



## 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](http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life_internt/nyhedsbrev.aspx)

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## Life at LIFE

### **Two ministers visited LIFE**

On Wednesday 28 April, Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Søren Pind and Danish Minister for Climate and Energy Lykke Friis launched a climate package comprising DKK 1.2 billion in climate initiatives in developing countries. The event took place in the main lecture hall at LIFE. Denmark is now the first country in the world to put the Copenhagen Agreement from the COP15 climate summit into action. The funding is part of the USD 30 billion promised by the industrialised countries to quickly counter climate change in developing countries.

The launch was introduced by Dean Per Holten-Andersen, and after two brief presentations by the ministers, the audience, which included a number of LIFE researchers and students, were invited to ask questions.

### **This year's LIFE Brains found**

The 2010 Brain for a Night competition has taken place and this year's LIFE Brains have been found! Again this year, the breadth of LIFE's academic areas was represented by the nine students selected. Each participant had ten minutes to present his or her BSc, MSc or PhD project to six specialist judges. It was a

convincing demonstration of the high academic level and communication skills of these LIFE students and the perfect opportunity for companies to spot talented new researchers.

LIFE Brains 2010:

The winner of DKK 10,000 – donated by Novo Nordisk – was [Elin Durhuus](#).

The winner of DKK 10,000 – donated by Chr. Hansen – was [Signe Hoff](#).

The winner of DKK 10,000 – donated by DLBR – was [Stine Wamberg Broch](#).

See pictures and read more about [Brain for a Night](#) (in Danish).

## **Want to know more about the new ISO 26000 Social Responsibility Standard?**

As side-events to the official meeting in Copenhagen on 14-21 May 2010 to finalise negotiations on the new ISO 26000 Social Responsibility Standard, the University of Copenhagen/LIFE is organising three lectures/debates. The three events are open to the public and will be in English. The events on 3 and 19 May are organised in cooperation with Danish Standards.

Further information: Karin Buhmann, University of Copenhagen/LIFE, Department of Food and Resource Economics, buhmann@life.ku.dk. Registration is not required.

### **3 May 2010 at 1-3 pm:**

Maibritt Agger & Kim Christiansen (Dansk Standard): ***ISO 26000 – Background, content and application***

*Venue:* University of Copenhagen, Frederiksberg Campus, Auditorium 1-10 (Main Lecture Hall, entry from Bülowsvej 17, across the yard)

### **17 May 2010 at 2-4.30 pm:**

Panel and discussion: ***'Does CSR work? What is the benefit of standards for (Corporate) Social Responsibility?'***

Panellists:

Peter Neergaard, Professor, cbsCSR

Knud Sinding, Associate Professor, SDU

Christian Honoré, CEO, Responsible Business Solutions (tbc)

*Venue:* Hotel Scandic, Vester Søgade 6, 1601 Copenhagen V (look for signs with directions to the event)

### **19 May 2010 at 3-5 pm:**

Panel and discussion: ***The ISO 26000 negotiation process***

Panellists:

International and Danish participants in the ISO negotiation process

*Venue:* Hotel Scandic, Vester Søgade 6, 1601 Copenhagen V (look for signs with directions to the event)

### **Useful links:**

8<sup>th</sup> ISO Social Responsibility Plenary Meeting – Copenhagen 17-24 May 2010:

<http://www.iso26000cph2010.dk/sw57076.asp>

About ISO 26000: <http://www.iso26000cph2010.dk/sw57076.asp>

ISO Social Responsibility standard – ISO 26000 website:

<http://isotc.iso.org/livelink/livelink/fetch/2000/2122/830949/3934883/3935096/home.html?nodeid=4451259&vernum=0>

Executive briefing on ISO 26000:

[http://www.iso26000cph2010.dk/graphics/Samfundsansvar.dk/iso26000cph/documents/exec\\_briefing\\_26000\\_sr\\_IMS\\_5-2009%20E.pdf](http://www.iso26000cph2010.dk/graphics/Samfundsansvar.dk/iso26000cph/documents/exec_briefing_26000_sr_IMS_5-2009%20E.pdf)

## Invitation to open day at LIFE in Taastrup – Sunday 13 June, 11 am-3 pm

Bring your family and friends, take a ride in a horse-drawn carriage and see robots in the field, cows that have eaten nails, a crane that can lift a horse, bees, trained hens, the plants of the future and much more.

