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Life at LIFE

“The Green Path – for the universities of the future” shows the way!

Students from every university in Denmark met on the weekend of 28-30 March at Skovskolen in Nødebo to discuss how universities can contribute to a more sustainable society and world.

In addition to many interesting presentations by, among others, Chair of the Danish Council of Ethics Peder Agger and Director General Niels Elers Koch, the weekend included a variety of exciting discussions on everything from research and education to more practical aspects, such as appropriate design for universities and how the ‘sustainable message’ can be communicated better.



The weekend culminated with the adoption of a manifesto for “The Green Path” which lays out in broad strokes the course for the universities of the future.

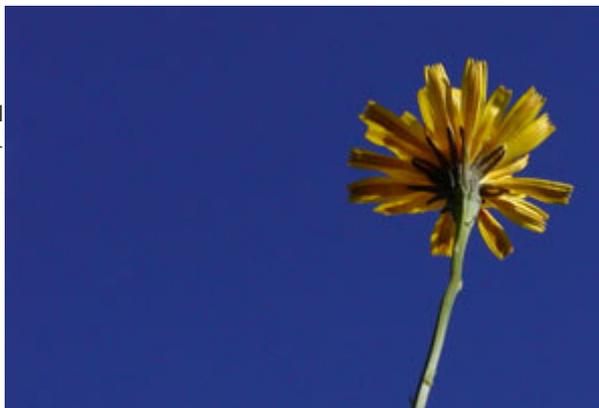
Read more at www.greenuni.dk and vote on "The Green Path" manifesto.

Adam Bank Lentz, science student

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Denmark leads the way in sustainable utilisation of natural resources

Agriculture of the future needs to utilise nature's biological resources more sustainably. This has been an ambition for generations at the Faculty of Life Sciences, and the goal is now being further underscored by three major scientific projects and the establishment of three new national institutes within agriculture & ecology, plant biology & biotechnology and natural science & environment. The aim is to ensure that Denmark continues to be a leader in these areas in terms of both research and education.



[Read the press release](#)

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Christian IV and roses

The creative and ubiquitous Danish King Christian IV was an important figure in the breeding of roses in Denmark. As early as 1601, when the king was only 25 years old, he developed an interest in roses, which he expressed at that time in the design and casting of an excellent canon decorated with an abundance of rosebuds.

As is well-known, the king left his mark on a number of northern European cities, most notably Copenhagen with Rosenborg Castle and the King's Garden. Construction of Rosenborg began in 1608, but before that, in 1606, the king allowed a number of 'plant farmers' and other plant specialists to plan the design of the garden, and work began on the garden while the castle was still under construction.

Old accounting records show that Christian IV was one of the very first in Denmark to use large numbers of roses in his garden. In 1618, 400 rose trees were purchased, and a later entry registers no less than "1,000 white Rose Trees and 100 red Provence Rose Trees" from Holland. It was not until long after construction of the castle was complete that the king named the castle *Rossenborrig* – Rose Castle, inspired perhaps by the beauty of the garden's many roses.

Thanks to the efforts of the doctor and botanist Otto Sperling, who became the king's "botanicus" in 1638, we have careful records of the many roses the king had in his garden. The enormous variety of exciting rose breeds, all of which were scented, included the Rosa Mundi rose. This rose, which was first produced in 1583, belongs to the Gallica group. It is characterised by its lovely fresh green leaves and relatively few thorns, but most distinctive is its pale pink, often white, semi-double flowers, with dark pink stripes.

Even though the Rosa Mundi is more than 400 years old, it is still available today. And a lovely example of one can be seen in the faculty Rose Garden – the very first rose in the border bed on the right when you enter through the Rose Pergola.

In honour of the old, rose-loving king, a rose has, of course, been named after Christian IV. You can see one in the middle of the faculty Rose Garden in the centre beds. The Christian IV rose is a luminous, dark red bouquet rose with dark green, shiny leaves. It is guaranteed free of disease and hardy, and its scent is amazing – it is truly a king of roses.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener

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Announcements

Sitecore courses

If you are currently, or soon will be, an editor of a website on LIFE's joint web, then you should visit the Sitecore Support page at www.life.ku.dk/scsupport.

There, you can now find a number of guides for our Sitecore solution as well as announcements on new courses and lunchbox seminars. Subscribe to the [Sitecore Support newsletter](#) and you will be notified whenever new guides and courses become available.

