



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Life at LIFE

LIFE at Roskilde

A group of natural resources students represented LIFE at this year's Roskilde Festival.

They wandered the festival grounds with a handcart, offering guests a glass of bioethanol and a chat about the benefits of the sustainable, plant-based fuel.

The bioethanol cart became very popular during the festival, and it is easy to see why when you look at the photos.

There was also a quiz, which a lot of people had fun answering.

On the final day, they were interviewed by Danish Broadcasting Corporation's P3 radio station. The team managed to bike home a song by Radiohead and got the chance to talk about their project. The whole aim was to promote LIFE in a cool way!

The natural resources students at Roskilde were: Ida Iversen Engelund, Sofie Louise Sørensen, Stine Holst, Adam Bank Lentz, Andreas Carstensen and Christian Jürgensen.

Their participation was sponsored by LIFE and Novozymes.

Announcements

Danish courses for international employees

The CIP Course Catalogue: http://cip.ku.dk/english/course_catalogue/
Language training services for employees and students at the University of Copenhagen.

Climate Lecture by Dr Mathew J. Burrows

Climate Lecture no. 17 will take place on Monday 7 September 2009, 5-6 pm in Alexandersalen.

[Dr Mathew J. Burrows](#) is a member of the US National Intelligence Council (NIC) and is the principal author of the NIC publication *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World* published in November last year. In his lecture, Dr Burrows will speak about climate change as a key challenge for global society towards the year 2025.

The lecture is organised in cooperation with the Danish Foreign Policy Society.

Please note that the lecture will take place in Alexandersalen, Bispetorvet 3, 1167 Copenhagen K, and because seating is limited, registration is required. Register at:

http://climate.ku.dk/Climate_Lectures/registerforlecturebymathewburrows/

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Can I carry over holiday to next year?

This is just one of many questions to which you can find the answer in the Staff Handbook. The Staff Handbook makes it easy for you to search for information on the rules, guidelines and agreements that apply to employment at LIFE, e.g. maternity/paternity leave, working environment and competency development. You can find the [Staff Handbook](#) on the [Staff portal](#). And if you want to suggest new articles, you are more than welcome to contact Karen Vestergaard Petersen, HR, kvp@life.ku.dk.

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AEU: Course on EU research projects and Seminar on part-time education

[Course on EU research projects](#) – 30 September-2 October 2009 – registration deadline: 21 August

[Seminar on part-time education](#) – 3-4 November 2009 – registration deadline: 18 September

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London calling: Carbon-neutral films at LIFE

The world's first carbon-neutral cultural and music festival [CO2PENHAGEN](#), invites LIFE students and staff to an evening of free films in LIFE's old greenhouse in collaboration with the SHORT & SWEET short film festival from London. The mayor of Frederiksberg will be biking to make carbon-friendly smoothies for the guests.

[CO2PENHAGEN](#) – the world's first carbon-neutral music festival taking place on 5-6 September in Copenhagen – invites LIFE students and staff to an evening of free films run on green energy with [SHORT & SWEET](#) short films directly from London. The event will take place in the beautiful greenhouse in the LIFE Gardens in the middle of Frederiksberg on 14 August, 6 pm-12 midnight.

In line with CO2PENHAGEN's philosophy of sustainability, the entire event will run on green energy. The projector is driven by a second-generation bioethanol generator, and the organic smoothies are made using special electric bicycles to generate electricity for the blenders.

To lead the way on this green journey, the mayor of Frederiksberg, Jørgen Glenthøj (K), will inaugurate the electric bikes, producing power for free smoothies for the first guests.

SHORT & SWEET is a weekly film event that brings award-winning short films, experimental music videos and underground animation films from all over the world to film lovers in London. As an appetiser to CO2PENHAGEN, SHORT & SWEET will be bringing a selection of their best short films with them to Frederiksberg. As is tradition for the weekly London event, the films to be shown are a secret, but they will include shorts by directors Spike Jonze (*Being John Malkovich*), Smith & Foulkes (*This Way Up*) and others.

Julia Stephenson, the organiser of [SHORT & SWEET](#) in London, promises an extraordinary film experience.

"[SHORT & SWEET](#) and [CO2PENHAGEN](#) will be showing a selection of both old and new films from all over the world by established directors as well as newcomers. You will be taken on a journey and leave here filled with inspiration and uplifted by having explored your own imagination. You are also guaranteed to make a new friend," says Julia Stephenson.

