



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

Dialogue meeting: What does LIFE do well ... in the field of PhD education?

What does LIFE do well, and where is there scope for improvement in the field of PhD education? Join the discussion at the dialogue meeting on Thursday 27 May from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm in lecture hall 3-11.

At the dialogue meeting, you will be able to hear more about the various aspects of PhD education as seen from the point of view of the Management, an academic counsellor, a PhD student and an employer representative from the industrial sector. Furthermore, you will be able to voice your opinion on various PhD-related issues.

We would like to hear your views and ideas on PhD education at LIFE:

- What can LIFE do to improve the recruitment of PhD students?
- How can we improve the working environment for PhD students?

- What will make a stay abroad relevant and interesting for a PhD student?
- What constitutes good PhD counselling?
- How can LIFE facilitate the transition of PhD students to the industrial sector?

The meeting will start with brief contributions in English by the Associate Dean for Research, the chairman of the PhD Committee, a PhD student and an employer representative. The participants will then discuss various PhD-related issues. There will be a special group for English-speaking participants at the dialogue meeting.

A light meal and beverages will be served at the meeting.

I would like to ask as many members of staff as possible to take part in the meeting as the Faculty Management would like a broad dialogue with staff and students on the development of LIFE's PhD programme in the coming years.

In particular, I ask that, as far as possible, all groups/sections, Faculty Services departments and student associations send a representative to the meeting, and that you discuss the above questions beforehand.

I look forward to seeing you at the dialogue meeting.

Per Holten-Andersen
Dean

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Kim Greiner publishes book about the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University and its gardens: From Top Hats to Wellingtons

The book is published by Forlaget Borgen. It is priced at DKK 200 and can be bought locally in our bookshop in the tower block, at our library and in Café Væksthuset. It can also be bought or ordered from your own bookshop or ordered directly from the publishers Forlaget Borgen at www.borgen.dk.

The book will be published on 27 May and will be presented to the public at a small reception on Thursday 3 June at 3 pm in Café Væksthuset. Everyone is welcome. After the presentation, there will be a chance of a guided tour of the Romantic Garden conducted by the author.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener

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Postcards from the Life Science Gardens

Over the last few years, Green Support Services has taken many photographs in this part of the faculty's beautiful garden, which now carries the name 'the Romantic Garden'.

All these photos have been studied closely, and we have selected a number of beautiful motifs, which can now be bought as postcards. The three motifs are the Annual Flower Garden with Café Væksthuset, a spring motif with narcissi and trees in bloom and, last but not least, a collage with seven different motifs from our beautiful Frederiksberg Campus.

The postcards are large and gloss, 17 x 12 cm, and they carry our horse logo on the back. The motifs have been photographed by me, and Grønlunds Forlag has handled the printing.

The postcards are sold in Café Væksthuset, at the LIFE Library and at the bookshop in the tower block.

The price is DKK 7 per postcard and DKK 20 for three.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener

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Announcements

Free guided tours of the gardens in June, July and August

Guided tours of the Life Science Gardens:

The guided tours will take place every Wednesday in the months of June, July and August at 1.00 pm.

The guided tours start by the fountain in the forecourt at the faculty's main building on Bülowsvej 17, 1870

Frederiksberg C. Registration is not necessary.

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Conference: Polymers in Drug Delivery

Polymers in Drug Delivery, Tuesday 15 June 2010 from 9 am to 4 pm at Ingeniørhuset.

Organiser: The Danish Society for Polymer Technology (Polymerteknisk Selskab)

[Programme in English:](#)

http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life_internt/nyhedsbrev/nyt_meddelelser/2010/~~/media/MEDARB/kom/eLIFE/Dokumenter_2010/Polymers_Konference.ashx

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Join EnviroSymp 2010: Nanoparticles in the Environment (2.5 ECTS) 10 and 11 June 2010

This symposium invites students and supervisors to present their work in the area of Environmental Chemistry and Biology. Students eager to learn more about nanoparticles in the environment can participate in a workshop and receive 2.5 ECTS.

Nanotechnology is a new and emerging field with many promising future applications. The aim of EnviroSymp 'Nanoparticles in the Environment' is to introduce participants to advances in nanotechnology, and its side effects on the environment and human health.

All parts of the symposium will be conducted in English. The main focus will be directed towards PhD students, tutors, and MSc students in Environmental Chemistry, Biology, Ecotoxicology, and other interested parties. Students and supervisors working in this field are encouraged to submit an abstract.

Deadline for registration is 31 May. More information can be found on the website: www.envirosymp.dk.

Education

University of Copenhagen at the front line in the Venture Cup

On 19 May 2010, the nationwide entrepreneurship competition Venture Cup published the fifteen finalists selected by the jury to compete for prizes of DKK 450,000 in the Venture Cup finals. The University of Copenhagen is represented in the categories Cleantech and Services.

[Venture Cup's website: www.venturecup.dk](http://www.venturecup.dk) .

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Staff news

Professor Thomas Bjørnholm new Prorector of the University

The Board of the University of Copenhagen has asked Professor Thomas Bjørnholm to fill the vacant position as Prorector of the University. The Board's decision was based on a unanimous recommendation from the Rector and the nomination committee appointed for this special purpose, consisting of both staff and student representatives. Thomas will take up his new responsibilities on 1 September 2010, and will be appointed for a five-year period.

Thomas has a long career behind him in both research and management. He finished his PhD in materials chemistry from the University of Copenhagen in 1990. In 2001, he was the prime mover in establishing the Nano-Science Center, which he has headed ever since. He is visionary and manages to bring his ideas to life. As head of the centre, he has orchestrated the establishment of a new interdisciplinary BA programme, a master programme and a PhD programme.

As Prorector of the University, Thomas will have a special responsibility for research, business collaboration, communication, including research dissemination, and development of the University's international relations.

With Thomas, we will get a prorector who communicates clearly and has extensive experience with external collaboration and cross-disciplinary research. He has, for instance, worked with researchers from the Faculty of Humanities on bioethics and dilemmas concerning new technology.

Thomas looks forward to expanding his knowledge further in all academic disciplines and to begin the dialogue with the faculties as a first priority when he takes up his appointment.

Focus is on university and research politics these years, including university management on all levels. Thomas has long been interested in these areas and has, among other achievements, been a member of the research-political committee in The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters.

I am very much looking forward to working with Thomas.

Ralf Hemmingsen
Rector

See the University's press release: http://news.ku.dk/all_news/2010/2010.5/prorector/

See coverage in the University's online management magazine: <http://kureren.ku.dk>

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Research

Conference: Sustainable Food Systems – Food for All Forever

Conference: Sustainable Food Systems - Food for All Forever, on 29 June 2010, at Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk plads 2, 1402 Copenhagen K, Denmark

Organiser: The Danish Academy of Technological Sciences, ATV and the International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences, CAETS.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.