



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Life at LIFE

Slide show from the Night of Culture

Did you miss the Night of Culture, or were you responsible for one of our many activities and did not get a chance to see the rest of LIFE? See our photos from the event here:

<http://www.adm.kvl.dk/infopic/kulturnat/index.html>

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Great turnout at SHARE's kick-off symposium

SHARE, which is one of LIFE's three new action areas, held its kick-off symposium the Wednesday before last. The symposium was organised in collaboration with Biologue, a knowledge network for medical R&D based in Copenhagen, and was a huge success. The 160 seats, which were distributed among several different players,

were in great demand. The University community and public-sector institutions were represented by 106 participants, while 53 participants – from 19 different companies – came from the private sector.

SHARE, which is an acronym for 'synergy in human and animal research', has animal models and their significance for research within health as its primary focus area. Today, animals and people share the same environment, lifestyle and diseases. This means, among other things, that research using animal models has enormous potential when it comes to improved medical treatment – both for animals and humans. The ultimate ambition is to integrate our approach to research in animal and human health to combine the forces that exist at the University of Copenhagen.

There are high expectations for this integrating approach, which is actually a global initiative, and the symposium also confirmed that the action area has broad appeal. Professor Annemarie T. Kristensen was pleasantly surprised by the huge interest and equally huge optimism regarding SHARE's future. Building a bridge between existing biomedical animal and human research is a project that is becoming more and more important, and it is an area where SHARE has made a difference from its inception.



Martin Bakken, Communications

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University of Copenhagen to celebrate the 2007 Annual Commemoration on Thursday, 15 November

The founding of the university is formally commemorated every year. The Annual Commemoration is traditionally held on the third Thursday in November and consists of a ceremony in the university's Ceremonial Hall during the day and an evening performance at the Royal Theatre.

The Annual Commemoration will take place this year on Thursday, 15 November.

The Office of the Rector and the faculty management invite approximately 700 guests with companions. The invited guests include representatives from the university management and student body as well as doctoral professors, honorary doctors and prize winners. The guest list also includes representatives from the research councils, foundations, ministries and other university collaborative partners.

The invitations are sent out at the beginning of September. Admission passes and tickets are sent to registered guests in calendar week 44.

Tickets to the Royal Theatre performance are traditionally made available to students and employees who have not received personal invitations. However, the performance is now sold out.

We are expecting a full house in the Ceremonial Hall this year as a result of the university merger and subsequent longer guest list. Thus, it will no longer be possible to acquire extra admission passes as in past years.

Ceremony in the Ceremonial Hall



The ceremony during the day will take place at the Ceremonial Hall at Frue Plads from 1.45 to 4.00 pm followed by a reception.

As in previous years, the ceremony will comprise various speeches, the awarding of prizes and the conferring of doctorates.

The Department of Musicology's Big Band MI22, the Students' Choral Society and the University Choir Lille MUKO will be providing the music for the event.

Evening performance at the Copenhagen Opera House

This year's performance will be Puccini's famous *La Bohème* and the venue will be the Copenhagen Opera House from 7.30 to approx. 10.05 pm. There will be a standing buffet for all invited guests immediately following the performance.

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The University of Copenhagen is number two in the Nordic region

The University of Copenhagen and Uppsala University are the only two Scandinavian universities that rank among the 100 leading universities in the world. According to the 2007 Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) ranking of the world's universities, the University of Copenhagen ranks this year at no. 93 globally and no. 34 in Europe.

The survey assesses the universities based on a variety of criteria, including assessment from researchers and others from all over the world. The number of researchers per student and the number of citations in academic and scientific journals are also strongly emphasised.

"The survey shows that the University of Copenhagen needs to keep working to position itself as an internationally highly esteemed university. We need to focus our efforts on the excellent basic research in order to become one of foremost the leaders in Europe," says Rector Ralf Hemmingsen.

Another international ranking recently placed the University of Copenhagen much higher, and last year THES ranked the university as number 54 in the world. But care must be taken when comparing the results from year to year. For instance, this year, THES changed part of the assessment method. This meant that the information on citations was drawn from another database of journals than in previous years, and the number of researchers at every institution is calculated in a new way. These methodological changes mean that the universities' placements can vary significantly from previous years and that areas such as theology, the humanities and law are not as well covered in the citations analyses.

A key factor that decides THES placement is the ratio between students and teachers, where the University of Copenhagen has too few teachers compared to students.

Read more about the methodological changes and see the complete list here: <http://www.topuniversities.com/>

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Announcements

HR closed on 22 and 23 November

Due to a staff seminar, HR at LIFE will be closed for personal and telephone enquiries on Thursday and Friday, 22-23 November.

