



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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The final deadline for editorial changes is Wednesday before the publication of eLIFE on Thursday.

The online newsletter may be subject to editorial changes.

As regards links in the newsletter, please refer to the Danish online version at the faculty's website http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life_internt/nyhedsbrev.aspx

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Life at LIFE

Dialogue meeting on LIFE's 2010-2014 academic strategy

On Thursday 3 September a dialogue meeting on LIFE's new academic strategy will be held for all staff and students. At the meeting, you can hear more about the ongoing strategy process at LIFE and tell the Management what you think should be at the top of LIFE's strategic agenda.

The Management is interested in your opinions and ideas about the strategy that will form the backdrop for the daily lives of staff and students at LIFE for the next five years. Including:

- Where can LIFE strengthen the University of Copenhagen, and where can the University strengthen LIFE?
- In what area should LIFE take the lead in Europe?
- What should the lab millions go to?
- Who brings the millions to LIFE?
- Which core facilities can LIFE not live without?

The participants in the dialogue meeting can discuss in groups the various sub-themes of LIFE's strategy. There will be a special group for English-speaking participants.

The Management would especially like to encourage all academic groups, faculty service offices and the academic associations to send a representative to the meeting.

The dialogue meeting will take place on Thursday 3 September 2009, 12 noon-1 pm in aud. 3-11.

[Here you can read a summary in Danish](#) of the discussion about LIFE's campus plan, including construction plans, parking and canteen facilities etc. from the dialogue meeting held on 28 May 2009. The Management is still working on these proposals.

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CPH Campus Race 2009 now open for registration

Form a team of five colleagues, fellow students or friends from the University of Copenhagen and take part in CPH Campus Race 2009. [Register here](#)

CPH Campus Race, a team bike race with challenges to solve along the way, is open to all staff and students at the University of Copenhagen. It is a unique opportunity to experience the entire University and large parts of Copenhagen from a bike. The route encompasses all faculties and campuses at the University of Copenhagen. There are watering posts along the way where each team competes for a gift voucher for Café Væksthuset, Campus beer, Bioethanol and other great prizes. The awards ceremony takes place at Café Væksthuset, where the participants are also offered refreshments.

Read more about the programme, prizes and the day at www.campusrace.ku.dk.

We look forward to seeing you for a fun afternoon on Friday 18 September.

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Five cups for Café Væksthuset

Under the headline: [Storbyoase smager af personlighed. Café Væksthuset er en veritabel oase af den helt sjældne slags og tilbereder god jævn mad med omhu af gode varer](#) (Urban oasis full of personality. Café Væksthuset is a veritable oasis of the rarest kind, serving good solid food based on good ingredients), the journalist Henrik Palle from the Danish daily *Politiken* is full of praise for Café Væksthuset in the Friday culture section 'iByen'. Henrik Palle calls the café exceedingly charming, where the 'ceiling' is high, the fare is good, the service is friendly and attentive and the surroundings fantastic.

Politiken gives the café a five-cup rating. The readers, however, are more generous – they give it six!

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Announcements

Election for the OHS organisation!

It is time to elect the occupational health and safety (OHS) groups at LIFE. The OHS groups are responsible for the working environment on a daily basis at LIFE – they are the ones to contact when staff members have questions or need assistance regarding their physical working environment. The OHS group consists of an OHS representative and a management representative.

A healthy working environment is a must for the University of Copenhagen to continue to be an attractive workplace. The OHS group is the key to ensuring a healthy working environment at the University. If you want to influence the working environment, then sign on as a candidate when it is time to elect a group in your area!

How does one become an OHS representative?

OHS representatives are elected from among all staff members without HR responsibilities within the OHS group's area. This means that heads of departments, centres and groups do not have the right to vote. 'All staff members' also includes part-time employees, casual workers, replacements, fixed-term workers, interns and others who are on the University payroll.

If you are interested and would like to influence your working environment, it is a good idea to become a representative – so contact your head if this is something for you. Employees without HR responsibilities within the OHS group's area are eligible as representatives regardless of their professional affiliation. Union membership is not a requirement.

