses for all businesses at Frederiksberg

Contact Nee Marianne Attle, Stop-Smoking Coordinator, Frederiksberg Sundhedscenter

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Junior Researcher Forum: “Spis igennem” – speakers are Professor Arne Astrup and visiting professor Claus Meyer – Thursday, 21 February at 5.15-7 pm in the Library

This year's first Junior Researcher Forum will be held on Thursday, 21 February.

Speakers this time are Arne Vernon Astrup, Professor at the Department of Human Nutrition/Appetite Regulation and Claus Meyer, Visiting Professor.

The title is: “Spis igennem!” (Eat till you drop!)

Professor of obesity meets food lover. About wonderful food without too much fat. Tastiness with a clear conscience.

The talks by the two professors are followed by an open debate.

Come and be inspired.

Kind regards, the Library & DSR

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Symposium: “Mangfoldighed og flere kvinder i forskningen på Københavns Universitet”, Friday, 22 February at 2-4 pm at the main lecture hall, Frue Plads

As part of the debate about the strategy to be considered by the board in the spring about more women in research, the Rector's Office will be holding a symposium title “Mangfoldighed og flere kvinder i forskningen på Københavns Universitet” (Diversity and more women in research at the University of Copenhagen).

All members of staff and other interested parties at the University of Copenhagen are welcome. Find more information and register at <http://rektorat.ku.dk/mangfoldighed/>.

Time: Friday, 22 February, 2-4 pm The main lecture hall, Frue Plads, Copenhagen K

<http://rektorat.ku.dk/mangfoldighed/>

This event is a debate about the coming strategy of increasing the number of women engaged in research at the University of Copenhagen. It will be conducted in Danish. For questions please write to Jacob Sølling: jacs@adm.ku.dk

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Education

Student assistants wanted for practical tasks on Friday, 7 March from 8 am until 5 pm

On Friday, 7 March, LIFE will be holding a workshop seminar on sustainability for upper secondary schools. The seminar will take place in the main lecture hall and the lecture halls on the first floor of the main building from 10 am until 3 pm.

We need students to help organising practical aspects of the day. Working hours will be from 8 am until 5 pm.

If you would like to work for us, please get in touch. Only Danish-speaking students will be needed.

Please send an email with the subject "Studertermedhjælp til 7. marts" to glb@life.ku.dk as soon as possible.

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The shortage of veterinary surgeons will be fixed, the Ministry of Science reassures us

For years, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, the food industry and the agricultural sector have been clamouring for more veterinary surgeons. But with the increased intake of veterinary medicine students at the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen in recent years, we are sure to overcome the current shortage of veterinary surgeons. These are the reassuring words of the Danish Ministry of Science.

Veterinary science is one of the most sought-after study programmes in Denmark. Both among young people from all over Denmark looking to start further education and in the labour market. For this reason, the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen asked the Danish Ministry of Science just before Christmas for permission to educate even more veterinary surgeons. However, the Ministry of Science is not worried that Denmark will be facing a shortage of veterinary surgeons in future. So, the ministry is not inclined to grant permission.

In his letter, of refusal Jens Peter Jacobsen, Director of the Danish University and Property Agency, reminds us that the number of graduating veterinary surgeons will increase markedly in the coming years as the Faculty of Life Sciences has been increasing its intake of students to 180 a year in recent years. At the same time, he does not see any signs that demand will increase in future.

The former KVL has taken note of this decision by the Danish Ministry of Science.

"It is decisive that we continue to offer a veterinary science programme of the highest quality. We are just now in the process of opening a brand new university hospital for large animals and horses and we have taken the first steps in an international accreditation process. With all this, Denmark will have one of the leading veterinary science programmes in Europe and one of the leading veterinary hospital environments in Europe. This also makes it possible for us to educate even more veterinary surgeons. And the Ministry of Science should, of course, know that this is a real possibility," says Per Holten-Andersen, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences.

