



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Life at LIFE

CPH Campus Race on a fantastic September day

There wasn't a cloud in the sky when the 350 participants in CPH Campus Race embarked on the Green Path that connects all the University of Copenhagen campuses and faculties. Every faculty manned a post, where participants were pampered and challenged in their knowledge and notions about the old university.

The race started at Frederiksberg Campus. And after stopping off at the various campuses, it ended with a prize ceremony at Café Væksthuset in the Summer Flower Garden. The prizes went to:

Bioorganic Chemistry + MAT won a gift voucher for DKK 1,000 for Café Væksthuset for the highest number of correct answers in the University of Copenhagen Quiz (KU.Quizzen)

The best team name went to Five Farmatastics, who scored five copies of the Danish collection of short stories *Hun var følelsesløs fra fødderne og nedefter* and five 'I bike CPH' bags and T-shirts

At the Faculty of Humanities, 17 teams managed to get all 30 city names correct. After a draw, the prize and five plants from the greenhouses went to the Cyclones.

The prize for the most fantastic attire went to Bzzzzz. They won ten jars of honey and five 'I bike CPH' bags and T-shirts.

There are more pictures of Bzzzzz in the coverage of the event in the university newspaper, *Universitetsavisen*.

The honour for best team photo went to Tucupita along with five bottles of Campus beer.

And for what the judges called: "A very nice bike that symbolises the spirit of CPH Campus Race and is a good, environmentally friendly form of transport", 'Ping pong bibi saves the planet' was awarded five bottles of bioethanol for the best balloon animal.

Maja Petrine Johansen, Communications

See also *Universitetsavisen's* article: [Cyklen binder universitetet sammen](#)

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New University Board in place

At its meeting on 15 September 2009, the University of Copenhagen Board appointed Nils Strandberg Pedersen, President and CEO of Statens Serum Institut, and Jannik Johansen, Principal of the upper-secondary school Frederiksberg Gymnasium as new board members. They are replacing Board Member Henrik Topsøe and former Chairwoman Bodil Nyboe Andersen, who will be transferring the chairmanship to Nils Strandberg Pedersen.

Ambitious targets

Chairman Nils Strandberg Pedersen holds a degree in medicine from the University of Copenhagen and has been President and CEO of Statens Serum Institut since 1998. He was Chairman of the Board of the Danish University of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 2004 until the merger with the University of Copenhagen in 2007, after which he was a member of the University Board in 2007. And he has also been a member of the Danish Medical Research Council and is currently on the board of Danish Standards.

"As a University of Copenhagen alum, it is fantastic to have the opportunity to influence the future of your Alma Mater. Internationally, we are competing with universities with much better framework conditions. It is, therefore, important that we continue the realisation of our strategy plan "[Destination 2012](#)" as well as our plans in coming years to implement the most ambitious building and renovation programmes in the history of the University. I look forward to working with the Board, University Management, staff and students to maintain and develop the university as an attractive workplace with a dynamic research and study environment," says Nils Strandberg Pedersen.

International challenges

Board Member Jannik Johansen has been Principal of Frederiksberg Gymnasium since 1989 and holds a PhD in physics and mathematics from the University of Copenhagen. Jannik Johansen is also Chairman of the Board of the Experimentarium in Copenhagen and a member of the Faculty of Humanities' think-tank [HumanT](#). For the past 30 years, he has worked hard to awaken an interest in science among children and young people, for example taking the initiative for the aspiring researcher project, [Forskerspirer](#), where upper secondary school students can try their hand at research.

"The University of Copenhagen has been a major part of my life – from many happy years as a student and as an active participant in student politics to research and positions on various councils. I'm looking forward to taking up the new challenges. I'm particularly keen to address the issue of how high-ranking foreign universities often have entirely different financial frameworks within which to conduct their teaching and research activities to the framework we have in Denmark. This presents us with a number of challenges in relation to continuing to be able to attract the best students and researchers in future. We need to remind the politicians about this when we put the otherwise impressive Danish research results into perspective," explains Jannik Johansen.

