



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Life at LIFE

Become a Green Ambassador at LIFE

Back in December in eLIFE we encouraged anyone who was interested to volunteer as a Green Ambassador. This resulted in seven people putting down their names, but there must be more of you! The campaign is about to start, and we ask again: Wouldn't you like to become involved?

From 23 February until 8 March we are all going to learn to switch off – the lights, our computer screens, coffee machines and all the other energy-consuming machines that surround us at work. On 23 February, the 'Grøn Gerning' (Green Deed) campaign will be launched. The campaign is intended to encourage employees and students to think about their daily energy consumption – and to cut down on it.

To anchor the campaign locally, we need a network of Green Ambassadors to serve as departmental anchorpersons during the campaign period. Not a lot is expected of the Green Ambassadors. Their primary job is to ensure that their colleagues are informed about the key points of the campaign, for example at a departmental meeting. As the departmental anchorperson, the Green Ambassador is also responsible for reporting the efforts of his or her department to the campaign secretariat so the department can join the competition for a gastronomic treat at Meyers Madhus or one of the other great prizes.

It doesn't take much – but has considerable impact. We don't need to change our daily habits a great deal for the University of Copenhagen to save huge sums on its energy budget. Experts reckon that the university can cut its energy budget by 4-5 per cent if everyone adopts better energy habits. This corresponds to at least 7-8 million kroner a year, money which could certainly be better spent on research and education.

As a thank-you for the Green Deed – and for 'leading the way' – the Green Ambassadors will be given an eco-friendly shake torch.

Do a Green Deed and become a Green Ambassador. You can register at www.groengerning.ku.dk/tilmelding (Danish only).

At the website you can read what it is involved in being a Green Ambassador, and you can also see the names of those who have already signed up.

At LIFE, Henrik R.R. Boch, Buildings & Maintenance, is anchorman for the campaign.

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Exercise at IHE during working hours

Employees at the Department of Human Nutrition (IHE) now have a new tool with which to improve their work environment for greater social interaction, fewer days off sick and less stress – they are being allowed to engage in exercise during working hours.

To boost job satisfaction for the employees, Head of Department Arne Astrup and PhD student Nikolaj Ture Gregersen have joined forces to introduce the scheme.

In practice, it involves the employees incorporating exercise into their daily lives, for example by changing an ordinary meeting to a 'running meeting' or a 'cycling meeting', but it also means that you can go for a run or a walk if you have come to a standstill at work and need to take a break. The scheme also includes two weekly runs. Here, two groups of runners each run at a different pace, but where focus is on the social aspect rather than trying to run as fast as possible. Several employees have already welcomed the scheme and more are expected to follow suit.

Together with the department's healthy lunch scheme, the exercise scheme constitutes an important element in branding IHE as a modern enterprise where international-class research is combined with increased focus on the health and well-being of employees.

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Finally there stood a castle of knowledge

The act had been passed, the siting of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University at Frederiksberg irrevocably decided with the purchase of the property Villa Rolighed, and the location of the main building in the grounds was finally fixed – albeit only after quite a lot of initial disagreement – and the building work could at last commence.

After the building commission had rejected several brick samples, it was decided to send the knowledgeable and reliable Boesen to the brickworks around Flensborg to start negotiations on the delivery of 1,500,000 bricks and 23,000 black-glazed roofing tiles. Negotiations were also conducted with a skilled contractor to excavate the plot, a reputable bricklayer and carpenter was found, and negotiations commenced with various iron foundries on casting the iron window frames.

Gradually everything fell into place, and on 26 August 1856 the plot for the main building was dug and laid with field stone, the carpenters were busy preparing timber, and the bricklayers had started to lay the foundations. The construction work went incredibly fast, and despite periods with frost when it was impossible to build, the topping-out ceremony was held on 5 January 1857. Now the bricklayers could start on the other buildings such as the north and south wings, the riding school, stables and smithys etc. Eight journeymen worked on pointing the roof of the main building, others were involved in installing the iron windows and the plumber was also busy, so that by 23 March 1857 the outside of the building was complete.