At the moment, the demand for veterinary surgeons in the agricultural sector, from pharmaceutical and biotech companies and from the environmental and food inspectorates is such that it is difficult for them to recruit. The Faculty of Life Sciences would very much like to help alleviate this situation, and one initiative will be the introduction already this year of individual admission talks with that half of all students who are admitted as Quota 2 students.

"Veterinary science is one of the most sought-after study programmes in Denmark. Each year we have to turn down a lot of very competent students or suggest that they apply to study natural resources instead, which will also allow them to work with animals. In future, we want to ensure that those admitted to study veterinary science are those that are most highly motivated to complete their studies. At the same time, we want our students to represent a broad range of interests, thereby ensuring that we also admit students who would like to go on to work in farming or with the environmental and food inspectorates," says Per Holten-Andersen.

The Faculty of Life Sciences has decided to hold an open day about the veterinary science programme, the new admission procedures and 22 other life science programmes. The big open day event will be held on Friday, 29 February 2008 at the Faculty of Life Sciences, Frederiksberg Campus, Thorvalsensvej 40. Admission is free.

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New directors of studies

Andreas de Neergaard, Department of Agricultural Science, has been appointed new Director of Studies for the MSc in Agricultural Development from 1 February 2008. He will be taking over from Henning Høgh Jensen.

Vibeke Langer, Department of Agricultural Science, has been appointed new Director of Studies for the MSc in Agronomy from 1 February 2008. She will be taking over from Lars Stoumann Jensen.

Charlotte Bjerregaard, Department of Natural Sciences, has been appointed new Director of Studies for the BSc in Natural Resources from 1 April 2008. She will be taking over from Lars Stoumann Jensen.

See the list of all directors of studies here:

http://www.life.ku.dk/om_KVL/organisation/raad_udvalg/studieledere.aspx

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ECHAE 2008 - Developing roadmaps for European Life Science degrees: Competences, Quality, Employability - from 2 to 5 September

The ECHAE 2008 conference "Developing roadmaps for European Life Science degrees: Competences, Quality, Employability" will be held at the University of Lleida from 2 to 5 September 2008.

This 9th Conference of ECHAE will focus on the following themes:

- * The job market: for life science graduates in the EU, Improving the employability of graduates: case studies
- * Competences, what graduates should know and be able to do, and how to develop them to enhance employability
- * Quality issues: assessing learning outcomes
- * Meeting new demands for staff development

[Please click here](#) to see the flyer for the conference which announces the call for abstracts for papers by 1 March 2008.

If you have any queries please contact the Conference Secretariat:

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Staff news

Associate Professor Annette Kjær Ersbøll, PhD, new Graduate School head at LIFE

Dean Per Holten-Andersen has appointed Associate Professor Annette Kjær Ersbøll, PhD, new Graduate School head at LIFE.

The position of Graduate School head follows from changes to the Danish University Act. Each faculty at the University of Copenhagen has its own graduate school, and the graduate school head is in charge, assisted by the graduate committee, of the planning of the school's PhD study programme and the ongoing evaluation of the school's activities and follow-up. Daily tasks include the appointment of PhD supervisors and the approval of PhD students.

The dean has appointed the Graduate School head on the basis of a unanimous recommendation from a committee consisting of representatives of all parties involved.

The establishment of a graduate school at LIFE does not impact the current structure of 15 research training programmes (formerly research schools) hosted by LIFE, organised into five clusters.

The newly elected graduate committee will be holding its first meeting on 20 February and will then make a recommendation to the dean as to who should be appointed chairman.

On the occasion of the appointment, Per Holten-Andersen says that he is looking forward to continuing to work with Annette Kjær Ersbøll, who has been a very competent director of studies for the PhD students. Annette Kjær Ersbøll stays on as LIFE's representative at the University of Copenhagen's Research Training Council (KUFUR).

Marianne Bigum, FIK

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Two EliteForsk prizes: Assistant Professor Christina Lunde and postdoc Henrik Toft Simonsen, Department of Plant Biology

At the EliteForsk conference at Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek in Copenhagen on Thursday 24 January, the Danish Minister of Science, Helge Sander, presented two EliteForsk prizes. Two young scientists from the Department of Plant Biology were awarded the prestigious Young Elite Scientist awards of 200,000 Danish kroner each.

