



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Life at LIFE

From climate change to washing powder – Associate Professor Peter Stougaard talked about extreme bacteria as part of the science lecture series

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Extreme bacteria can be found in all extreme habitats. A characteristic of extreme bacteria is that the enzymes are active under extreme conditions, e.g. cold temperatures, and they are in demand by industry because they are efficient, environmentally friendly, hygienic and, not least, economical.

In southern Greenland, extreme bacteria are found in ikaite columns at the bottom of the Ikka Fjord. The ikaite columns contain enzymes that are active below 6°C, but which collapse at higher temperatures.

Those are the enzymes that Associate Professor Peter Stougaard and his colleagues study – in the race against global warming. If the temperature in the Ikka Fjord exceeds 6°C, will the columns then collapse? Or will they adapt and survive? Because if the columns collapse, the extreme bacteria will disappear.

Organised by the University of Copenhagen and the newspaper *Politiken*, the science lecture series 'Mød Videnskaben' opened this season on Wednesday 5 September with a lecture by LIFE scientist, Peter Stougaard, Associate Professor from the Department of Ecology. The lecture attracted a large and interested audience.

Peter Stougaard is a skilled communicator of popular science. He manages to explain complex subjects in a way which is understandable to the man in the street, so much so that his audience asked a number of interested questions.



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Impressive attendance for this year's guided tours of the Gardens

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This year we held eight guided tours (free admission), and even though two of them were a bit of a wash-out they still attracted an average of 60 interested guests.

At this year's last tour, which attracted 105 guests, we split the guests up into two groups after the overall introduction and presentation of LIFE. The two groups were guided by Lars Birck and the undersigned. After a two-hour show, the guests paused for a short while to see the collection of summer plants. Then we continued

the tour, and the guests could either visit the Museum of Veterinary History with Jens Munk as guide or sign up for another hour-long tour of areas 2 and 3 ending at Villa Rolighed.

This tour only marked the end of this year's open guided tours: There are still a number of guided tours booked for September, e.g. 100 guests from the Directorate for Food, Fisheries and Agri Business.

So far, there have been 33 guided tours this year with 1,385 guests.

Some associations have asked for a garden lecture at their own premises, but in future such lectures will also be held at LIFE. As a new initiative, I have planned two open lectures with slide shows in November in the main lecture hall. One of the lectures will be held in the afternoon and the other early in the evening. The date and the exact time will soon be posted on our website and in eLIFE.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener

Kim Greiner, the Gardens, kg@life.ku.dk

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Announcements

Reference Manager Course – 27 September

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The How to use Reference Manager course will be held on 27 September 2007 from 9 am to 12.30 pm. Register for the course at <http://www.dvjb.life.ku.dk/English/cg/enrol.aspx>

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The library's autumn courses – Reference Manager on Tuesday 25 September

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Reference Manager, basic functions, Tuesday 25 September from 9 am to 12.30 pm. Registration at <http://www.dvjb.life.ku.dk/kv/kurstilm.aspx>

The library's course calendar has been updated with literature search and Reference Manager courses. For more information and registration, please visit: <http://www.dvjb.kvl.dk/kv/kalender.aspx>

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The Art Association at LIFE: Exhibition of Jens Thordal-Christensen's paintings – preview on Tuesday 4 September at 4 pm at DVJB

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Exhibition of works by the painter Jens Thordal-Christensen from 4 September to 28 September at DVJB. Preview on Tuesday 4 September at 4 pm.

Organiser: The Art Association at LIFE

Chairman Annette Flagstad, IMHS

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Education

Another LIFE graduate under the new PPP programme

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On Friday 31 August, Tran Ngoc Vo from Vietnam was awarded her MSc in Agricultural Development.

She is only the second student from a developing country to be sponsored by the new PPP (Public Private Partnerships) programme where private businesses, the Faculty of Life Sciences and Danida sponsor the education and living costs for students from developing countries.

The purpose of the programme is to strengthen the education sector and the competences in the developing countries with which the private companies are doing business.

This grant for studies at the Faculty of Life Sciences is sponsored in equal shares by Arla Foods and the Danish Agricultural Council on the one hand and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Danida on the other.

- Tran Ngoc Vo, from the Can Tho University in southern Vietnam, has written her thesis at the Department of Agricultural Sciences at the Faculty of Life Sciences with Associate Professor Henning Høgh Jensen as her supervisor. Her thesis, 'Perspectives on Organic Vegetable Production in peri-Urban Hanoi, Vietnam' demonstrates the potential for organic vegetable production and consumer sales in combination with targeted marketing and general policies to promote organic production.

