



## 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.

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## Life at LIFE

### **Dialogue meeting on future perspectives of LIFE study programmes**

On Wednesday 10 February, we are hosting a dialogue meeting on the LIFE study programmes, where you can find out more about the upcoming strategic initiatives affecting the study programmes.

The Management would like your feedback on and ideas about the future study environment at LIFE and the physical framework for our teaching activities. You can also participate in discussions about:

- How LIFE can promote the use of e-learning in the classroom
- How we can motivate more LIFE students to travel abroad during their studies
- Ideas for inter-faculty teaching and educational activities at the University of Copenhagen

The participants in the dialogue meeting can engage in group discussions of the various themes relating to LIFE's study programmes. There will be a special group for English-speaking participants.

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

The dialogue meeting will take place on Thursday 10 February 2010, 12 noon-1 pm in aud. 3-11.  
The meeting will be in Danish.

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## **Graduation ceremony at LIFE**

The traditional graduation ceremony for all new MSc graduates at the Faculty of Life Sciences (LIFE) will take place on Saturday 24 April 2010.

The ceremony is organised by LIFE and DSR to mark – in a festive and formal manner – the end of many years of studies.

The programme starts with a brief welcome at 2.00 pm in one of the auditoriums in the Marble Hall. Guided tours of several of the interesting collections, gardens and research facilities at LIFE will then be organised, followed by coffee and cake. The more official part of the programme starts at 4.00 pm.

The day concludes with a nice buffet. This is an excellent opportunity for graduates to celebrate their exams together with their relatives in the proper setting.

The price is DKK 150 per graduate, including two relatives. Additional relatives pay DKK 75 each. Children under 12 are free.

To register, pay by giro to:

De Studerendes Råd

Dyrlægevej 9, 1870 Frb. C

Giro number 803-1150

Or by money transfer to: reg.no. 0440 account no. 0008031150

To facilitate planning, please clearly state the following information on the giro or money transfer: your name, address, student ID number, email address and the number of relatives attending.

The deadline for registration is 24 March 2010. Registration is binding.

See you there,

Graduation Ceremony Committee, DSR

For further information, please contact: [dsrdimis@dsr.life.ku.dk](mailto:dsrdimis@dsr.life.ku.dk).

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## **Distance Learning at LIFE**

LIFE offers unique distance learning in English, which is accessible anywhere and anytime all over the world. This flexibility has already appealed to hundreds of international students, who are currently enrolled in a distance learning course.

Read more and watch the video: Distance learning <http://www.life.ku.dk/distancelearning.aspx>

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# Announcements

## Free visit to Medical Museion

In calendar week 4, the Medical Museion will be hosting the special exhibition Split + Splice: Fragments from the age of biomedicine.

The doors will be open from 4.30 pm until 6 pm for the entire week, from Monday 25 January 2010 until Friday 29 January 2010. Admission is free for holders of student or staff ID cards.

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## Inaugural lecture: Affiliated Professor Peter Sestoft, IGM

Peter Sestoft, professor of software development at the IT University of Copenhagen, has been appointed Affiliate Professor of Computer Science and Information Technology at the Department of Basic Sciences and Environment (IGM).

His inaugural lecture is entitled: Fast sheet-defined functions in spreadsheets, and will be given on Wednesday 3 February 2010, 3 pm, in room R547, 5th floor in the Tower Block (*Højhuset*), stairwell 6 or 8. There will be a reception after the lecture.

Peter Sestoft earned a PhD in computer science from the Department of Computer Science, University of Copenhagen in 1991, and has been assistant professor at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), followed by a period as associate professor and professor with special responsibilities at the former Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University until 2007. Peter Sestoft has also been affiliated with AT&T Bell Labs, Microsoft Research UK and Harvard University. From 2007, Peter Sestoft has been a member of the Danish Research Council for Technology and Production Sciences.