Katrine Vejby, one of the driving forces behind CO2PENHAGEN, is looking forward to the evening with SHORT & SWEET, which is a prelude to the CO2PENHAGEN festival itself on 5-6 September.

"At SHORT & SWEET you are always guaranteed to see some very inspiring and innovative films. In much the same way, CO2PENHAGEN is an innovative approach to how culture can be experienced. Art, music and films can easily be carbon-neutral," concludes Katrine Vejby.

The evening will start at 6 pm and end at midnight. Guests will be welcomed with delicious barbecued food and free fruit smoothies made from the best organic produce from AARSTIDERNE. The background music will be provided by DJ Henrik Milling from the Danish Broadcasting Corporation's P3 radio station. The films will start at dusk at 9 pm. And at the end of the showing, the music will pick up where it left off. In-between the films and the music the CO2PENHAGEN festival will be presented.

So come and enjoy a unique film experience with great music on an idyllic and green late-summer evening.

Admission is free.

Venue:
Café Væksthuset
Grønnegårdsvej
1870 Frederiksberg C

Date: 14 August, 6 pm-12 midnight

For more information about the event and the festival, please contact Kristoffer Holm Pedersen, Communications Officer, on tel.: +45 6080 9394 or by email: kristoffer@co2penhagen.com.

CO2PENHAGEN: www.co2penhagen.com
SHORT & SWEET: www.shortandsweet.tv
AARSTIDERNE: www.aarstiderne.com

CO2PENHAGEN is the world's first music and art festival to get all its energy from sustainable energy sources. The festival will take place at the Technical University of Denmark on 5-6 September. At CO2PENHAGEN, the latest climate technology will be used to produce music, art and unique experiences – without impacting the

climate. Festival contributors include the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP).

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Project: The Intercultural Classroom at LIFE

LIFE is experiencing an increase in the number of international activities, which is leading to a changing learning environment that must be addressed. Therefore in the past year, we gave two very rewarding seminars on teaching in an intercultural classroom at LIFE. To satisfy the wishes of the teachers who attended these seminars, a project has been launched to gather all the experience that has already been gained at LIFE. Teachers, international students and Danish students have been interviewed in an effort to find the best possible way to interact in an intercultural classroom. Many good examples have come out of this, and we want to share them with all interested parties.

LIFE is not the only institution focusing on positive internationalisation. Hanne Tange, Associate Professor and PhD from the Department of Language and Business Communication, Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University, has spent the past couple of years researching how teachers view internationalisation and how it can be implemented in a suitable way. She also interviewed staff from LIFE as part of the project and will be presenting her preliminary findings.

You will also hear about best practice on how to organise teaching in an intercultural classroom as well as pitfalls and success stories by teachers at LIFE. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues and discuss and share common experiences.

Programme:

2.00 pm Project findings: The intercultural classroom at LIFE, by Cecilie Bech Lindgren

2.45 pm Internationalisation and teachers, by Hanne Tange

3.30 pm Questions and discussion – sharing experiences

The seminar will take place in English if non-Danish speaking participants are present.

Date: 19 August

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Room 1-15, Bülowsvej 17

Sign up by sending an email to Cecilie Bech Lindgren (cbli@life.ku.dk) by 17 August.

You are welcome to join us even though you did not attend the “How to teach in an Intercultural Classroom” seminar or participate in the “Intercultural Classroom” project.

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Education

School Services and Upper Secondary School Visits

To promote young people’s interest in the natural and life science study programmes, LIFE has been very active for many years in the area of pre-recruitment.

Two of our most popular initiatives – School Services and Upper Secondary School Visits – are now open for registration for the 2009/10 school year:

School Services at the University of Copenhagen invites students and teachers in years 7-10 to participate in eight different exercises within the natural, health and life sciences at FARMA, SCIENCE and LIFE – see more at www.life.ku.dk/skoletjenesten (in Danish).

LIFE's Upper Secondary School Visits offer 80 exercises and lectures at the Faculty, 13 exercises that take place at upper secondary schools, three-day student internships and seven exercises plus 100 ideas for line of study projects for upper secondary school students, students at technical schools, higher preparatory exam students and higher commercial exam students.

Read more at www.life.ku.dk/gymnasie (in Danish).