There were lots of issues that needed resolving about the size and layout of the Gardens, about the riding ground 'Ridebanen' (now Grønnegårdsplænen), about the roads and paths in the area and important questions about how to enclose the 700-alen-long (440 m) stretch along the newly laid Bülowsvej. Solid iron fencing cost the net amount of 8 rix-dollars per alen (1 alen = 0.6277 m), a steel wire fence 3 rix-dollars per alen, while a juniper fence was a much cheaper solution. Funds were running short, so, after a vote, it was finally decided to opt for the juniper stakes with a hawthorn hedge. To save further on costs, attempts had been made to tow the iron gateway at the entrance to Frederiksberg Allé to the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, but this was unsuccessful so the gate now stands at the entrance to Søndermarken. One very far-sited move, perhaps excessively so, was the construction of a small wooden hut right beside one of the wings of the main building which served as a so-called explosion building in which special and hazardous chemical experiments could be performed.

In January 1858, the work had reached the fitting-out and decoration of the large reading room, today known as 1-01 or Festauditoriet, the main lecture hall. Hilker's plans for decorating the reading room and the main foyer circulated between the commission's members and was agreed with an estimated price of 3,000 rix-dollars, and the decorating work started soon after. The sculptor C.C. Peters was asked to produce a sketch for a relief in the foyer which was accepted, and work on this also got underway.

Lots of final details needed addressing, some of the tiles which had been crookedly laid needed relaying, shoddy building work was discovered on one corner because the builders had been poorly supervised, but it was still possible to inaugurate the university on the appointed day on 24 August 1858, only 2½ years after the Act was passed, which all in all was an incredibly impressive achievement.

Back then, and which has since become the custom with all public building work, the original amount granted for the work was exceeded as the final price amounted to 187,409 rix-dollars, i.e. an over-expenditure of 17,409 rix-dollars. Today, any developer would be proud of only exceeding the budget by a mere 10 per cent, but back then it was quite a different matter. The building commission refused to assume responsibility as work had been carried out for which the commission had not given the go-ahead, and some of the work the commission did not even know about, so finally the Director of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Professor C.F. Fenger, took responsibility.

Finally the great day arrived, 24 August 1858. The college was festively decorated for the occasion with a triumphal arch and myrtle in tubs at the entrance to the main building and Dannebrog flags flying from the rooves. Even HM King Frederik VII was invited, and graciously agreed to participate in the festivities together with members of the Court. Other honoraries invited included all the ministers (except Geheimeraad Unsgaard, who had fallen ill), several high-ranking military officers, numerous civil servants, the Bishop of Zealand, the Commissioner of the Copenhagen Police, municipal councillors, scientists, artists, many members of parliament, or the Rigsdag as it was known back then, several veterinary surgeons, farmers, foresters and we must not forget the gardeners as well as many of the new students.

HM the King and his party were received in the foyer by the Director of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, and after the Director had said a few words to HM the King, everyone present moved into the ceremonial hall which had been adorned for the occasion. Before his death, Bindsbøll had discreetly measured the size of the king's sizeable posterior and had designed a special chair which can still be found at the Faculty, standing in the former Senate's conference room.

The Director, Professor Fenger, gave the principal speech, and the students' association paid tribute to the king with a verse written by Carl Ploug:

Hail Thee, noble Danish King,
Who created this Castle of Knowledge!
If only You could see, originating from here
A lustre around Your Memory!

And may the Sceptre which God gave You,
Bear Fruit like Aaron's Rod!
And may the Time, until God calls for You,
Become a golden Age for Denmark!

There wasn't a dry eye in the room, and afterwards the king was given a tour of the new Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University. What the king had done for the college, over and above signing the act, is not known with certainty, but he was very shocked about the over-expenditure. He certainly did not believe that the Treasury should foot the bill because Finance Minister Krieger had that very same day refused to pay for the cleaning of the lake at the king's castle in Glücksborg, his reason being that the Realm was short of funds. No, it was the good old Countess of Danner, who was used to pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for the king, who smoothly closed all the loopholes. So everything ended happily, and Director Fenger could wipe the sweat from his brow and start the business of running his new, large educational institution.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener

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Announcements

Current courses on offer for technical administration staff

Do you want to be better at project management? Then perhaps you have considered doing LIFE's project management course, which has been offered for 5 years now – with huge success.