[Read more about the University of Copenhagen Board.](#)

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DHL: Speedy economists

At the DHL Relay Race, FOI 1 from the Department of Food and Resource Economics was the fastest team from the University of Copenhagen to compete in the five-men category.

"Despite a chaotic start to the race, I was pleased that everyone ran so well," says the local DHL coordinator, Jesper Nielsen. "I thought that I had left the numbers behind, so we were given temporary numbers before the race. Afterwards, it turned out that the numbers had somehow moved from on top of the crate of fruit to under the crate of fruit in our new departmental carrier cycle (see photo). A total of three teams participated from the Department of Food and Resource Economics, and they all did well and enjoyed a very nice evening in the University tent."

The grand prize was a University of Copenhagen cup, which the team captain uses to quench his thirst before the weekly run with his colleagues.

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Pigs move into the old riding school at LIFE

For the first time ever, a Danish audience can experience a professional theatrical performance with pigs onstage. The production, "ACH DU LIEBER...", is inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's "The Swineherd" and is produced by VON HEIDUCK in collaboration with Det Nordsjællandske Griseakademi, an academy for the education of organic free-range pig farming. It premieres on 16 October in the old riding school at LIFE, with staging by Madeleine Røn Juul and Thomas Hejlesen and with Charlotte Fich, Nis Bank-Mikkelsen and Emmanuel Limal playing the leading roles. The production will run from 16 October until 21 November.

"ACH, DU LIEBER..." is a challenging and provocative play about man in the combat zone between nature and culture. For centuries, man's special position and abilities in relation to those of animals have for centuries inspired tales and speculation about the relationship between nature and culture, and in "ACH DU LIEBER..." the animal/man complex is the focal point.

The seven organic free-range pigs in the production all come from Det Nordsjællandske Griseakademi where they have been enrolled since they were eight weeks old. At the academy, which was established especially for the performance, the pigs have undergone a special programme involving general behaviour training and the acquisition of musical disciplines. The training has been carried out by pig trainer Alexander Schwenn under the supervision of dog trainer Karen Frost Knudsen. The pigs will be 5-6 months old when they participate in the performance.

Loosely inspired by "The Swineherd", "ACH, DU LIEBER..." is about a father who has isolated himself from society and its thoughtless greed and lack of spirituality. He wants to get back to nature and to what he considers the unspoiled roots of man. In an outlying complex, he has created his own secret world where he lives with a herd of pigs and his aging daughter. The father wants to marry off his daughter and is waiting for a suitor. The wedding decorations are already up, and the musicians have arrived. But so far, the daughter has managed to reject every suitor that she has met. She is tormented by strange fantasies and dreams of creating a work of art what will immortalise her. But one day a suitor arrives that will not be rejected...

The actors Charlotte Fich, Nis Bank-Mikkelsen and Emmanuel Limal play the human trio with the seven pigs as the omnipresent extras and supporting actors.

The idea and conceptualisation for the performance was developed by Willie Flindt and co-director Thomas Hejlesen, while Kasper Nørgaard Thomsen wrote the manuscript. Professor Jan Ladewig from LIFE is affiliated as a consultant on animal ethics and welfare.

Ticket sales start today on BILLETnet, tel. 7015 6565 or www.billet.dk. Price: DKK 300, each

Read more at www.griseakademiet.dk

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Open house at Students' Association

LIFE's Students' Association (DSR) will be opening its doors for a few hours on Friday 25 September from 12.15 pm. There, you can learn more about the many events and options that DSR offers.

The following committees under DSR will have stands at Gimle Kunstplads:

- Events Committee (AU)
- Café Committee (CU)
- The Golden Bull Award (DGT)
- Graduation Ceremony Committee
- Film Club
- Advisory Committee for LIFE Company Fair
- LIFE choir
- Music Room Committee (MLU)
- Interdisciplinary Freshers Committee (TVF)
- Verdensrummet (World Space)
- A-vej
- Executive Committee
- Board

- The academic associations
- DSR Shop (Butikken på Rådet)

Come see what they have to offer! You just might be inspired to join a committee or two!
All freshers and members of DSR are welcome!