How does one become a management representative?

The management representatives in the OHS groups are appointed by the heads of departments/units.

Normally, the manager who has direct staff contact and who directly supervises the work carried out by the unit is made a member of the OHS group. If there is more than one eligible candidate for the management representative place in the OHS group, the candidates must agree on who should be in the group. A management representative may be a member of more than one group.

At LIFE we have concluded a local agreement on the appointment of management representatives. According to this agreement, management representatives can be appointed from among all staff members with an interest in the working environment. Thus, a management representative does not necessarily have to have managerial authority or budget responsibilities. Upon the appointment of the management representative, the head of department shall, therefore, complete a letter delegating the management representative the right to negotiate directly with the head of department in areas pertaining to the working environment, any investments etc.

For more information, please visit the OHS Team's website on the OHS organisation:

http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/bygninger_drift/arbejdsmiljoe/Arbejdsmiljoeorganisation.asp
(in Danish).

Or contact your manager or OHS group.

Kind regards,
The OHS Team

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Climate Lectures this autumn

The Climate Secretariat is pleased to announce that the University of Copenhagen's Climate Lectures series will continue in the 2009 autumn semester. The lecture series has run since January 2008 when Rector of Yale University Richard C. Levin gave the first Climate Lecture on sustainability and Yale's many CO² reduction initiatives.

This semester's lectures will focus especially on the path towards the COP15 conference in December in Copenhagen, as is reflected in the number of prominent speakers who will all play a role – directly or indirectly – in connection with the negotiations.

Dates for the next semester

At this point, we can confirm the following five lectures for this autumn, although some do not have a fixed date and time yet:

- Climate Lecture 16, 2 September 2009: Hans Werner Sinn, Professor of Climate Economics
- Climate Lecture 17, 7 September 2009: Dr Mathew J. Burrows, Member of the US National Intelligence Council (NIC)
- Climate Lecture 18, 16 September 2009: Tony Long, Director of WWF European Policy Office
- Climate Lecture 19, 1 October 2009: Professor Diana Liverman, Director of the Environmental Change Institute, Oxford
- Climate Lecture 20, 1 December 2009: Dr Rajendra K. Pachauri, IPCC Chairman

Focus: Climate and Security

We would also like to call your attention to the lecture on 7 September by Dr Mathew J. Burrows on the key role that climate change will play in relation to global security. His lecture takes as its point of departure the NIC publication 'Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World', published in November last year.

Read more about this lecture and register at http://klima.ku.dk/kalender/climate_lecture17/, and remember it is always possible to see the complete list at http://klima.ku.dk/climate_lectures/.

Further information

If you have any questions pertaining to the above or to the Climate Lectures series in general, please feel free to contact Mikael Valsted Sørensen at the Climate Secretariat by email: MVAL@adm.ku.dk or tel.: +45 3532 4107. It is, of course, also possible to read more about the University of Copenhagen's climate initiatives at our climate site: <http://klima.ku.dk>.

Please note that the list may be subject to changes and updates without warning, e.g. when more Climate Lectures are confirmed. We, therefore, recommend that everyone keep up-to-date on the Climate Lecture speakers throughout the autumn. Registration may be required for some events.

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CBS Campus Relay 2009

Invitation to all staff and students at LIFE from CBS:

Time to put on those running shoes! CBS' annual relay race starts on 15 September 2009 at 3.20 pm.

[See the whole programme here](#)

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Classroom booking for Block 1 is now complete

It is now possible to see the classroom allocations for Block 1: <http://skema.ku.dk/life0910/dk/>.

Due to illness among the Room Administration staff, the new room booking system and the increased student intake and resulting capacity problems, it has not been an easy puzzle to solve. Consequently, we have not been able to fulfil everyone's wishes with regard to classrooms. We have, wherever possible, given priority to classes taking place in the same room all day, but this means that some classes will have to be moved to new rooms from week to week.

