



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

KVL Art Association: Exhibition featuring LIFE's own artists

Theme: Science and Art – preview in the Library on Wednesday 10 February, 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.
The exhibition will be in the Library – Dyr lægevej 10 – from 10 February until 15 March 2010.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, glb@life.ku.dk – latest update 4 February 2010

New name for the gardens

Until today, the beautiful gardens around LIFE have been known as the Gardens of the Faculty of Life Sciences, or simply as the gardens. As of 1 January 2010, they are known as the Life Science Gardens. The name indicates the location of the gardens as well as the fact that they consist of several smaller gardens.

The names of the smaller gardens are:

The Rose Garden, the Medicinal Plant Garden, the Romantic Garden, the Annual Flower Garden, the Sculpture Garden and Roligheds Garden.

Informally, the gardens will still be called the gardens.

Announcements

The University of Copenhagen now has a climate strategy!

The University of Copenhagen intends to maintain and strengthen its position as a leading international 'Climate University'. To this end, the University has adopted the 'Climate Strategy 2010'. According to Rector Ralf Hemmingsen, the new climate strategy will help the University of Copenhagen remain at the forefront when it comes to working with global climate changes and will hopefully also inspire others to follow suit.

The climate strategy consists of two parts, an overall strategy and an action plan, which takes its point of departure in five strategic areas:

- 1) Research
- 2) Education
- 3) Public outreach
- 4) Green Campus
- 5) Cooperation and networks

We hope you will help pass this information on to relevant persons and networks.

[You can download Climate Strategy 2010 here](#) (PDF)
http://climate.ku.dk/news/ido30/KU_Climate_Strategy_2010.pdf/

The Climate Strategy 2010 is also available in a printed version at the Climate Office.

Transfer of holidays – remaining holidays

If you have not used all of your holidays in the fifth holiday week by the end of the holiday year, you may conclude an agreement with your superior to transfer the holidays to the next holiday year. Agreements on the transfer of holidays must be concluded by 31 March 2010 at the latest.

If you have earned the holidays working for the University (with pay), you must use one of the forms listed here: <http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/personale/skemaer.aspx>

If you have earned the holidays working for another employer, you must use the FerieKonto form, which must be submitted to your department by 31 March 2010 at the latest. (Your department will forward a copy of the form to HR.)

It is not possible to accumulate transferred holidays. Consequently, the number of transferred holidays may not exceed five per year.

If you have holidays that you have not been able to take due to sickness of maternity/paternity leave, other rules apply. See the sections on 'Maternity/paternity leave as a holiday obstacle' and 'Sickness as a holiday obstacle' in the Staff Handbook.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, gib@life.ku.dk – latest update 2 February 2010

Chris MacDonald at LIFE

The LIFE staff association and the fitness centre are hosting a joint seminar: Strong Body Strong Mind 2 for LIFE staff on Wednesday 10 February 2010 at 2 pm in aud. 3-13.

Tickets will go on sale on 3 February in the reception area at Rolighedsvej 30. The tickets cost DKK 110 and seating is limited.

Chris MacDonald has lived in Denmark for many years, but comes originally from the USA. The seminar will be in Danish.

Ulla Dahl Lindberg, Staff Association, udl@life.ku.dk

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, gib@life.ku.dk – latest update 29 January 2010

Education

Ministry spotlights strategic focus on e-learning

A strategic focus on distance learning using the Internet has produced good results at the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

The grades of the participating students are above average, the drop-out rate is lower and the activity and satisfaction levels of the students are high. These are some of the conclusions in a report on the distance learning programme at LIFE, University of Copenhagen.

Furthermore, the focus on e-learning has improved the University's position in the global education market and paved the way for collaboration with lecturers at distinguished universities in the USA and elsewhere.

The Faculty began working with distance learning in 2002, and experience from the process has been communicated in a report published by the Danish National IT and Telecom Agency on 27 January.

The report presents the benefits for both students and the University as well as describing the strategic and practical process of developing and implementing the courses.