So far, eight students have been awarded scholarships and research stays at the Faculty of Life Sciences under the PPP programme.

Read more about Public Private Partnerships at http://www.life.ku.dk/om_KVL/internationalisering/opp.aspx.

Mikael Jørgensen

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Helsinki or Hohenheim? – Invitation to information meeting on studying abroad, Thursday 6 September from 12 pm to 1 pm in lecture room 2.21

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An information meeting on studying abroad will be held on Thursday 6 September from 12 pm to 1 pm in lecture room 3.21.

Programme

12 pm to 12.10 pm: Arrival and lunch.

12.15 pm to 12.30 pm:

Presentation of opportunities in Scandinavia, Europe and overseas, by Annica Nielsen and Michael Guldager, Internationalisation and Developing Countries.

Talk on stay in France by forestry student Astrid Wodschow

12.30 pm to 13 pm: Q&A session

Sandwiches and soft drinks will be served.

The application deadline is 2 October 2007, so show up at the information meeting and eat your lunch in an international atmosphere while finding out how you can add an international touch to your studies.

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Gudrun Lau Bjerno, glb@life.ku.dk – latest update 4 September 2007

Stand out! Participate in the University of Copenhagen ideas competition for first-year students (deadline 1 October)

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In September, Venture Cup, NSI and the University of Copenhagen (KU) will be holding the mini-competition 'KU's Best Idea', an ideas competition for first-year students aimed at motivating students to be creative and innovative from the very beginning of their studies! Competition kick-off today – deadline 1 October 2007

How do I win?

Follow these simple steps to win cool prizes:

Step 1: Come up with a brilliant NEW idea

Step 2: Check whether the idea is realistic and profitable

Step 3: Describe your idea in one-two pages – please use this template

Step 4: Send your idea to ku@venturecup.dk

Deadline 1 October 2007

Award criteria

The competition has the following main criteria:

The idea must be innovative

The idea must be realisable and profitable

The idea must be presented convincingly.

It is not a requirement that the idea fully meets all three criteria, but the more it fulfils all three, the bigger the chance of winning.

For the record, it should be mentioned that all ideas are treated confidentially.

This competition may even whet your appetite and inspire you to participate in the big Venture Cup to be held during an academic year with deadlines in November and May.

On 12 October, we will be holding a massive party for all students and participants from the University of Copenhagen, the Technical University of Denmark and Copenhagen Business School where the winners will be announced and celebrated.

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Fancy working on the Night of Culture? – Communications are looking for students who can assist on Friday 12 October

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The departments at LIFE will be organising a large number of exciting activities on the Night of Culture, which are bound to attract many visitors. We therefore need people to assist with odd jobs (coordination, guiding, setting-up, clearing away).

If you want to participate in an exciting event, love challenges and hard work, don't mind crowded places, are able to work on Friday 12 October from morning until after midnight, please contact us.

You will be paid the standard hourly rate applicable for student assistants.

Please send an email to Gudrun Lau Bjerno, Communications, glb@life.ku.dk, after 12 September, clearly stating how you would like to be contacted. Email subject: Studentermødhjælp til Kulturnatten (Student assistant for the Night of Culture).

Lykke Thostrup and Gudrun Lau Bjerno, Communications, lyt@life.ku.dk, glb@life.ku.dk

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New rules concerning theses

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On 13 July 2007, the Danish University and Property Agency issued amendments to the ministerial orders concerning education and exams.

Among other things, the amendments, which will enter into force on 1 September 2007, include a binding deadline for the handing-in of theses.

This means that if the student does not observe the fixed deadline (including any postponements), a new thesis outline must be prepared, and the student will be given a new three-month deadline.

The amendments have been incorporated into the common part of the curricula, Chapter 6.4 concerning theses, see <http://www.life.ku.dk/uddannelse/studerende/studieordninger/2007-08/Faelles-del.aspx>.

Minor amendments have also been made in respect of the contact between supervisors and thesis students. Supervisors and thesis students are asked to make a note of these changes.

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Staff news

Four LIFE employees to be awarded silver service medal on Thursday 6 September at 11 am

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Rector will award the silver service medal for 40 years of public service to:

Lecturer Kristian Sørensen, Forest and Landscape

Senior laboratory technician Lena Anita Idoff, Department of Plant Biology
Radiographer Bent Rye Nilson, Department of Small Animal Science
Senior laboratory assistant Ruth Lillian Palle Jensen, Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences

The presentation ceremony will take place at rector's office on Thursday 6 September at 11 am.

