



## eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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## Life at LIFE

### **Follow the Annual Commemoration live on your computer**

This year, the University of Copenhagen is holding its Annual Commemoration on 12 November, and as a new initiative, you can follow the ceremony directly via your computer. The Annual Commemoration will be streamed live at <http://event.ku.dk/aarsfest/live/>.

The traditional event comprises speeches by the Rector, the Chairperson of the Board and the Chairperson of the Student Council, conferral of doctorates and honorary doctorates and the conferral of the 'Harald of the Year' award for inspiring teaching and the brand new international study environment award. Professor Jean-Robert Tyran from the Department of Economics will be giving this year's commemorative speech. And, as per tradition, the commemoration will be attended by the HM Queen Margrethe II.

The Students' Choral Society, the Department of Musicology's Big Band MI22 and the University Choir Lille MUKO will provide the musical entertainment.

The invited guests include representatives from the University management and student body as well as doctoral professors, honorary doctors and award winners. The guest list also includes representatives from the research councils, foundations, ministries and other close collaborative partners.

The Annual Commemoration begins at 1.45 pm and ends at 4 pm.

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### **Ralf Hemmingsen Rector until 2013**

Until autumn 2013, the Rector of the University of Copenhagen will continue to be Ralf Hemmingsen. The University Board has decided to extend the Rector's period of appointment for three years until 31 October 2013.

"The Board and I are very pleased that Ralf Hemmingsen is willing to assume responsibility of the continued healthy development of the University of Copenhagen. The decision was made by a unanimous board, which I see as strong and broadly based support of Ralf Hemmingsen's work at the University. The coming years will be characterised by the final implementation of the Destination 2012 strategy," says Nils Strandberg Pedersen, Chairman of the Board.

Professor Ralf Hemmingsen is 60 years old and holds a doctorate in medicine. His previous positions include those of a specialist in psychiatry, Administrative Medical Consultant at the Department of Psychiatry at Bispebjerg Hospital and Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Ralf Hemmingsen has been Rector since 1 November 2005.

"I am pleased to be able to continue my work to strengthen international research and education at the University, and I look forward to developing our collaboration with the business community."

One major project will be the campus plan.

"For the University of Copenhagen to be one of the most modern universities in Europe, we need to complete the Amager campus and replace the worn-out labs," says Ralf Hemmingsen.

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### **Christmas at LIFE**

The Staff Club hereby invites you to the annual Christmas tree party.

When staff and their children arrive in the Marble Hall on Sunday 6 December, they will be met by Alletiders Julehygge (Fantastic Christmas Cheer) and entertainment for children of all ages.

The little Staff Club Christmas Committee has made sure of this and has been preparing for the event since the summer holidays.

The size of the venue and the fire authorities place a limit on the number of participants, so you have to be fast to get one of the 400 tickets sold in Vandrehallen on Thorvaldsensvej.

Tickets will be sold on three Thursdays in November: 12, 19 and 26 November – between 12 noon and 1 pm.

The tickets cost DKK 50 for adults and DKK 25 for children.

*Ulla Lindberg, Staff Club Chair*

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## **Madlysten cookbook – the perfect Christmas present**

Last spring, seven students at the Department of Food Science published the cookbook: *Madlysten*. It was a huge success and quickly sold out.

Now, the book is back in print. It is published by the Danish Society of Engineers, IDA, is the publisher and is sold over the Internet at: <http://ida.dk/studerende/Sider/Madlysten.aspx>

See also the *Universitetsavisen* article: [Fødevare-videnskaben møder Frøken Jensen](#) (Food Science meets Good Housekeeping), from March 2009 (in Danish).

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## **Dinner in tribute to the swine**

On Saturday 28 November at 6 pm, Meyers Madhus and Von Heiduch are hosting a dinner in tribute to the swine in the Marble Hall at LIFE.

The dinner is the curl on the tail of Von Heiducks' stage production "ACH DU LIEBER..." which is currently playing in the old riding school at LIFE, and which features seven free-range pigs as well as more traditional actors.

After the final performance, the seven pigs will be slaughtered and prepared for an exclusive gourmet dinner on Saturday 28 November 2009.

[See the invitation here](#) (in Danish) and at [www.meyersmadhus.dk](http://www.meyersmadhus.dk) where you can also purchase tickets.