The next course, which will take place in autumn 2009, will be announced soon.

But if you can't wait, then PUMA also has various courses on offer.

The registration deadlines for the following courses are all in the next four weeks, so make sure to register today before it's too late!

There are still places available on the following courses:

Start date / Title

25/2 [Project management module A](#) (in Danish) with an introduction to the PRINCE2 method
- deadline 21/1

9/3 [Stress handling - job satisfaction in a busy workplace](#) (in Danish)- register by 2/2

10/3 [Efficient note and minutes-taking techniques](#) (in Danish) - register by 3/2

11/3 [Case-handling course](#) (in Danish) - register by 28/1

11/3 [The role of project participant](#) (in Danish) - register by 4/2

- see also the courses listed (in Danish) under [KU systemer og procedurer](#):

20/1 International area – introduction to case-handling and Fønix (in Danish)

3/2 Fønix Introduction (in Danish)

23/2 Fønix Staff Group System (in Danish)

24/2 ScanPas – data input and extracts (in Danish)

2/3 Basic bookkeeping course (in Danish)

- see also [Language - English courses](#) (in Danish) starting with:

3/3 Service English for administrative employees (in Danish)

You can find all the courses which are being offered here: www.kursuskatalog.ku.dk.

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Information on new borrower IDs for the Library

Faculty of Life Sciences Library has changed the user interface to the library catalogue, Agroline. From now on the library books and journals should be searched in REX via <http://search.kb.dk>

The new user interface gives remot access to not only LIFE's library resources but also to the information resources that are provided by all libraries of Copenhagen University.

In this connection it is necessary to change the borrower identity for all library users.

In January all students and employees have received a personal e-mail about changing the borrower identity at Faculty of Life Sciences Library. The new borrowerID can be used at all libraries of University of Copenhagen and at The Royal Library.

From February 1, students and employees can use the new ID to get access to millions of articles in full text, searchable in REX, <http://search.kb.dk>. You can also find the link to REX at the library web page.

Employees have by mail received a 6-digit number as the borrower ID. Employees are asked to fill out a form and add their institutional address to ensure delivery of library loans. This formular can be found at <https://login.kb.dk/kbuser/regguide?>

Students will have to use the Danish CPR-number as the borrowerID. Students can't change their address themselves, hence this information is transferred from the National Registry.

The borrowerID is connected to a pincode. Both employees and students are advised to change the pincode into another code, familiar to themselves only.

If you in addition to the remote access also want to activate your borrowerID for loans, please contact Faculty of Life Sciences Library, tel. 35 33 21 45, bvfb@life.ku.dk

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What do you know about plagiarism?

On Tuesday 27 January 2009 at 1.30 -3.30 pm, an after-work meeting is being held about plagiarism in the main lecture hall at Bülowsvej 17.

Among things, there will be a presentation by Morten Rosenmeier, a lawyer and Chairman of the Committee for the Protection of Scientific Work (UBVA), entitled 'What is Plagiarism?'.

The target group is primarily lecturers at LIFE, but anyone interested is welcome. Come along and hear how you can help your students avoid falling into the plagiarism trap.

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Lecture series: Pioneering Danish scientists

The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters is inviting anyone interested to attend its lecture series in spring 2009: The latest from the world of science with the theme 'Pioneering Danish Scientists' (Banebrydende danske videnskabsfolk). The lectures will be held (in Danish) in the Society's auditorium at H.C. Andersens Boulevard 35, 3rd floor, Copenhagen.

Monday 2 February, 7.30 pm: Hanne Andersen: Niels Bohr and his story.

Monday 16 February, 7.30 pm: Søren Gregersen: Inge Lehmann – a female geoscientist in a man's world.

Monday 2 March, 7.30 pm: Finn Colin: Harald Høffding and the scientification of philosophy.

Monday 16 March, 7.30 pm: Kaj Sand Jensen: August Krogh – star biologist.

Monday 30 March, 7.30 pm: Michael Harbsmeier: Carsten Niebuhr and the journey to Arabia Felix.

Doors open at 7 pm.