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Green Baton competition for all University of Copenhagen students, where the best idea wins DKK 100,000

The goal of the Grøn Stafet (Green Baton) is to get students to develop ideas for initiatives for the University of Copenhagen's campuses that can produce energy savings and/or utilise alternative and sustainable sources of energy.

The competition will be launched on 3 December at an event to be attended by the Danish Minister for the Environment, the Vice-Rector and a representative from Siemens. The best idea will be awarded DKK 100,000.

Read more at <http://klima.ku.dk/groenstafet/>

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No LIFE brain on 23 November

You certainly cannot force students to win DKK 10,000. We therefore have to cancel the Brain for a Night event due to an unfortunate lack of interest.

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Introductory courses in EndNote

In collaboration with the supplier Thomson Researchsoft, the Centre for Web-Based Learning at the University of Copenhagen (CWBL) will be offering two brief introductory courses in EndNote.

EndNote is a reference management program that allows you to build up a subject-indexed database of literature references. The references can then be inserted and formatted in your own texts using a plug-in program for Microsoft Word. The program can handle the formatting requirements for text and literature lists for a variety of different peer-reviewed academic and scientific journals.

Time: 26 November 2007, 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm

Place: CSS 2.2.30, Øster Farimagsgade 5

Note: There is only room for about 25 course participants. Everyone is welcome, but scientific/academic staff have priority.

Programme:

EndNote introduction: Background and possibilities (30 min.). EndNote in use: Filter and Styles. Exercises and questions/answers (2.5 hours).

Registration via the website <http://cwbl.ku.dk/dokument25/endnote/> where you can also read more about the product.

Staff and students at LIFE may borrow a CD-ROM for installation of EndNote at the LIFE faculty library.

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Education

We want to improve your teaching environment – do you?

On 19 November 2007, students at LIFE will receive an electronic questionnaire in their dsr.kvl.dk mailboxes. All respondents will be automatically entered in a draw for a laptop computer and eight gift vouchers of DKK 800 each sponsored by the Akademisk Boghandel bookshop. The deadline for submission of completed questionnaires is 3 December 2007.

The questionnaire is the first step in a large-scale survey of the teaching environment at the University of Copenhagen. The responses will be used to target our efforts to develop and improve study conditions here at the faculty and at the University of Copenhagen in general.

The university has never conducted a teaching environment evaluation ([undervisningsmiljøvurdering](#) – UMV) for the entire university before. The results will become part of a teaching environment barometer to be launched in 2008.

The survey will be carried out by the faculties, including LIFE, and the Working Environment Section of Central Administration at the University of Copenhagen. Read more about the survey at www.studiemiljoe.ku.dk

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Hong Kong Model United Nations Conference 2008 - Young Diplomats of Tomorrow

Hong Kong Model United Nations Club (HKMUNC) is recruiting delegates for the upcoming conference in January. Over 200 elites from different universities around the world will come and participate in this meaningful event. For more information please [see here](#).

A more detailed description with programme can be [seen here](#).

Application deadline is 30 November and you can either apply as an individual or as a team - the latter has a greater chance of being accepted.

The application form for individuals can be [found here](#) and the application form for a [delegation is here](#). Guidelines for the whole procedure can be [seen here](#).

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Staff news

Death: Janni Westh, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology

We have received the very sad news that our beloved colleague Janni Westh, secretariat assistant at the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, has died. Janni was just 25 years old and died Wednesday, 14

November early in the morning. Janni's colleagues are naturally very shocked and have been offered counselling.

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New international honorary doctorates at the University of Copenhagen

When the University of Copenhagen holds its traditional Annual Commemoration ceremony on Thursday, 15 November, honorary doctorates will be conferred on fourteen prominent researchers.

These honorary doctors have all made significant contributions to research in their field. They are honoured for the work they have conducted at the University of Copenhagen either as visiting professors or through research collaboration.