We ask for your understanding if you have not been allocated the rooms you requested. We have done the best we could under the circumstances.

Lone Zeeberg Nielsen, Head of Campus

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Can both parents take a child's sick day at the same time?

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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Parking wardens can find stolen bikes

A new little chip mounted on your bicycle can help you get it back if it is stolen. The City of Copenhagen will be handing out 5,000 free chips over the summer, and the next time will be on 28 August, 3-8 pm at Israels Plads.

All you have to do is show up with your bike and register your name, address and email address. You are automatically entered in a draw for two new bicycles from Kildemoes.

After registration, your bike is ready to be found by the parking wardens if it should happen to be stolen. The parking wardens will scan Copenhagen for stolen bikes on a daily basis. The chip in your bike will be scanned every time a parking warden passes by with a scanner, but it will only be registered if you have reported it stolen.

The project is a joint venture between with Cities of Copenhagen and Frederiksberg and the Centre for Parking in Copenhagen. Technical assistance with scanners, chips and the database is provided by the private company See-Mi.

Read more at www.kk.dk/cykelchip (in Danish) or contact Anne-Mette Felby Madsen, project manager, on tel.: +45 2849 8288 for more information.

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Semester kick-off: Breaking News? Media in a time of crisis

Monday 7 September 2009, 3.00–4.30 pm in the Ceremonial Hall, Frue Plads.

Lisbeth Knudsen, editor-in-chief of the Danish daily 'Berlingske Tidende', and Jes Stein Pedersen, journalist and host of Deadline, Section 2 on the Danish TV station DR2, will debate the media in a time of crisis.

Participation is free, [but registration is necessary](#).

The event is hosted by the Rector's Office, KUBULUS and the Student Council.

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AEU: Seminar on study administration processes and development work

On Monday and Tuesday 26-27 October, Administrative Supplementary Training for University Employees (AEU) will be hosting a seminar on study administration processes and development work at Byggecentrum Middelfart.

The deadline for registration is 11 September 2009 – [see the programme here](#) (in Danish).

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Staff news

Affiliation: Professor Suzanne Marie Filteau, Department of Human Nutrition

The Rector has appointed Professor Suzanne Marie Filteau, PhD, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Affiliated Professor of child nutrition and international nutrition at the Department of Human Nutrition.

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Affiliation: Associate Professor Sara Jaeger, Department of Food Science

The Rector has appointed Associate Professor Sara Jaeger, PhD, Mt Albert Research Centre, Auckland, New Zealand, Affiliate Associate Professor of sensory science at the Department of Food Science.

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Anniversary: Associate Professor Vibeke Dantzer, DVM, IBHV

On 15 September 2009, Associate Professor Vibeke Dantzer, DVM, Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences, has been an employee at KVL and LIFE for 40 years.

A reception will be held on Friday 18 September at 1 pm in the Library on the 1st floor, Anatomy Building, Grønnegårdsvej 7.

[See the invitation \(in Danish\)](#)

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Research

Novo Nordisk Foundation

The Medical and Scientific Committee invites applications for: Medical and scientific research projects.

Funding is available for projects in Denmark primarily within biomedical research, clinical research and basic biological research. It is possible to apply for funding for scientific equipment, materials and salary expenses for non-scientific assistants. Applications for less than DKK 200,000 will not be considered. Funding is not available for the applicant's own salary or for travel expenses.

Funding: Total funding of DKK 28.5 million is available for allocation.

The application form with detailed guidelines is available on the Foundation's website, www.novonordiskfonden.dk, from 17 August 2009.

Applications are to be completed using the online application system and submitted electronically to the Foundation no later than 4 pm on 30 September 2009.

The grants will be awarded in late November 2009.

Applicants who speak Danish as their native language MUST submit their applications in Danish. Only applicants who do not speak Danish as their native language may submit applications in English.

If you have applied in 2009 for funding from the Foundation's Nordic Research Committee, you may not apply for funding for the same project through the Medical and Scientific Research Committee this year.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.