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Announcements

Universities strengthen growth – also in developing countries

A new report from Universities Denmark presents recommendations for how research and education can be strengthened in developing countries.

“Well-functioning universities are crucial to promoting growth and creating jobs. Universities create the knowledge and educate the minds that are alpha and omega for developing countries’ participation in globalisation,” says Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen, Rector of Aarhus University and Chairman of the Universities Denmark working group that has prepared the new report.

Read the report [Building Stronger Universities in Developing Countries](#) here.

You can also order a copy by sending your name and address to the Universities Denmark secretariat by email to: dkuni@dkuni.dk.

The report can also be downloaded from: www.dkuni.dk.

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LIFE Art Association exhibits Tobias Werner: Cartoonism

On Thursday 1 October at 4 pm, the LIFE Art Association is hosting a preview of its new exhibition by Tobias Werner. The exhibition is entitled: Cartoonism.

Tobias Werner will be present at the preview to talk about his work.

The exhibition can be seen at the LIFE Library, Dyrslægevej 10, from 1-29 October 2009.

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Invitation to the symposium: ‘Can you go to jail for teaching?’

Can e-learning be a criminal offence? Is it illegal to link to e-learning material? As a lecturer, do you have to accept being webcast?

Get answers to these questions and more at the symposium: ‘Can you go to jail for teaching?’ on 29 October 2009 at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense.

To participate in the symposium, you must register at:
<http://forskningsnettet.dk/da/aktiviteter?q=symposium2009>

Participation is free and everyone is welcome. Lunch and coffee will be served.

Limited seating – participation is according to the principle of first-come-first-served.

The symposium is organised by the Danish Research Network and the Committee for the Protection of Scientific Work (UBVA) under the Danish Confederation of Professional Organisations.

The symposium will be filmed and webcast on www.ubva.dk and www.forskningsnettet.dk/jura.

It is possible to participate via video conference from Roskilde University, Aarhus University and the two Aalborg sections: Esbjerg and Ballerup.

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The Olympics – faster, higher, stronger?

Why are the Olympics such a huge sporting event? What do the Olympics mean politically, financially and to society? What does it mean for Danish athletes to represent Denmark at the Olympics?

Meet Lotte Friis, Morten Stig Christensen and Kai Holm, among others, when a number of Olympics experts and athletes visit the University of Copenhagen. The panel will discuss the Olympics and sporting events in anticipation of the Olympic Congress in Copenhagen where the host of the 2016 Olympics will be decided.

Time and place: 29 September 2009, 3-6 pm, Ceremonial Hall, University of Copenhagen

Register at: <http://event.ku.dk/ol/>

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Visit Ordrupgård with the LIFE staff association

See the Edvard Munch exhibition at Ordrupgård on Wednesday 28 October 2009 with the staff association.
[Read more here](#) (in Danish).

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Laboratory Animal Science B (FELASA B) – October 2009

The Department of Experimental Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences (SUND) – University of Copenhagen, still has a few vacancies on the Laboratory Animal Science B (FELASA B) course in calendar weeks 43 and 44/2009.

The course targets technical staff working with animal testing in accordance with Section 2 of Danish Ministerial Order no. 1016 of 12 December 2001 on qualifications requirements for persons working with laboratory animals. The course gives participants insight into various aspects regarding laboratory animals as well as the basic handling of a variety of animals, basic surgical techniques, anaesthesia etc. (The course is not open to academic staff members.)

Read more at: http://emed.ku.dk/kurser/forsoegsdyrskundskab_B/

Registration: <http://emed.ku.dk/kurser/tilmelding/>.

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Education

Master's Thesis Inspiration Meeting

Are you in the process of selecting a topic for your Master's thesis? And are you interested in development in Africa, Asia or Latin America?

On Monday 5 October, an inspiration meeting will be held at LIFE for Master's students at the University of Copenhagen about the possibilities and challenges related to fieldwork in developing countries. Besides specific examples on experiences from fieldwork in developing countries and ideas for themes for Master's theses, there will be information about Danida's Travel Grants and current trends in Danish development aid.

Monday 5 October 2009, 3-4 pm in auditorium 1-01

[See also the program](#) or [the DDRN homepage](#).