Free admission passes are available two weeks before each lecture from the central libraries in Frederiksberg, Copenhagen, Gentofte, Gladsaxe, Vanløse and from the Royal Library (The Black Diamond) or by contacting Reception at the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, H.C. Andersens Boulevard, between 9 am and 4 pm.

Anyone arriving without an admission pass will be offered any available seats.

An in-depth description of the talks as well as photographs of the speakers can be found at www.royalacademy.dk

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Offer to University of Copenhagen employees and students: discount theatre tickets

At the end of March and the beginning of April, the amateur theatre company Ex Machina is performing 'Like a Virgin – Klassefesten'. In the performance we meet year 10 students from class 10B at 'Suburban Upper Secondary School' 24 years after they left school. All the archetypes are there: The class queen, the class comedian, the nerd, the cry-baby and all the other characters we will recognise from our own days at school – and Anette has prepared the perfect party. It's going to be just as friendly as it was back then, and nothing will stand in the way of the joyful reunion.

But what about Kim, who no longer wants to be the class clown? Or Anne-Mette, who is not pretty any more? Or Gitte, with the suspiciously large bosom? Or Ken, the lad who has so much to show off that he actually needs his own party? Or Søren, the class's famous son, who comes all the way from Cuba and with his very own agenda?

What happens once they have downed the punch? Once the anecdotes have been told? Once the songs have been sung and the old friendships revived? Then the real party starts, but not the party that Anette had planned. Children can be so spiteful to one another ...

There are many different themes to the performance, and it therefore makes a good starting point for a debate or discussion, for example about confronting your past, the urge to show that you have moved on in life, bullying or what actually happens to all the dreams you have when the school bell rings for the last time and the world is at your doorstep ... But you can also choose to see this performance and its eternal truths simply for its entertainment value.

The play is being performed in the crypt of Kapernaumskirken at Frederikssundsvej 45 in Copenhagen NV on 23, 24 and 27 March at 7 pm and on 28 March at 3 pm as well as in Valby Kulturhus at Toftegaards Plads on 4 and 5 April at 3 pm and on 7 and 8 April at 7 pm.

Tickets cost DKK 50 each. However, we are also offering the chance to buy a performance where all the seats are at your disposal. At Kapernaumskirken, there is space for 40 people, and here the price for an 'exclusive performance' is DKK 1,500, while in Valby Kulturhus, where the price is DKK 1,800, there is seating for 55 people.

If you would like to purchase an exclusive performance, it is possible to see it on either 25 or 26 March in Kapernaumskirken or on 6 April in Valby Kulturhus, in addition to the dates listed above. If you choose to buy an entire performance, the start time can more or less be tailored to meet your requirements.

If you are interested, you are very welcome to contact us, either via our website www.exmachina.dk or on tel. 25 32 91 16.

Ex Machina is an amateur theatre group based at Teater Huset in central Copenhagen. We improvise, 'play' and prepare various productions and theatrical pieces.

Amateur theatre group Ex Machina

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Free suffering – Run a marathon with LIFE ‘Running on Natural Resources’

The 2009 Copenhagen Marathon is set for May 24 and, again this year, the Union of Natural Resource Students encourages all students and staff at LIFE to participate.

Sparta, the organiser of the Copenhagen Marathon, sponsors free participation for all students. Unfortunately, the discount only applies to students; technical/administrative and scientific/academic staff must pay to participate.

LIFE will sponsor a nice running T-shirt for the first 50 participants to register.

No need to fear if you can't complete the marathon. There is no shame in that. But if you want to do well, you can find [marathon training programmes at this site](#).

We will begin with an introduction event where an experienced marathon runner will give tips and tricks for training and the race itself. We will follow up with a series of joint training days up to the big day in May. You can find more information on the joint Netforum list.

If you are a student and you want to defend the Faculty's honour, you can sign up on our [Marathon 2009 list here](#). The list also contains information on how you can register officially for the marathon.

Staff can send an email to frederikck@dsr.life.ku.dk stating an interest in registration. And make sure [to register here](#). Enter KU-LIFE as your company name.

Naturally, you are also welcome to come to the introduction event at no obligation, where it will also be possible to become a member of the group.