There are currently two courses on the calendar.
The next course will take place on:

- 28 April, 8.30 am-12.30 pm

The next lunchbox seminar will take place on:

- 22 April, 10.00 am-1.00 pm

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Kubulus hosts Denmark's first "Green Career Fair"

Do you have the environment, climate, energy and sustainability on your career to-do list? Then come to the Green Career Fair on Thursday, 17 April 2008, 1-4 pm in the Ceremonial Hall at Frue Plads.

At the fair, you will meet large companies and organisations that work with the environment, climate, energy and sustainability in a variety of exciting ways. And you will have the chance for a personal and informal chat

with the company representatives to hear more about the green career opportunities their company offers. You can also learn more about mentor schemes, MSc thesis fellowships, internships and student jobs. And finally, you can have your CV checked by the Association of Masters and PhDs (DM) and the Danish Association of Lawyers and Economists (DJØF).

Anja Philip, science journalist, will be launching the career fair with her presentation *Fra forskning til formidling – et karriereportræt* (From research to communication – portrait of a career). All students at the University of Copenhagen are welcome to attend the career fair. Participation is free.

The Green Career Fair is organised by Kubulus – the University of Copenhagen Alumni Association.

See the program and read more about the participating companies on the Kubulus website www.kubulus.ku.dk, where you can also register to attend.

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The Festival of Research at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters

Visit the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters during the Festival of Research. On Friday, 25 April 2008 from 3-10 pm, there will be an Open House with a variety of interesting and unique lectures as well as tours of the Academy.

For more information, visit the [Videnskabernes Selskab website](http://www.videnskabernes.selskab.dk).



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Education

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.

[Mette Olaf Nielsen](#), who was appointed Director of Studies for the new MSc in Domestic Animal Science from 1 November 2007, will be stopping as of 31 March 2008 because the programme has, unfortunately, not achieved approval from the Accreditation Council. Mette Olaf Nielsen will continue to work in the domestic animal area as part of the Agronomy programme.

BSc programme in Horticulture expires

[Lars Stoumann Jensen](#)'s appointment as Director of Studies for the BSc in Horticulture will be expiring as of 31 March 2008. No new Director of Studies will be appointed for this area as the programme is to be integrated with the BSc programme in Natural Resources from September 2008.

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Staff news

Lise Walsted Kristensen to head the Research and Innovation Office

Lise Walsted Kristensen has been appointed Head of the Research and Innovation Office. She takes over from Marianne Bigum, who resigned at the end of March.

Lise Walsted Kristensen comes from a position as Head of Secretariat at the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation's Natural Science Research Council (FNU) and has held similar positions for the Agency at, among others, FTP, DSF, FUU and SJVF over the past ten years.

She holds MSc and PhD degrees in environmental biology from the University of Copenhagen, and has previous experience as Deputy Head of DMU and from brief appointments at LIFE and FSL.

Lise Walsted Kristensen will take up her new position on 1 May.

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New Head of the Department of Food Science

As of 1 May 2008, Associate Professor [Lars Nørgaard](#), PhD, who is 43 years old, has been appointed to head the Department of Food Science, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

[Read the press release](#)

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Research

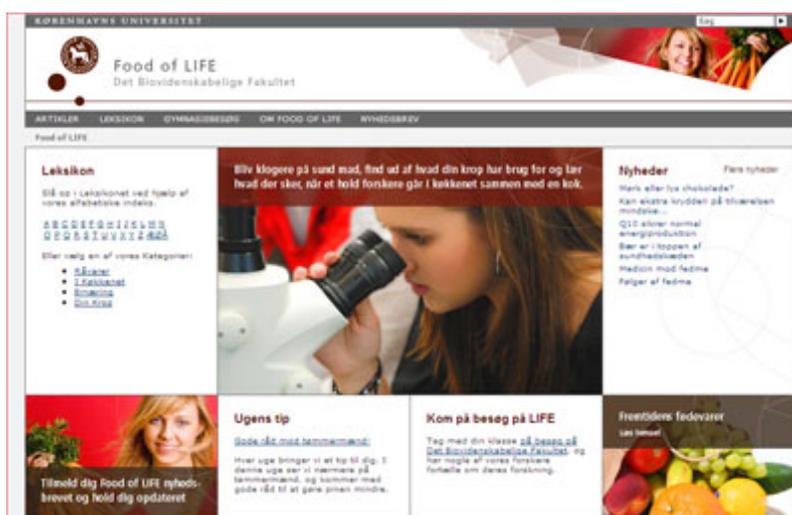
Upper secondary school students to learn more about health – www.foodoflife.dk

A new portal created by the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen, seeks to improve students' knowledge about what they put in their mouths and what their bodies need.