This year's Honorary Doctors are:

Honorary Doctorate of Theology:

Professor Mohamed Salih, PhD, MA, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, the Netherlands

Honorary Doctorate of Medicine:

Professor Gustav Konrad von Schultess, MD, PhD, Klinik für Nuklearmedizin, University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland

Professor John W. Lynch, PhD, Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health, McGill University, Canada

Professor Kirsten Sandvig, Institute for Cancer Research, Department of Biochemistry, Norwegian Radium Hospital, Oslo, Norway

Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy:

Professor Paolo Matthiae, Dipartimento di Scienze Storiche, Archeologiche e Antropologiche dell' Antichità, Università degli Studi di Roma, Italy

Professor Orvar Löfgren, PhD, Department of European Ethnology, Lund University, Sweden

Nicoletta Calzolari Zamorani, Institute of Computational Linguistics, National Research Council, Pisa, Italy

Honorary Doctorate of Science:

Professor H. Jeff Kimble, PhD, Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics, California Institute of Technology, USA

Professor Michael Clark, PhD, Molecular Biology Unit, Biochemistry, Medical School, University of Tasmania, Australia

Professor Patricia Vertinsky, School of Human Kinetics, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, Canada

Professor Karin Birte Svensson, BioCentrum DTU, Technical University of Denmark

Honorary Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine:

Professor Katrin Hinrichs, DVM, PhD, Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University, USA

Honorary Doctorate of Agricultural Science:

Senior Researcher Magni Martens, dr.agric., Matforsk AS, Ås, Norway

Honorary Doctorate of Pharmaceutical Science:

Professor Graham A.R. Johnston, PhD, Department of Pharmacology, University of Sydney, Australia

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Laboratory Technician John Gargul Lind, IHE, receives her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark's silver service medal

On Thursday, 6 December 2007, 10 am, at Frue Plads, Rector Ralf Hemmingsen will present her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark's silver service medal to Laboratory Technician John Gargul Lind, Department of Human Nutrition.

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Senior Laboratory Assistant Bente Lauritsen Nielsen, IGV, receives her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark's silver service medal

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Research

PURE, CURIS, KUBIS, GOOGLE – what is the status????

After several enquiries about the current status of the PURE research database here at LIFE, I will now give a brief update – starting with a couple of definitions:

PURE is the name of LIFE's research database and also the name of the technical platform for the faculty's research registration. Entries in PURE are made at departmental level, and the annual update is planned, supported and validated by the LIFE faculty library, DVJB.

CURIS is the corresponding program used by the rest of the University of Copenhagen, based on the same technical platform. This year, CURIS is being rolled out to the rest of the university's faculties, and in 2008, all the data from LIFE's PURE database will be integrated with CURIS.

KUBIS is a new joint library for the entire University of Copenhagen based on collaboration between the university's Rector and the Director of the Royal Library. The agreement is to be finalised here in November and KUBIS will be established at the turn of the year.

GOOGLE is probably known to everyone as the currently dominant search engine on the Internet.

Question: What is the connection between PURE and CURIS?

Answer: PURE is LIFE's research database and contains the faculty's research production over an extended number of years. CURIS is currently being established at the University of Copenhagen. The plan is for data from PURE to be integrated with data from CURIS in 2008 so that the university will ultimately only have one common research database.

Technically, this means that the university will only have one server and one system to operate this vital activity. Because responsibility for updating the database is still at faculty level, the transition from PURE to CURIS should have no practical consequences for those who enter data into LIFE's PURE system at the departments. It will still be the LIFE faculty library that is responsible for planning, support and validation of the annual data entries.

Question: What does KUBIS have to do with research registration?

Answer: At the moment nothing, because, as mentioned above, the faculties are responsible for research registration. However, we are considering whether KUBIS, once it is well-established, might be allocated operational responsibility for CURIS since the task of research registration and validation is closely related to one of the classic responsibilities of the research libraries: the timely and careful registration of literature.

Question: When will it be possible to search LIFE's research databases via Google?

Answer: It already is. If you search by author, title or other data from LIFE's PURE research database using Google, you will be led directly to the PURE reference in question. From there, it is possible to download any full-text content to the extent this has been uploaded into PURE. The same option will also be possible for CURIS once that system is opened for searching in early 2008.

The function is very important for the university's researchers as studies show that if a research article can be found on the Internet, and not just via the password-protected full-text databases that the universities procure access to for academic and scientific staff and students via the university libraries, this significantly increases an author's chances of being cited in articles by other researchers.

Kind regards,
Frede Mørch
Faculty Librarian
LIFE faculty library – DVJB

Relevant links:

PURE: <http://www.forskningsbase.life.ku.dk/>

CURIS: <http://www.ku.dk/curis/>

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Grants

Grant awarded

The Ellen Backe's Scholarship was awarded on 13 November 2007 – recipients were notified directly. Letters of rejection will not be sent.

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Grant awarded

The Veterinarian W. Lænkholt's Scholarship was awarded on 8 November 2007 – the recipients were notified directly. Letters of rejection will not be sent.

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Research funds etc.

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