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# Announcements

## **Debate: New Media and Global Politics – 10 November 2009**

In the past decade, new media platforms such as blogs, Twitter and YouTube have gained ground around the world. Distances have decreased and the news cycle has accelerated. As these media tools proliferate, it becomes obvious that they can have purposes far beyond those of entertainment.

What are the political consequences? How should we deal with these new tools? And what about Denmark; can we use these tools to brand the country, for example in the Middle East?

### **Participants**

JESPER BRIEGHEL, blogger and communication consultant

KLAVS A. HOLM, Danish Public Diplomacy ambassador

THOMAS BUCH-ANDERSEN, journalist from the radio programme P1 – Orientering

### **Time and place**

The debate will take place on 20 November 2009 in Alexandersalen, Bispetorv 1-3, 1167 Copenhagen K at 5-7 pm.

Find updates on the participants, news and events on our new blog: [mugi.blogs.ku.dk](http://mugi.blogs.ku.dk) and on Facebook: Mutual Understanding of Global Issues.

The debate is presented in cooperation between the Danish student organisation International Debate, the Danish-Egyptian Dialogue Institute and the Center for European Studies at Cairo University.

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### **New courses at Skovskolen**

If you are keen to learn how to properly wield a chainsaw, how to plan nature rambles or how to care for a stream – we have good news.

The new course catalogue from Skovskolen in Nødebo is available at [www.sl.life.ku.dk](http://www.sl.life.ku.dk).

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## Education

### **Europe with Erasmus**

Would you like to travel and add some extra value to your education?

We have extended the deadline for Erasmus applications to 13 November 2009 at 12 noon, so you can still make it for the spring semester 2010.

See the [full description here](#).

For more information on Erasmus visit our website [www.life.ku.dk/studyabroad](http://www.life.ku.dk/studyabroad).

Do you need help? Contact Student Services, Thorvaldsensvej 40.

You can also contact the Secretariat for Internationalisation, Bülowsvej 17.

Marie Louise Sørensen, Study Abroad Coordinator, [mlos@life.ku.dk](mailto:mlos@life.ku.dk)

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## Research

### **New global research programme to combat climate change – with Danish key role**

Future climate change increasingly threatens the global food supply and, consequently, the survival of millions of people. In the coming years, a large-scale research programme involving international research centres and universities from all over the world will study how global society can be adapted to future climate change. LIFE will be providing administration services for the programme.

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

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### **Workshop: Invasive species in practice**

The Centre for Invasive Species is hosting the workshop:  
Invasive species in practice: Prevention, limitation and control

The workshop will take place on 25 January 2010.

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

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### **Workshop on modelling and simulation approaches in drug discovery and development**

Dutch TI Pharma and Biologue/University of Copenhagen are hosting a one-day workshop on modelling and simulation approaches in drug discovery and development in Copenhagen, 19 November 2009.

Click here for the programme and registration: <http://www.tipharma.com/events/upcoming-events.html>.

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## Grants

### **Anglo-Danish Society Scholarships**

Would you like to study in England in 2010/2011? Then apply for an Anglo-Danish Society Scholarship.

The Anglo-Danish Society administers scholarship funds which help Danish students to visit the UK or British students to visit Denmark for the purpose of advanced or postgraduate studies.

Application deadline: 1 March 2010

To see the full description [click here](#).

To read more about the Scholarship on the Anglo-Danish Society webpage [click here](#).

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### **Abildgård Symposiums – application deadline: Tuesday 15 December**

The board of the foundations *Abildgårdfonden* and *Overdyrlæge Hans A. Madsen og Hustrus Fond* hereby invites applications for financial support for the holding of scientific symposiums in 2010 within the veterinary medical area. The symposiums will be held within the framework of LIFE and should result in the publication of a symposium report.

The application should contain a description of the research area covered by the symposium and its relevance to LIFE as well as ideas for a programme. A detailed budget, a short CV and the applicant's publication list must also be enclosed.

It is possible to apply for funding of the following expenses:

- Travel and accommodation expenses for invited lecturers
- Rent of rooms and equipment
- Subsistence allowance
- Publication of symposium report

Applications must be received by Legatadministrationen (the Foundation Administration), Study and Students' Affairs, by Monday 15 December 2009 at the latest.

Applications are evaluated according to the scientific level of the symposiums and their relevance to the veterinary research areas of LIFE.

The financial basis of the present application round is DKK 75,000 which is expected to be divided between at least two symposiums.

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## Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.