FoodofLIFE.dk was launched on World Health Day, 7 April 2008.

In future, when writing assignments in biology, science subjects or chemistry, there will be more help available to upper secondary school students. A new website has been created that focuses on health, food and nutrition, and communicates the latest research in these areas to students.

The site will present the latest research from the Faculty of Life Sciences so that upper secondary school students will not have to search all over the web for relevant research when writing assignments on health, food or nutrition.



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Grants

Award of the Chr. Søndergaard Legat

The Chr. Søndergaard og hustru Camilla Søndergaards Legat was awarded on 4 April 2008 – the recipients have been notified. Letters of rejection will not be sent.

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Young female researchers can apply for scholarships from L'Oréal Denmark

Young female researchers in the natural sciences can now apply for 'For Kvinder I Naturvidenskab' scholarships from L'Oréal Denmark with the support of the Danish UNESCO National Commission and the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters. The deadline for applications is 3 June 2008.

The aim is to encourage women to continue their scientific careers after obtaining their PhD by contributing to the continued improvement of their skills through research. Up to three scholarships of DKK 100,000 each will be awarded.

The application form and more information are available at L'Oréal Denmark's website: www.loreal.dk

The completed application form and appendices must be submitted **no later than 3 June 2008** to:
Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab (The Danish Royal Academy of Sciences and Letters)
H.C. Andersens Boulevard 35
1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark

Applications will be assessed by a committee comprising three scientific experts from the relevant areas of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters and one representative each from the Danish UNESCO National Commission and L'Oréal Denmark A/S.

For more information on the programme, please send an email to: kdvs@royalacademy.dk



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The Ena Borchsenius scholarship for students of veterinary medicine

The Ena Borchsenius scholarship for students of veterinary medicine has a grant available for distribution in June 2008.

The aim of the scholarship is to support the studies of worthy, needy students of veterinary medicine at the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, primarily students from provincial towns.

For an application form, please send an email to: ag@life.ku.dk

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DKK 5 million to students

The Nordea Denmark Foundation will be awarding scholarships this year in the order of DKK 5 million for studies abroad. The application deadline for this year's first allocation is 1 May 2008.

Each scholarship will be for DKK 30,000 for financial assistance to help students travel abroad to pursue their studies in another country with a view to acquiring professional qualifications that cannot be acquired at their home university in Denmark.

Furthermore, it is important that students learn to operate in a global world and to work with people from different cultural backgrounds.

"The aim of the scholarships is to give students an opportunity to acquire new knowledge and insight which they would not be able to get in Denmark. This can help bring a global outlook and intercultural competences to Danish society through the students," explains Torben Klein, Director of the Nordea Denmark Foundation. The scholarships, which are only available to students who have already completed their Bachelor degree, will be awarded for stays of at least one semester.

The application deadline for this year's first allocation is 1 May 2008, with allocation taking place in June. For the second allocation, the application deadline is 1 November, with allocation taking place in December.

Application form

For more information on the award criteria and for an application form, please visit:

www.nordeadanmarkfonden.dk

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Grants from KVL's jubilæumsfond awarded

Grants from KVL's Jubilæumsfond were awarded on 9 April 2008 – recipients have been notified by letter. Letters of rejection will not be sent.

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Grants for researchers

The European Commission Joint Research Centre – Institute for Environment and Sustainability has launched a first call for expressions of interest for scholarships for:

- Junior researchers (Cat. 20)
- Researchers with a PhD or equivalent experience (Cat. 30)
- Senior researchers (Cat. 40)

These grants are aimed at developing training and mobility opportunities.

You can find more information and the list of 39 available positions at <http://ies.jrc.cec.eu.int/callgrant.html>

Note that some positions focus on life-cycle thinking and related applications, such as:

- IES-300817 - Land-use and ecosystem impacts in life-cycle assessments
- IES-300820 - Life-cycle based sustainability indicators

Please also note that only applications sent to the mailbox of the project selected will be considered as valid.

The deadline for this first call is 4 April 2008.

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Research funds etc.

Current deadlines

- [EU 7th framework programme](#)
- [Danish EU funds](#)
- [Other EU funds](#)
- [Other funding opportunities](#)
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