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Doctoral thesis: Jørgen Steen Agerholm will defend his doctoral thesis on Friday 2 November at 2 pm in lecture room 1-01

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Associate Professor Jørgen Steen Agerholm, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, will defend his doctoral thesis, 'Inherited Disorders in Danish Cattle', on Friday 2 November 2007 at 2 pm in lecture room 1-01.

Official opponents:

Director, Professor, DVM, PhD David Steffen,
Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

Director, MD, Karen Brøndum-Nielsen
The Kennedy Center (Kennedy Institutet, Statens Øjenklinik (KISØ)), Glostrup, Denmark

Chairman of the assessment committee: Professor, DVM, Henrik Elvang Jensen, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology.

The defence will be conducted in English.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, glb@life.ku.dk – latest update 3 September 2007

Correction: Tanja Neergaard appointed new Accounts Assistant at the Department of Plant Biology – not Head of Accounting

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In the last edition of eLIFE, Tanja Neergaard was by mistake appointed new Head of Accounting at the Department of Plant Biology. Tanja is the Department's new Accounts Assistant.

Maja Puk Nielsen, Department of Plant Biology, mpn@life.ku.dk

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Appointment: Chris Knight new Professor of Farm Animals' Production Physiology at the Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences

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The Dean has decided to appoint Chris Knight Professor of Farm Animals' Production Physiology at the Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences as of 1 October 2007

Camilla Holm, HR, caho@life.ku.dk

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, glb@life.ku.dk – latest update 30 August 2007

Appointment: Lotte Holm new Professor with special responsibilities within Food Sociology at the Department of Human Nutrition – inaugural lecture on Friday 21 September at 2 pm

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Lotte Holm has been appointed Professor with special responsibilities within Food Sociology at the Department of Human Nutrition.

Lotte Holm will therefore hold an inaugural lecture on the topicality and challenges of food sociology on Friday 21 September at 2 pm in lecture room 3.14.

The Department will hold a reception after the lecture.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, glb@life.ku.dk – latest update 30 August 2007

Research

New domain name for the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation

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In future, the Agency's website can be found at www.fi.dk

All email addresses at the Agency have also been changed to xxx@fi.dk

For a transitional period, the old domain name and the old addresses will be redirected to the new domain and the new addresses.

Birgitte Ehrhardt, Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation, ehr@fi.dk

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Grants

Landlegatet 2008 – application deadline Monday 1 October

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Landlegatet will be awarded in August 2008. The grant supports activities which can:

- Increase the rural population's income
- Contribute to better welfare for the rural population
- Increase the knowledge base vital for Danish agricultural production.

Individuals, institutions and groups may apply for the grant. As a rule, students are not considered, but students (incl. PhD students) at the Faculty of Life Sciences are exempt from this rule. Such students must enclose records from STADS stating all marks and exam attempts.

Activities initiated in 2007 will not be considered.

Applications without enclosures or budgets or which are received after the deadline will not be considered.

Signed applications must be submitted by 1 October 2007 to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Education and Students, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark.

Letters of refusal will not be sent out, but once the grant has been awarded, it will be announced in eLIFE in December 2007 at the latest.

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Studiefonden for studerende ved LIFE – Foreningen PlanDanmark – application deadline Monday 1 October

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Of the interest earned by the above foundations, a number of grants of **DKK 5,000 to DKK 10,000 will be distributed in December 2007.**

The aim of the grants is, among other things, to improve the education of young farmers and students at the Faculty of Life Sciences who, for example, would like to study at a university abroad for a semester. Financial support for travel and living expenses is provided.

The application must be for studies abroad starting *after* the deadline for application; starting studies abroad in September 2007, however, is acceptable.

Applications without correct academic records stating all marks and exam attempts and a specified budget will not be considered.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Signed applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Education and Students, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, by Monday 1 October 2007 at the latest.

Letters of refusal will not be sent out, but once the grant has been awarded, it will be announced in eLIFE.

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Frøken Ellen Backes legat – application deadline Monday 15 October

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Of the above grant, four portions of DKK 1,000 will be awarded in November 2007.

Applications are invited from students, including PhD students, at the Department of Agricultural Sciences within the fields of plant breeding and horticulture.

Reasoned applications, including academic records stating study number and showing all exam attempts, must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Education and Students, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, by 15 October 2007 at the latest.

Applications without relevant enclosures and/or applications which are received after the deadline will not be considered.

Letters of refusal will not be sent out, but once the grant has been awarded, it will be announced in eLIFE.

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Research funds etc.

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