



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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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

University of Copenhagen's new shared intranet to be launched in August

The launch of the University's new shared intranet is postponed from April until August of this year. The system is nearly ready for use, but a number of new errors have developed in, among other things, the group forum function, and a final test is still needed of the intranet's response times (i.e. how fast the individual pages are displayed). The steering committee behind the intranet project therefore feels it would be best to postpone the launch of the intranet. Critical internal IT systems may not be touched in May and June due to exams, consequently the next 'window' for the launch of the intranet is during the summer holidays.

The project group is in the process of finding the most appropriate launch date, taking into account the enrolment of new students and the holiday plans of key persons. The launch will most likely take place in mid-August.

Huge interest in name competition

At the beginning of the year, a competition was held to find a name for the intranet. We received 1,889 suggestions for possible names for the intranet. A panel of judges comprising Anne Bie Hansen, Chairperson of the Student Council, Marianne Rønnebæk, Faculty Director (NAT), Jasper Steen Winkel, Deputy Director of Communication and Mads Richard Møller, Intranet expert (Intracom) selected five finalists, which proceeded to

a user vote. After the 1 March deadline, an impressive 4.261 people had voted for their favourite name. The winning name will be revealed in connection with the launch of the intranet.

Read more about the intranet at www.intranetguide.ku.dk.

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Announcements

Extra funding for competency development for staff members with a university degree at the University – now open for applications

University of Copenhagen has received DKK 4.4 million for competency development for staff members with a university degree. The funding is granted based on the 2008 collective agreement negotiations. Most of the funding is earmarked for researchers and lecturers, but administrative officers with a university degree may also apply.

Applications must be submitted by 12 noon on 10 May.

The funding will be distributed to the following action areas:

- Career clarification – pre-management or project management
- Teaching competency development for part-time lecturers and implementation of new types of learning
- Reduction of teaching workload to carry out research or teaching activities abroad
- Support for expenses in connection with research stays and conferences
- English-language competency development in the form of courses on teaching in English
- Individual English language instruction in the form of an English language training course

More [information on the action areas, funding criteria and application instructions](http://hr.ku.dk/kurser_og_kompetenceudvikling/ekstramidler/) is available on HR&O's website: http://hr.ku.dk/kurser_og_kompetenceudvikling/ekstramidler/ (in Danish).

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Assessing the Academic Language Needs of Undergraduate Students

Guest lecture by John Read, Associate Professor at the Department of Applied Language Studies and Linguistics at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Abstract

The increasing linguistic diversity among both international and domestic students entering universities in New Zealand, as at English-medium institutions elsewhere, is creating new challenges in addressing the students' needs in the area of academic language and literacy. In order to identify students with such needs, the University of Auckland has implemented the Diagnostic English Language Needs Assessment (DELNA), a two-stage screening and diagnostic system. This post-entry programme is now officially a requirement for all first-year undergraduate students, regardless of their language background. The results are used to guide students to appropriate forms of academic language support and enhancement where applicable. This talk will discuss

the rationale for the programme and how it has been implemented over the past eight years, including the design of the assessment tasks, the reporting of the results and the provision of various forms of language support. It will also consider how the development of DELNA has been informed by a number of associated research studies.

Time:

Thursday 22 April 2010, 1.15-3 pm

Place:

P2 (the pavilions), Faculty of Humanities

More information about John Read and the guest lecture at the following link:

http://cip.ku.dk/english/news/2010/john_read/

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University's general PowerPoint presentation

The general PowerPoint presentation on the University of Copenhagen has been updated to include, among other things, the 2010 budget and new figures on technology transfer. It is available in both Danish and English at <http://kommunikation.ku.dk/publikationer/powerpoint/> or via the menu item 'Publikationer' at www.ku.dk/kommunikation.

The presentation consists of a total of 23 slides, and you can, of course, tailor it to your own needs by editing and deleting/adding pages after you have downloaded it. It contains an introduction to the University's structure, organisation, management, key figures, position on the world map and information about the campuses, history, business collaboration and technology transfer, commencement of studies, faculties, museums, activities, Nobel Prizes and much more.

The version currently uploaded is in the 2003 version of PowerPoint (ppt format), because it is not yet possible to upload the 2007 version (pptx format) in the CMS. However, the presentation can easily be opened and edited in newer versions of PowerPoint.

Empty templates for PowerPoint presentations are available, as always, in the design guide at www.ku.dk/design (in Danish) under 'Digitale medier' > 'Powerpoint'. Also, remember to convert old presentations to the current templates before you show them again.

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FOOD, INC. – film about the American food industry

In collaboration with specialists and 34 cinemas throughout Denmark, DOX: BIO is showing the film *FOOD, INC.* at a huge nationwide event on Wednesday 5 May 2010. After the film, there will be a live debate in Grand Theatre in Copenhagen.

FOOD, INC. calls attention to the corrupt American food industry and touches on important topics such as: the consequences for our health and the environment, the growing distance between citizens and farmers, centralisation of food production and the increasing political manipulation. [See more here.](#)

See the trailer and participating cinemas here: <http://www.doxbio.dk> – alternatively, you can also see the trailer here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eKYyD14d_0.

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Manuscript competition for energy film

Do you have a super idea for a short, informative and entertaining film or film series on how we can conserve electricity and heating at the University of Copenhagen? Then participate in the manuscript competition and win great prizes.