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Sign up for Brain for a Night

All LIFE students whose BSc projects or MSc or PhD theses have been approved in 2008/2009 can participate in the Brain for a Night competition, which will take place on Friday 20 November 2009, 2 pm in Aud. 3-01.

Five BScs, five MScs and five PhDs will be selected to compete for the honour and a main prize of DKK 10,000 in each category.

Each participant will have ten minutes in which to present their project in English to a panel of judges comprising external experts, who will then select the winners.

It is now time to register! Deadline: 15 October.

Online registration: www.juniorforskercafe.life.ku.dk

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Students wanted for Night of Culture 2009

The departments at LIFE will be organising a large number of exciting activities on the Night of Culture, which are bound to attract many visitors. We therefore need people to assist with odd jobs (coordination, guiding, setting-up, clearing away).

We are looking for students to be Night of Culture guides for the evening.

If you want to participate in an exciting event, love challenges and hard work, don't mind crowded places and are able to work on Friday 9 October from afternoon until about midnight, please contact us.

You must be able to speak and understand Danish.

You will be paid an hourly rate applicable for student assistants – approx. DKK 110/hour + evening supplement.

Please contact Gudrun Lau Bjerno, Communications at: glb@life.ku.dk – Subject field: Studentermedhjælp til Kulturnatten.

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FN's Newsletter for September 2009

Summer is waning and we have all returned to LIFE. Welcome to the many new students.

We are looking forward to a new year filled with challenges and plenty of enthusiasm.

[Read here what is happening in FN – your academic association.](#)

Jens Møller Christoffersen, PR Coordinator, FN

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Staff news

New Director of Studies for BSc and MSc programmes in Veterinary Medicine

Associate Professor Peter Holm, Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Science, has been appointed Director of Studies for the BSc and MSc programmes in Veterinary Medicine as from 1 October 2009. Peter Holm replaces Professor and Head of Department Asger Lundorff Jensen.

Ingelise Lundgaard

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The award of honour 'Heilmanns ærespris' goes to Forestry Researcher Inge Stupak Møller

The Danish forestry graduates association, De Danske Forstkandidaters Forening, has awarded 'Heilmanns ærespris for yngre skovforskere' to Inge Stupak Møller from Forestry & Landscape.

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

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Reception: Senior Researcher Jens Hansen, Institute of Food and Resource Economics

In honour of Senior Researcher Jens Hansen's 70th birthday on 11 September 2009, the Institute of Food and Resource Economics (FØI) is hosting a reception on Friday 9 October 2009, 1-3 pm in Building A, Rolighedsvej 25.

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

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Research

Stays at the University of California or Stanford

Calls for applications have now been posted for stays at Stanford University via the H-STAR programme or at the University of California via the CITRIS programme. PhD students may apply. The deadline for applications for both programmes is Thursday 15 October 2009.

[See the CITRIS call here](#)

[See the H-Star call here](#)

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European researcher training network – ITN – 7th Framework Programme

Applications are now being accepted for funding for four-year projects that train PhD students within all disciplines. The projects can be applied for by research institutions and businesses in at least three EU countries jointly.

Deadline for applications: Tuesday 22 December 2009, 5 pm. [See the call for applications here.](#)

At <http://eu.ku.dk/>, you can find more information on applying for programmes within the EU's 7th Framework Programme.

The University of Copenhagen's EU Office would be happy to help with the administrative aspects of the application, and if you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Mille Møllegaard on tel.: +45 3532 2741 or by email: milm@adm.ku.dk.

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PhD positions vacant at the Centre for Genotoxic Stress Research

Centre for Genotoxic Stress Research: An experimental unit funded by the Danish National Research Foundation and the Danish Cancer Society:

We are looking for highly motivated young scientists interested in molecular, cellular and systems biology of the DNA damage response.

We are a highly international, lively and competitive research environment of about 40 scientists. We are located very close to central Copenhagen, a vibrant and beautiful city with an immense intellectual potential in biomedicine and biotechnology. The working language at the 'Centre' is English.