See you there!

Sofie Louise Sørensen
Frederik Clauson-Kaas

You can find more information on the marathon, other races and thousands of other useful things at <http://www.copenhagenmarathon.dk>

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Latest courses for scientific/academic staff offered by PUMA

Do you want to be better at project management? Perhaps you have considered taking LIFE's project management course, which has been offered for five years now – with huge success.

The next course to take place in autumn 2009 and will be announced soon.

But if you can't wait, then PUMA has a special offer.

[Projektledelse for forskere](#) (project management for researchers – in Danish):

– Module 1: Basic Project Management Tools

25-27 February – deadline for registration 22 January

or 16-18 March – deadline for registration 4 February

The courses are external courses without accommodation in Copenhagen City with instructors from Implement A/S.

[Come to the information meeting](#): 15 January, 3-5 pm

– register at puma-info@adm.ku.dk or just show up at the meeting!

Courses in English:

– see also [Sprog - engelskkurser](#) (Languages – English-language courses) starting on:

23 February: Scientific Writing – registration deadline 19 January

4 March: English for Academic Lecturers – registration deadline 28 January

4 March: Conversational English – registration deadline 28 January

Find the courses offered for the entire year here: www.kursuskatalog.ku.dk.

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Education

FN's Newsletter January 2009

Grey, windy and wet – aptly describes the weather in January.

But despite the depressing weather, we are naturally all looking forward to a fun examination session.

Here is some news (in Danish) about what is going on in FN – your academic association: [FN's e-newsletter for January 2009](#).

In this issue, you can read about:

- News from the union chair
- We students blog with the business community
- Course evaluations
- NOGS' big fishing trip
- Galla 2009
- Bingo in FNIS

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FNAT January 2009

FNAT is here.

Read about:

- The students' kitchen gardens at LIFE
- The new year structure
- Two weeks in Bulgaria

and much, much more, in an exciting and colourful edition of FNAT.

Find it in the lobby, read it here [FNAT January 2009](#) or [read it online](#) (in Danish).

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Absalon meeting for International Students at Life – Information and demonstration – 28 January

LIFE will introduce Absalon as the common communication and learning platform at the start of block three. With the change to Absalon, LIFE joins the rest of the University of Copenhagen in using one common platform.

To smooth the transition, the IT Learning Centre will give a demonstration of Absalon and introduce you to the various Absalon functions that can be useful to students. We will also provide information on how to log on to the system and show you where to find additional online help in Absalon.

The meeting will take place on 28 January at 9 am in lecture hall 1-01, building 1.01, Bülowsvej 17. We expect the demonstration to take two to three hours, depending on the number of questions.

We look forward to seeing you.

IT Learning Centre

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Take a green course

'Find your dangerous trees', 'Theme day on lawn care' and 'Urban planning and climate change' – these are just some of the courses offered in spring 2009 by Forest & Landscape to practitioners and planners within the green area.

The course catalogue for spring from Forest & Landscape at the University of Copenhagen is now available. The programme contains a wide range of courses, theme days and conferences within the subject areas of forestry, parks, landscape conservation and outdoor life.

Forest & Landscape conference at Odense Congress Center

The first event of the year is the [Forest & Landscape Conference](#) (in Danish) on 28 January. This year's theme is 'The new roles of nature, forest and landscape in the welfare society'. The conference will also include a panel debate on the highly topical subject of forestry close to nature and economics.

Nature communication, green partnerships and the sustainable cemetery

This spring, Forest & Landscape will also be offering a number of courses, theme days and conferences aimed at communicating useful knowledge from our research to practitioners and planners.

You can read more about individual events on [Forest & Landscape's website](#), where you can also register online.

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Staff news

New consultant for chemical work environments at LIFE

From January 2009, LIFE has again filled the position of consultant for chemical work environments. Maj-Britt K. Stærfeldt is LIFE's new consultant in chemical work environments and she will be working at Buildings & Maintenance with Rikke M. Fatum. Maj-Britt can be contacted at mbks@life.ku.dk and ext. 32087.