The experimental farms, green houses, experimental stables and University Hospital for Large Animals open their doors to the public on Sunday 13 June, 11 am-3 pm.

This is where teaching and research in new knowledge about animals and plants is carried out.

The event is open to anyone interested in the latest knowledge about animals, plants and foods, as well as a fun family experience.

You will have the opportunity to:

- See how to anaesthetise a horse
- Experience competitive cornfields
- See how a horseshoe is made
- See a cow with a hole in its stomach and another one that has eaten nails
- Visit the fat and happy pigs
- Experience satellite-controlled robots in the field
- Learn about minks that eat refuse
- See trained hens
- Get answers to your questions about animal welfare, organic farming, plant breeding and GMOs from the leading researchers and veterinary surgeons in the country
- **Visit one of the most advanced operating theatres for horses in the Nordic region**

## Addresses

**Laboratory Animal Unit**  
Rørrendegård  
Snubbekorsvej 3  
2630 Taastrup, Denmark

**Experimental Farms**  
Højbakkegård  
Højbakkegård Alle 30  
2630 Taastrup, Denmark

**University Hospital  
for Large Animals**  
Agrovej 8  
2630 Taastrup, Denmark

Transport between the three locations will be available.

You can start your visit wherever you like.

# Announcements

## **Missing: Arne Jacobsen series 7 chairs**

In the group rooms at Dyrølægevej 1 and 3, Building 1-40, approx. 56 Arne Jacobsen series 7 chairs in beechwood, produced by Fritz Hansen, have disappeared.

We know that the chairs have not been lent out. So, we ask if anyone has any information about where some or all of the chairs are located to please contact Bente Thomas.

**Bente Thomas**, [bet@life.ku.dk](mailto:bet@life.ku.dk)

## **New focus – new initiatives from the Library**

The Library offers the following initiatives:

- Visits to research groups and departments to learn about new information resources
- Quick demonstrations of the most commonly used search tools (REX, OVID etc).
- Book an information specialist and receive personal information guidance

To spread knowledge about the Library's new and existing information resources, we want to strengthen contact to the departments and research environments. We are happy to visit research groups and departments to demonstrate new information options. We hope, in this way, to establish a better dialogue with you about your needs and problems.

Quick demonstrations of the Library's most commonly used databases and search tools – REX, OVID etc – will be offered twice a day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from mid-May. The demonstrations will take place at the Library and will be announced over the loudspeakers. Registration is not necessary – just show up, but you are welcome to call ahead of time for more information.

Courses in literature searches and reference management are offered on a regular basis. Both employees and students are welcome. See the courses currently offered on the Library website <http://www.bvfb.life.ku.dk/kurser.aspx>.

## ***Book an information specialist***

It is still possible for LIFE's researchers, PhDs and thesis students to obtain personal guidance via the 'Book an information specialist' initiative.

Unfortunately, the Library no longer has any LIFE specialties within the fields of food technology, human nutrition, biotechnology and animal husbandry.

The personal assistance therefore focuses on helping you to develop efficient search strategies based on our information specialists' detailed knowledge of the Library's databases and information resources.

Book an information specialist here <http://www.bvfb.life.ku.dk/vejledning/konsult.aspx> or

Contact the Library by email to [bvfb@life.ku.dk](mailto:bvfb@life.ku.dk) or by phone Monday-Friday 9 am-3 pm on tel.: 3533 2145.

Kind regards,  
Faculty of Life Sciences Library

## **Free English courses for academic staff in 2010 and 2011**

**Deadline for registration: 10 May 2010**

With the extra funds the University of Copenhagen has just received for skills development for university staff, CIP now has the opportunity to offer a number of English courses for university academic staff for free in autumn 2010 and in 2011.

University researchers, lecturers and other academic staff have the opportunity to apply for the following free English language courses in CIP:

- **One-to-one English language training ([read more](#))**  
Free one-to-one language training courses focusing on your oral and/or writing skills.
- **Improve your English-medium instruction ([read more](#))**  
Free courses in oral academic English for lecturers who teach or will soon be teaching their subject in English.