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Staff news

Tina Lewis appointed new head of secretariat and Michala Bretling appointed administrative officer at the Management Secretariat

Business Manager Tina Lewis, Business Affairs, will also act as head of the Management Secretariat when Ulla Brinch leaves us for a management position at Deloitte Business Consulting.

Because Tina Lewis will continue in her position as head of Business Affairs, work is in progress to organise the future work distribution. Over the years, Tina Lewis has proven that she possesses the competencies and staff management skills to produce good results, and she has excellent knowledge of LIFE and LIFE's key persons.

On Monday 1 September, Michala Bretling will take up a position as administrative officer at the Management Secretariat. Michala Bretling is currently a consultant at the University of Copenhagen's Climate Secretariat.

Lykke Hindsgaul will continue as secretary for CLF.

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Six professorial inaugurations and a 25th anniversary – Professor Birger Lindberg Møller

On Monday 24 August 2009, 1.00-5.30 pm in lecture hall 3.14 on Thorvaldsensvej, you are invited to attend inaugural lectures by six new professors at the Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology – [read the invitation here](#).

Professor Birger Lindberg Møller will also be celebrating his 25th anniversary.

Everyone is welcome.

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40th anniversary: Senior Associate Professor H.E. Lundager Madsen, IGM

In celebration of Senior Associate Professor H.E. Lundager Madsen's 40th anniversary, a reception will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2009, 2-4 pm at Thorvaldsensvej 40, stairwell 8, 5th floor, room R547.

Everyone is welcome.

Susanne Sørensen, Head of Department

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Research

New collaboration to develop management system

The Animal Production Group at the Department of Large Animal Sciences has received a grant of more than DKK 6 million over the next three years from the subsidy scheme under the auspices of the Danish Innovation Act for the Food Sector to develop a new management system in collaboration with Danish Pig Production (DSP), TNM A/S and the Danish Agricultural Advisory Service.

[Read the press release](#) (in Danish)

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DM's research prizes 2009

In 2009 the Danish Association of Masters and PhDs (DM) will be awarding two research prizes in the natural sciences and humanities. The deadline for submission of nominations is 16 October. Each prize comes with a cheque for DKK 50,000.

The winners will be announced and the prizes conferred at DM on 25 November 2009.

For more information about DM's research prizes visit www.dm.dk/forskningspriser (in Danish).

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World-class Danish food science research

An international evaluation panel of 13 recognised European researchers has complimented the Danish food science universities, including LIFE, for the developments Danish food science research has undergone in the past 15 years – evolving from a number of small, scattered research units into one joint collaborative unit with research competencies that inspire the entire food research community both in Europe and globally.

[Read the press release](#) (in Danish)

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Research Programme on Biological Resources in Agriculture

The 2010 Cooperative Research Programme's Campaign has been launched on the website:

www.oecd.org/agriculture/crp

- The deadline for research fellowship applications is 31 August 2009
- The deadline for conference applications is 30 September 2009

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The Danish Research Network – Conference 2009

This year's Danish Research Network Conference: Use it – share it! will take place at the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions School (LO-skolen) in Helsingør, north of Copenhagen, on 17-18 November 2009.

The Danish Research Network is the users' network. In 2008, the network connection was upgraded to a high-speed optical connection with a capacity of 10 Gbit/s, making world-class research, collaboration and communication possible. Therefore, the focus of this year's conference will be how to make the most of the new network connection.

Info:

The Danish Research Network Conference 2009

Programme and registration: www.forskningsnettet.dk/konferencer/2009

The Danish Research Network: www.forskningsnettet.dk

The new research network connection: www.forskningsnettet.dk/dnf

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The Carlsberg Foundation's distribution of research funds in autumn 2009

The Carlsberg Foundation supports basic research within the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.

Clinical, technical and other applied research projects fall outside the scope of the framework of the Carlsberg Foundation. Applications concerning funding for study activities, including study trips, courses at other institutions etc., will not be considered.

The Carlsberg Foundation does not award grants to PhD scholars unless they form part of a major research project of several years' duration funded by the Carlsberg Foundation.

Applications may only be submitted electronically. The Carlsberg Foundation's application form will be accessible on the foundation's website www.carlsbergfondet-online.dk in the period from Tuesday 1 September at 10 am until Thursday 1 October 2009 at 4 pm.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.