Maj-Britt has a BSc in biochemistry and is a trained lab technician. She has experience as a research lab technician at DTU and as laboratory coordinator/head of safety at BRIC, University of Copenhagen. Thus, she is very well acquainted with the university community and daily life in the laboratory. Over the years, she has developed an interest in working full time with work environment, so she is pleased to have this opportunity at LIFE.

Please welcome Maj-Britt, who is very much looking forward to getting to know LIFE!

Rikke Fatum, Head of Working Environment

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Research

Register for the international climate research congress in Copenhagen on 10-12 March 2009. Reduced price until 16 January!

How will the climate develop? What problems and opportunities will arise? How should society, businesses and researchers work together to meet the climate challenge?

Find these answers and more at the international scientific congress 'Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges & Decisions' on 10-12 March, where ten of the world's leading universities will bring together the best and most well-versed minds within the world of climate change to make their knowledge available to politicians and businesses.

Thousands of leading researchers – also from the University of Copenhagen – within their own individual climate focus areas, from green technology, transport and bioenergy to science, humanities, safety, financial and legal aspects of climate change, will be participating in the climate research congress.

The climate issue will be addressed in nearly 60 sessions with researchers from more than 70 countries. A great deal has happened in climate research over the past couple of years. But we do not have a complete overview

of the vast amount of knowledge that has developed since the publishing of the report from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in early 2007. The researchers will provide a comprehensive overview for the world's decision makers to give them the most up-to-date knowledge base when they negotiate a new global climate agreement in Copenhagen in December. The results of the congress will be delivered to the decision makers at the UN Climate Summit COP15, according to agreement with the Danish government as host of COP15.

There are many excellent reasons for participating in the congress:

Meet climate researchers from all over the world
Hear the latest climate knowledge within all areas
Meet representatives from leading companies working with climate issues

Who will speak at the congress?

Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Chair of the IPCC; Lord Nicholas Stern, London School of Economics; Professor John Schellnhuber; Professor Dan Kammen, Berkeley; José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission; Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Danish Prime Minister; Connie Hedegaard, Danish Minister for Climate and Energy; Helge Sander, Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation and many, many more.

[See the entire programme here.](#)

Who may participate?

Everyone is welcome! Researchers, businesses, NGOs, government officials, politicians etc. [Just register here.](#) Registration is possible until the opening of the congress on 10 March, but the registration fee is reduced until 16 January 2009.

Eight companies and organisations are supporting the congress with star sponsorships: COWI, Confederation of Danish Industries, DONG Energy, Maersk Oil, Novozymes, Rockwool, VELUX and Vestas.

The congress is organised by the University of Copenhagen in collaboration with the nine other universities throughout the world that make up the International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU): Australian National University, ETH Zurich, National University of Singapore, Peking University, University of California – Berkeley, University of Cambridge, University of Copenhagen, University of Oxford, University of Tokyo and Yale University

Please refer any questions to the Climate Secretariat at the University of Copenhagen:

Charlotte Brix Andersen, head of section: +45 2875 4104 or email chba@adm.ku.dk.

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Grants

Danish-America Foundation & Fulbright Commission Grants for the USA – application deadline: 4 March 2009

The Danish-America Foundation & the Fulbright Commission offer Denmark's largest range of scholarships for graduate university study and/or research in the USA.

The spring deadline for study or research grants for the academic year 2009-2010 is:

4 March 2009 at 12.00 noon

The application form is available on our website: www.wemakeithappen.dk (under 'Legater').

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Dyrlæge Hans Peter Christensens Mindelegat – application deadline: 16 February

Of the interest accrued from Veterinary Surgeon Hans Peter Christensen's Memorial Grant, DKK 60,000 will be distributed in one or more grants.

The grant is awarded primarily to active Danish veterinary surgeons who wish to improve their knowledge and skills to benefit their work in farming by studying at foreign veterinary institutions.

In special cases, the grant may be awarded to lecturers at LIFE and/or to veterinary science researchers in Denmark or abroad.

Veterinary surgeons working within the fields of meat, dairy or other food control may also be considered in special cases.

Applications must be made using a form downloaded from LIFE's website and must be sent to the Faculty of Life Sciences, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, DK-1870 Frederiksberg C by 16 February 2009 at the latest.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.