Three of the distance learning courses offered by the Faculty of Life Sciences receive funding from the Danish Government's national strategy for ICT-supported learning.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, gib@life.ku.dk – latest update 29 January 2010

Staff news

Farewell reception: Minna Rappold, Maintenance Manager

Minna Rappold, Maintenance Manager at Campus Service LIFE, is retiring.

We will be hosting a reception on Friday 26 February 2010, 2-5 pm.

The reception will be in the Senate's conference room.

Lone Zeeberg Nielsen, Campus Service, lzn@life.ku.dk

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, gib@life.ku.dk – latest update 3 February 2010

Norwegian rector appointed head of Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences

Lars Moe has been appointed head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences as of 1 April 2010. Lars Moe is currently Rector at the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science where he is also Professor of Small Animal Internal Medicine. Lars Moe will visit IMHS to meet the staff on 10 February at 1:30 pm. Until Lars Moe takes up his position, Annemarie T. Kristensen will continue as acting head of department.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, gib@life.ku.dk – latest update 28 January 2010

Grants

KVL's Jubilæumsfond – application deadline: 15 March, 12-noon

A grant is available from KVL's Jubilæumsfond for distribution in spring 2010. The grant portions are for either DKK 5,000 or DKK 10,000.

The grant can be used to undertake assignments for which the necessary funding cannot be obtained through regular channels, including the launch of research projects, general funding for students and study stays outside Denmark. The funding available may not support activities which, according to legislation or standard practice, are covered by the state.

In connection with applications for funding of the launch of research projects, it must be documented that the necessary funding for the purpose concerned cannot be obtained in the form of ordinary grants or from state foundations. Funding is normally not granted for equipment or activities which have already been initiated at the time of application.

Funding is not granted for the following purposes:

- Funding in connection with bachelor or thesis projects in Denmark
- Studies abroad supported by Erasmus or NORDPLUS grants
- Activities commenced before 15 March 2010

Furthermore, grants are not available for PhD students.

Applications must be prepared using the application forms available on the [Faculty website](#) for students, and a signed copy must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark by 15 March 2010 at 12-noon.

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

Letters of rejection will not be sent, but the awarding of the grant will be announced in eLIFE. The grant is expected to be awarded at the end of April 2010.

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Professor N.O. Christensen og hustrus legat – application deadline: 1 March, 12 noon

Applications are invited for a grant of DKK 28,000 from the foundation 'Professor N.O. Christensen og hustrus legat'. The purpose of the foundation is to support one or more researchers whose field of work is within fish disease, primarily for research within disease among trout fry from fish farms.

No special application form is required for this grant.

The application must be submitted no later than 1 March 2010 at 12 noon to the following address:

Faculty of Life Sciences

Study and Students' Affairs, I-Sek

Bülowsvej 17

1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark

Mark the envelope: Professor N.O. Christensen og hustrus legat

The application must state what the grant will be used for and include the applicant's CV as well as a budget.

Letters of rejection will not be sent, but the awarding of the grant will be announced in eLIFE. The grant is expected to be awarded in mid-May 2010.

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BOVA Forestry Courses

BOVA, the Baltic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University, is offering two courses for forestry students in March 2010:

1. Woody Biomass Plantations: option for cost-effective mitigation of climate change effects. 15-19 March 2010. Latvia University of Agriculture.

http://www.life.ku.dk/English/education/for_students/study_abroad/Nyheder/2010/~//media/Stu/International/NOVA/Woody%20Biomass%20Latvia.ashx

Deadline for registration: February 26

2. Game management: 22-26 March 2010. Lithuanian University of Agriculture.

Deadline for registration: February 19

http://www.life.ku.dk/English/education/for_students/study_abroad/Nyheder/2010/~//media/Stu/International/NOVA/Game%20Management%20Lithuania.ashx

Read more on [BOVA's homepage](http://www.bova-university.org/bova/index.php?list=list2010). <http://www.bova-university.org/bova/index.php?list=list2010>

Students at Nordic universities can apply for Nordplus Express Mobility scholarships.

[Read more about how to apply here](#)

http://www.life.ku.dk/English/education/for_students/study_abroad/Grants.aspx

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.