[More information about the extra funds for skills development at the University of Copenhagen and guidance on how to apply \(in Danish\).](#)

## Education

### **Student Services activities in block 4**

There is more information available (incl. room no.) at [www.life.ku.dk/studenterservice](http://www.life.ku.dk/studenterservice) > Se vores arrangementer (in Danish) or [www.life.ku.dk/studentervices](http://www.life.ku.dk/studentervices) > Check out our events (in English)

### **Choosing a core module for food science students**

Be inspired and find out which core module is right for you!

Time: Tuesday 4 May, 11.30 am-12.30 pm

Target group: First-year food science students

Language: Danish

NOTE! Takes place at DTU

### **PhD or Industrial PhD – what will your life be like?**

Gain insight into daily life as a PhD student at LIFE!

Time: Friday 7 May, 1-2 pm

Target group: Students considering applying for a PhD

Language: Danish

### **MSc thesis support group**

Is your thesis causing you trouble? An MSc thesis support group can help you overcome it!

Time: First meeting, Thursday 20 May

Target group: MSc thesis students

Language: Danish

Registration required by 7 May, [see here](#) (in Danish).

### **Give Your Studies a Boost – Break New Ground**

Want to give your studies a boost and be better prepared when you start looking for a job? Come and learn more about industrial projects, studying abroad and courses outside LIFE.

Time: Friday 28 May, 12.45-2.30 pm

Target group: Everyone

Language: Introduction in English, presentations in Danish and English

### **Wondering what's outside LIFE?**

Find out about study activities outside the faculty, such as Project in Practice, studies abroad and courses at other faculties

Time: Friday 28 May, 12.45-2.30 pm

Target group: All students at LIFE

Language: English

### **Job and Labour Market Workshop**

Get an introduction to the Danish labour market and inspiration for job applications and CVs

Time: Friday 4 June, 12.30-4 pm

Target group: International students at MSc level

Language: English

You need to [register on the homepage](#).

## Future events

### **Mini-symposium on flow chemistry and technology : 18 May 2010 (Aud 3-02)**

**When:** Tuesday 18 May 2010, 1-4.30 pm

**Where:** Location: Aud 3-02, Thorvaldsensvej 40, 1871 Frederiksberg C, Faculty of Life Sciences – University of Copenhagen ([map](#))

<http://www.zinsser-analytic.com/Catalogue/exeProduct/?id=67> **Programme:**

- **1 pm** Welcome and introductory remarks by [Prof. John Nielsen](#) (University of Copenhagen – Denmark)
- **1.10 pm** 'The application of flow reactors for organic synthesis' (Dr Viktor Gyollai, ThalesNano – Hungary)
- **1.50 pm** 'Continuous Flow Synthesis of Heterocycles' (Dr Toma Glasnov, University of Graz – Austria)
- **2.30 pm** Coffee break
- **3 pm** 'Hydrogenation reactions in flow' (Kimberly Roper, Cambridge University – UK)
- **3.30 pm** In Plenum discussion
- **3.45 pm** Coffee/tea and demonstration of instrumentation (X-Cube™, X-Cube Flash™, H-Cube®, H-Cube Midi™)

Everybody is welcome – please register by email: [Scandinavia@zinsser-analytic.com](mailto:Scandinavia@zinsser-analytic.com)

**Local organiser:** Professor John Nielsen, IGM-Bioorganic Chemistry, LIFE, University of Copenhagen

**Co-organiser:** Stine Fleming from Zinsser Analytic representing ThalesNano

**Sponsors:** ThalesNano and Zinsser Analytic are sponsoring this event

**PhD Summer School 2010 on sustainable production of biomass for bioenergy : 21-25 June 2010**  
(University of Copenhagen, Denmark – Faculty of Life Sciences)

The course addresses some of the challenges in providing the needed biomass for food, feed and fuel in the future. Simply put, biofuels are made from biomass harvested from a limited area. The land area of the planet is given and this area will in a near future have to provide food and other ecosystem services for up to 9 billion people.

The course will give students an understanding of how biomass is produced and converted into energy within a complex system of agriculture, forestry and the energy sector. Students will get a thorough introduction to the fundamental aspects of biomass for energy.

For more information on the PhD summer school 2010, please visit the [Fuel4Life website](#).

**LIVE Educational Symposium – Royal Veterinary College Hawkshead Campus : 1-2 September 2010**

Centre for Excellence in Lifelong Independent Veterinary Education (LIVE) Symposium on 'Learning to teach and teaching to learn: New pathways for veterinary education'

[See poster for further information](#)