Assistant Professor Christina Lunde was awarded the prize for her talented basic research into the stress resistance of plants. During her postdoc in Australia, Christina learnt to work with the moss plant *Physcomitrella* which segregated from higher plants approx. 450 million years ago. What is so fantastic about this primitive plant is that it contains

several hundred unknown plant genes, while at the same time thriving in extreme growing conditions. The aim is to identify genes from this stress-resistant moss which can be inserted into cultivated plants, making them resistant to stress such as, e.g., a high concentration of salt in the soil, too much light, cold or drought.

On receiving the award, she said: "It is, of course, a great honour, and at the same time it is an opportunity for me to talk about my research. It also makes it possible for me to attend relevant conferences and buy the equipment which I need for my research."

Postdoc Henrik Toft Simonsen was awarded the prize for his work to produce the pharmaceutical thapsigargin against prostate cancer using the moss plant *Physcomitrella*. The wild plant *Thapsia garganica*, which grows near the Mediterranean, produces the natural substance thapsigargin, which is a precursor for a very effective medicine against prostate cancer. The plant cannot be cultivated, so the aim is to transfer the whole thapsigargin production cycle from the wild plant to moss. This will ensure a stable production of thapsigargin, which can then – through a small number of chemical processes – be converted into a promising pharmaceutical against prostate cancer.

He says: "The prize money will make it possible for me to work faster and also to finance a plant gathering trip to the Mediterranean where the original *Thapsia* plant grows."

Read more about:

the EliteForsk prizes:

<http://www.eliteforsk.dk>

Christina Lunde:

<http://www.eliteforsk.dk/flora/flora.asp?page=13341>

Henrik Toft Simonsen:

<http://www.eliteforsk.dk/flora/flora.asp?page=13358>

Kirstine Therkelsen

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Inaugural lecture: Affiliated Professor Chand Khanna, IHMS, - Tuesday, 26 February at 3 pm in the main lecture hall

The Department of Small Animal Sciences is inviting everybody to an inaugural lecture: "Comparative Approaches to Cancer Biology and Therapy" by Affiliated Professor Chand Khanna, Head of Tumor and Metastasis Biology Section, Paediatric Oncology Branch, Director of Comparative Oncology Program, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute.

Tuesday, 26 February, at 3 pm in the main lecture hall.

IMHS will host a reception afterwards in the Senate's conference room.

Hans Henrik Dietz, Head of Department

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Research

Festival of Research at Frederiksberg on 25 April

The City of Frederiksberg is inviting us to take part in the Festival of Research at Solbjerg Plads on Friday, 25 April, at noon-6 pm. The City of Frederiksberg will be building a "science city", and it is possible to book a pavilion/stand for an activity connected with our research.

The faculty has been represented at the festival for the past two years. It is a nice event in a very central location with lots of people passing by on their way to and from the metro, cinema, schools and colleges etc. So it is an excellent chance to get through to an audience which may not necessarily have come looking for the Festival of Research.

In the past, stands offering samples to taste or where people could try out/touch things have been particularly successful. Two years ago a number of LIFE scientists joined forces with local traders (fishmonger, flower shop, Matas) to illustrate how our research impacts people's everyday lives. It was extremely popular, and the organisers have specifically asked for something similar, if possible.

See the [official invitation](#) and contact me at lyt@life.ku.dk or 32387, if you have an idea for a stand and would like to participate.

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Talk about your research at the Festival of Research on 25-26 April

The "Book a Researcher" scheme is in operation for the fourth time for the Festival of Research '08, which is being organised by the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation on 25-26 April 2008.

All researchers (PhD and above) can register to give a talk at <http://www.forskningensdoegn.dk/flora/flora.asp?page=12316>

You can also read more about the scheme.

The "Book a Researcher" scheme is aimed at adults. Speakers are not paid, but travel expenses are refunded.

The talks are organised into the following categories: Health and Illness, Culture and Communication, Society and Business, Nature and the Universe, Technology and Production.