We offer exciting projects on the cutting edge of the worldwide effort to understand the molecular workings of genome maintenance, and elucidate the malfunctions of the underlying mechanisms in genome instability diseases such as cancer.

The research areas and projects include:

- 1) Spatio-temporal analysis of genome integrity pathways
- 2) The role of ubiquitin signalling in genome maintenance
- 3) High-content microscopy screens for novel genome caretakers
- 4) DNA damage response in cancer stem cells

Successful candidates will work under the supervision of Professors Jiri Lukas and Jiri Bartek.

Applications should be written in English and contain:

- 1) A succinct cover letter explaining the motivation to work in the Centre
- 2) CV
- 3) Previous experience (if any) from the DNA damage field
- 4) Letter of recommendation from a previous laboratory or from a university

Applications should be sent as an email attachment to Ms Guarn Whitaker-Nissen, the administrative coordinator of the Centre, at the following address: gwn@cancer.dk.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 31 November 2009. Incoming applications will be regularly monitored, and the selected candidates may be invited for personal interviews prior to the deadline.

Additional information about the 'Centre' is available at www.genotoxic.dk or from Jiri Lukas (tel.: +45 3525 7310; jil@cancer.dk) or Jiri Bartek (tel.: +45 3525 7357; jb@cancer.dk).

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Danish researchers guests at the world's best universities

The Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation is now giving up to 20 Danish researchers the chance to stay at the second and third best universities in the world – Stanford University and UC Berkeley in the USA – deadline for applications: 15 October 2009.

This unique opportunity is the result of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation's strategic agreements with the H-STAR centre at Stanford University and the CITRIS centre at UC Berkeley in California, USA.

Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation Helge Sander hopes that the many stays for visiting researchers will foster new collaborations between Denmark and top researchers in California:

"Today, we need to survive on the best ideas, and they don't recognise national borders. I hope that many talented Danish researchers will use this springboard to collaborate with some of the world's best researchers within their fields," says Helge Sander.

H-STAR at Stanford is an interdisciplinary research centre focusing on, among other things, IT, design and user-driven innovation. CITRIS focuses on, among other things, IT in society and energy and climate research. CITRIS comprises the University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz and Merced as well as many of Silicon Valley's largest IT companies, including Hewlett Packard, IBM, SUN and Intel.

In recent years, 18 researchers from Danish universities have stayed in California via the Ministry's agreements with H-STAR and CITRIS. One of them is Louise Møller Nielsen, a PhD student from Aalborg University. About her visit to Stanford, she says:

"It exceeded all my expectations. It was amazing just to experience research as a passion and professional development as a lifestyle. But at the same time, having the chance to find out exactly what excites you and to learn to cultivate it with care as well as discipline is something that I am infinitely grateful for.

The deadline for submitting applications for stays as visiting researchers is 15 October 2009. See the calls for applications at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation website at: www.fi.dk.

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Medicon Valley Annual Meeting 2009

On Tuesday 29 October 2009, Medicon Valley Alliance is holding its Annual Meeting 2009 – see the [programme and how to register](#) or see the [PDF version here](#).

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Grants

'Fondet til sygdomsbekæmpelse hos vore familiedyr' – application deadline 15 October 2009

The foundation for scientific studies of diseases and their treatment in dogs, cats and other small pets:

Applications to the above foundation are now invited. A total of DKK 100,000 is available for allocation in November 2009.

The object of the foundation, popularly known as the 'Foundation for Combating Diseases in our Pets', is to support the initiation and completion of studies which are likely to improve the diagnosis and treatment of diseases in pet animals. Studies in which diseases or other illnesses are induced in healthy animals, however, are not supported.

Applicants must complete the application form, which can be downloaded on the faculty website under Grants. The application with relevant enclosures must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences, Study and Students' Affairs, 1870 Frederiksberg C, no later than 15 October 2009.

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

The grant award will be announced in November 2009 in eLIFE, and the grant recipients will be notified directly. Letters of rejection will not be sent.

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Grant awarded

The Carlsberg Foundation grant was awarded on 17 September 2009 – the recipients have been notified directly. Letters of rejection are not sent.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.

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