Peter Sestoft conducts research within theoretical and implementation-related aspects of object-oriented programming languages and function languages, such as spreadsheets. His other interests include bioinformatics and software development, including end-user software development, such as spreadsheet technology.

Peter Sestoft will be affiliated with the Mathematics & Computer Science research group as a consultant within teaching as well as research with IT content. The department's management group also expects the Faculty's teach activities in general to benefit from Peter Sestoft's significant knowledge in the form of consulting on the integration of IT in its teaching activities.

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## New intranet at the University

Towards the end of February 2010, the University will launch a new intranet to replace PUNKT KU. You don't have to do anything in this regard. However, if you are curious, you can read more about the new intranet at [www.intranetguide.ku.dk/english](http://www.intranetguide.ku.dk/english).

The intranet will give you access to common IT systems, updated rules and guidelines on everything from maternity leave to the University's holiday properties, as well as an overview of news and events at the University.

All group rooms and meeting forums on PUNKT KU will be moved to the new intranet so they will be accessible here in future. On the new intranet, group rooms and meeting forums will have the same functionalities and be commonly referred to as groups.

The intranet will be developed and expanded regularly over the next few years, i.e. with local intranets for faculties and possibly also departments.

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### **Practice Committee conference on Researchers in dual roles**

The Committee on Good Scientific Practice (the Practice Committee) will be hosting a conference on 'Researchers in dual roles' on Wednesday 10 February, 1-4.30 pm. The conference will be held in Danish.

See the programme at <http://praksisudvalget.ku.dk/konferencer/kommende/program/>.

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### **Environmental Enrichment Workshop**

Odense Zoo and AnimalConcepts are hosting a four-day Environmental Enrichment Workshop. The workshop will cover a wide variety of topics, focusing on the theory and science of environmental enrichment. There will also be practical sessions at the zoo with different species of animals. The course is open to zookeepers, animal technicians, curators, veterinarians and students. The combination of theory and practical aspects in the workshop will allow you to design, implement and evaluate an enrichment programme at your facility, whether a zoo, animal shelter or research laboratory.

The workshop leader is Dr David Shepherdson from the Oregon Zoo in Portland Oregon.

Other speakers include Sabrina Brando from AnimalConcepts and Kirstin Anderson Hansen from Odense Zoo.

Lene Gilberg, Karsten Hansen, Søren Linde, Henrik Carlsen and Rasmus Sabastian Nielsen will also be attending the workshop and coordinating the practical sessions at the zoo.

[Programme and registration on the website.](#)

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## **Education**

### **DSR education politics seminar**

The executive committee for DSR LIFE would like to thank everyone for a fruitful Education Politics Seminar (UPS) on Friday 15 January 2010. Approx. 60 newly elected student politics representatives boarded a bus bound for Skovskolen in Nødebo after the last class of the day.

The objective of the UPS is to give newly elected student politicians a proper introduction to the volunteer work involved in being active on committees at LIFE.

Former DSR Chairperson Trine Sofie Nielsen explained the structure of DSR, and University of Copenhagen Student Council Chairperson Anne Bie Hansen presented the structure of the Student Council.  
Kind regards, DSR

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## **International PhD Course on University Governance at the University of Copenhagen**

UniGo! (International University Governance) is a course offered by the University of Copenhagen to PhD students interested in modern management of universities in the broadest sense. The course is open to PhD students from all faculties as well as foreign PhD students from the University's IARU partner in Australia, the USA, China and Singapore. PhD students from the University of Copenhagen will as part of the course receive travel grants to visit the IARU partners.

### **Understanding university governance**

The purpose of UniGo! is to give PhD students a research-based understanding of university governance and the best tools for navigating the complex landscape of the universities – nationwide as well as in an international context.