Registration

We urge you to register as soon as possible, and by 18 February 2008 at the latest. All talks will be announced in an online catalogue at www.forskningensdoegn.dk from 10 February.

For further information or queries, contact Karin Mortensen, Sekretariatet for Bestil en Forsker, on tel. 70 20 85 20 or befo@formidling.dk

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LIFE and Danida/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark conclude agreement concerning three centres for the developing countries

A three-year contract has been drawn up between LIFE and Danida. The contract covers the Danida-financed efforts centred on the developing countries at three centres at LIFE, i.e. the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning (S+L), the Danish Seed Health Centre (DSHC) and the Centre for Health Research and Development (DBL). DSHC is part of the Department of Plant Biology, while DBL is part of the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology.

The centres focus on different aspects of development, namely forest, trees and landscape planning (S+L), seed health and seed pathology (DSHC) and human health (DBL). The overall objective is to contribute to combating poverty and promoting sustainable development.

The centres' activities are an important contribution to the creation of new knowledge, to the building of capacity in the developing countries and to knowledge management within the above-mentioned areas. The centres work in close partnership with organisations and networks in the partner countries in the south and are also important players on the international scene.

The total value of the contract is 89 million Danish kroner.

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Grants

“Christian og Camilla Søndergaards legat” – deadline for applications 1 March

A grant of **DKK 10,000** from **Landbrugskandidat, rentier Chr. Søndergaard, Ejbygård, Odense og hustru Camilla Søndergaards legat** is available for distribution in spring 2008.

Only agronomists who have completed their studies and who have started a PhD programme at KVL are eligible for the grant. The grant is intended to help them complete their programme and for agronomists wishing to go on study trips or to pursue studies abroad. Students thus cannot apply.

Applications from PhD students for their studies must contain information corresponding to the information stated in applications for grants from Statens Uddannelsesstøtte.

Applications for funding for study trips and studies abroad must contain information about the purpose of the trip, duration and approximate costs incidental to the trip.

Applications must be sent to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, by **1 March 2008** at the latest.

Letters of refusal will not be sent out, but once the grant has been awarded, it will be announced in eLIFE.

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“Professor Sigurd Tovborg Jensens legat” – deadline for applications 1 March

A grant of DKK 90,000 from **Sigurd Tovborg Jensens legat** will be awarded in April 2008 to one or more students at or graduates from the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen. The applicant is expected to want to undertake studies or travel to pursue further education within soil chemistry, pedology and environmental chemistry and be deemed to have the potential to benefit professionally from such financial support.

Applications must be submitted by **1 March 2008** to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark.

Letters of refusal will not be sent out, but once the grant has been awarded, it will be announced in eLIFE.

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“KVLs jubilæumsfond” – deadline for applications 15 March

A grant is available from KVL's Jubilæumsfond for distribution in April 2008. The grant portions are for DKK 5,000 or DKK 10,000.

The grant can be used to undertake assignments for which the necessary funding cannot be obtained through the normal channels, including the launch of research projects and funding for students and their future studies. The funding available must not be spent on activities which, according to legislation or normal practice, are covered by the state.

In connection with applications for funding of the launch of research projects, it must be documented that the necessary funding for the purpose concerned cannot be obtained in the form of ordinary grants or from state foundations. Funding is normally not granted for equipment or activities which have already been launched at the time of application.

Funding is not granted for the following purposes:

- Funding in connection with bachelor or thesis projects in Denmark
- Studies abroad supported by Erasmus or NORDPLUS funds
- Activities commenced before 15 March 2008

Furthermore, grants are not available for PhD students.

Applications must be prepared using the application forms available at the faculty website for students, and a signed copy must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences/Copenhagen University, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark by **15 March 2008**.

Applications without relevant enclosures or specified budgets or which have been received after the deadline will not be considered.

Letters of refusal will not be sent out, but once the grant has been awarded, it will be announced in eLIFE. The grant is expected to be awarded at the end of April.

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Research funds etc.

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