The competition has three categories:

- Conserving energy in the lab
- Conserving energy in the office
- Conserving energy at the university

The prize for the best manuscript is an iPhone, for the second-best an iPod Touch and for the third-best a great Crumpler laptop bag.

The winner in each category will also receive an organic beer, wine and chocolate worth DKK 1,500.

If the manuscripts are good, Green Campus at the University of Copenhagen will make them into films, which will be used in its efforts to create a greener university.

Practical information

Submit your manuscript (max. 4,000 characters) to: top@adm.ku.dk. The film should be 30-60 seconds long. The competition is open to all – also to people from outside the University of Copenhagen.

The deadline for submitting manuscripts is Friday 14 May.

The winners will be announced on Friday 21 May. The panel of judges comprises representatives from Green Campus and from the University of Copenhagen faculties.

Once the prizes have been awarded, the University of Copenhagen acquires all rights to the winning manuscripts. Thus, the University subsequently has the right to use all or parts of the manuscripts for internal and external communication on energy-friendly behaviour.

Read more about the University's energy and climate initiative at www.klima.ku.dk/groen_campus.

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Nykredit Copenhagen Marathon and Kvindeløbet – student discounts

The Nykredit Copenhagen Marathon will take place on Sunday 23 May, and the women's race, Kvindeløbet, will be held on Thursday 24 June. Discounts on registration fees for students.

Register for both races on www.sparta.dk/studerende – discount code = stud.

Become of a fan of Nykredit Copenhagen Marathon on Facebook – www.facebook.com/copenhagenmarathon.

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Education

Focus on your future: Come to Networks for LIFE – Your Career Event

Networks for LIFE – Thursday and Friday 22-23 April – is a networking and career event for everyone at the Faculty of Life Sciences. In addition to a careers fair with 25 companies, the [programme](#) also includes [company presentations](#) at Forest and Landscape, [JobLab LIFE](#) speed dating, [Brain for a Night](#), a concert by SymfUni, tapas and much more. In short, there is something for everyone at Networks for LIFE. The website provides inspiration for your [network](#) and suggests [questions](#) you can ask the companies.

You should attend Networks for LIFE because:

You are a first-year student and you need to choose a core module

At Networks for LIFE, you can see what jobs the core modules prepare you for.

You are a second-year student and you need to choose electives

At Networks for LIFE, you can ask future employers which courses they think you should choose.

You are a third-year student and you need to choose a graduate programme

The Networks for LIFE participants can tell you what kind of graduates are needed.

You are a graduate student and want to get in touch with the real world

You can talk with the companies you would like to work for in future and learn more about the opportunities for doing an industrial or thesis project with them.

You are a PhD student

Come to the presentation on career paths for PhDs on Thursday 22 April at 1.10 pm in the Marble Hall and hear Lillian Nilsson, PhD and owner of the recruitment firm Science-Job, talk about: 'Hvad virksomheder lægger vægt på i rekrutteringen af Life Science kandidater' (What companies emphasise when recruiting Life Science graduates). Afterwards, Peter Sommer, Head of Department, Fermentation, Chr. Hansen, will talk about: 'Min vej til drømmejobbet' (Finding my dream job).

On Thursday, you can also meet Lillian Nilsson personally at LIFE's PhD stand.

You are a researcher, lecturer, PhD

On Friday 23 April, you will have the chance to network with the companies who are participating in Networks for LIFE to promote your department to potential collaborative partners or to strengthen contacts with existing partners.

About Networks for LIFE

Networks for LIFE is a further development of LIFE's Company Fair. LIFE's Company Fair was a student-driven event that took place for the first time in 2000 and celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2009. The Faculty has undergone quite a lot of changes during those ten years, which have seen the advent of a number of new

initiatives, including an Open Day event for the MSc Programmes, Brain for a Night and, most recently, JobLab LIFE.

In summer 2009, it was decided that all these events should be coordinated, and Networks for LIFE came into being. The collaboration between LIFE and DSR fosters special synergies as Networks for LIFE has a strong appeal for students as well as being solidly anchored in the professional environments.

Maja Johansen, Project Manager

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Decent increase in Quota 2 applications to LIFE's programmes

15 March 2010 was the application deadline for Quota 2 applicants. The applications have now been tallied and show a 30 per cent increase in applications to the University of Copenhagen compared to 2009.

There was also a rise in the number of applicants to LIFE's programmes, with Food Science and SLING showing the strongest growth (in per cent) – [See the statistics for Quota 2 applications to LIFE](#) (in Danish).

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Staff news

Inaugural lecture: Professor Kristian Thorup-Kristensen, IJØ

Professor Kristian Thorup-Kristensen, Department of Agriculture and Ecology, will be giving an inaugural lecture on Tuesday 18 May at 2-3 pm in auditorium 3-13, the Marble Hall.

Title: Roots in Crop Science

Afterwards, there will be a reception in the Marble Hall at 3 pm – register by 10 May by contacting Lisbeth

Wanner: lwa@life.ku.dk.

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25th anniversary: Senior Attendant Per Hessner, Campus Services

On 6 May 2010, Senior Attendant Per Hessner can celebrate 25 years' employment in the State.

A reception will be held on Friday 7 May at 1-3 pm in the Fællesklubben's rooms, Grundtvigsvej 14 A.

Everyone is welcome.

Lone Zeeberg, Head of Campus

John Stone Andersen, Head of Operational Department

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Grants

Grant awarded

Professor N.O. Christensen og Hustrus Legat was awarded on 22 March 2010 – the recipients have been notified directly. Letters of rejection will not be sent.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.