### **A truly international course – travel grants offered to PhD students**

The course takes place at Skovskolen in Nødebo (Forest & Landscape) North of Copenhagen, 19-23 April 2010. This intensive week is followed by a research seminar on 29 April 2010 and an oral presentation of an essay at a seminar on 24 June 2010 (both activities in Copenhagen). All participants will be given full accommodation at Skovskolen during the one-week seminar. The internship is free, and all participants enrolled at the University of Copenhagen will also receive a travel grant of DKK 6,000 for a brief visit to one of the other IARU universities. The visit is expected to take place between 24 April and 23 June 2010. Instead of the DKK 6,000 grant, three PhD students will be offered a grant of DKK 25,000 for a one-month stay at Australian National University (15 November–10 December 2010).

### **Registration**

The course is limited to 25 participants. Additional information on the course, including information on teachers and programme, can be found at <http://www.unigo.ku.dk/> or by contacting the course secretariat at [unigo@life.ku.dk](mailto:unigo@life.ku.dk).

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## **Staff news**

### **New professor with special responsibilities in zoonotic infections**

As of 15 December 2009, the Dean has appointed Maria Vang Johansen professor with special responsibilities in parasitic zoonotic infections at the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology.

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### **40th anniversary: Head of Operations Bent Rasmussen, IMHS**

In connection with Head of Operations Bent Rasmussen's 40th anniversary in the service of the state on 1 February 2010, a reception will be held on Friday 5 February, 2.30-4.30 pm, at Dyr lægevej 34, th. in the corridor.

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## Research

### **International Swine Flu Conference**

Conference: 10-11 March 2010 – Workshop: 12 March 2010 – London, UK.

[http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life\\_internt/nyhedsbrev/nyt\\_forskning/2010/494\\_swine\\_flu\\_conference.aspx](http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life_internt/nyhedsbrev/nyt_forskning/2010/494_swine_flu_conference.aspx)

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### **Conference: Adapting Animal Production to Changes for a Growing Human Population**

The Conference is organised by the Department of Animal Production of the University of Lleida as part of the activities of the Ensminger Endowment, which traditionally supports international courses in the field of animal sciences all over the world.

The University of Lleida (Spain) will host the conference from 19 to 21 May 2010.

The conference programme includes current topics relating to animal husbandry, such as food, global trade, animal health, animal genetics, animal welfare, environmental challenges, produce quality, as well as professional training for researchers and for stockbreeding businesspeople. Each topic will be introduced by well-known speakers.

Further information about the conference is available at:

<http://www.aap2010.udl.cat>

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### **The Grundfos Prize 2010 – within engineering and science**

The Grundfos Prize was established by the Poul Due Jensen Foundation in 2001 for the purpose of promoting, acknowledging and supporting national and international research in innovative and foresighted solutions that benefit society within the fields of engineering and science. In 2010, special emphasis will be placed on research in sustainable environmental technologies. The deadline for nominations is 1 May 2010.

For further information please visit [www.grundfos.dk/grundfosprisen](http://www.grundfos.dk/grundfosprisen).

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## Grants

## **The Denmark-America Foundation – Fullbright Commission**

The Denmark America Foundation/Fullbright Commission offer grants for studies in the USA at the Master and PhD level.

[Next application deadline: 3 March 2010, 12 noon.](#)

Read more at [www.wemakeithappen.dk](http://www.wemakeithappen.dk)

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## **Scholarship for PhD and postdoctoral studies in Sweden**

The programme provides PhD students and researchers with an excellent opportunity to conduct a study or research visit to a Swedish university within all fields of study. As a Guest Scholarship Programme candidate, you can choose to apply for a study/research visit to Sweden according to the following models:

Postdoctoral research: a long-term postdoctoral research visit of six or twelve months.

PhD studies: A long-term PhD research visit of six or twelve months.

PhD-studies: PhD research visit according to a sandwich setup, i.e. several shorter research visits.

Read more:

<http://cambodijobs.blogspot.com/2010/01/scholarship-for-phd-and-post-doctoral.html>

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## **Research funds etc.**

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.