

## KVL's Newsletter, 3 August 2006

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The final deadline for editorial changes is Tuesday 11 am, prior to publication of KVL's Newsletter on Thursday afternoon.

This version does therefore not contain the latest announcements from the online version. These can be found in the next edition.

Editorial adjustments may occur in relation to the online newsletter – all pictures, teasers and some of the articles have, for example, been left out.

As regards links in the newsletter, please refer to the Danish online version at KVL's website

[http://www.kvl.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/kvl\\_internt/nyhedsbrev.aspx](http://www.kvl.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/kvl_internt/nyhedsbrev.aspx)



### News and debate

#### Helene Hausner, Department of Food Science, selected to participate in World Orienteering Championships

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PhD student Helene Hausner from the Department of Food Science has been selected to participate in the World Orienteering Championships taking place in Aarhus/Silkeborg, Denmark, from 29 July to 5 August 2006.

Gudrun Lau Bjerno, KVL Communications, [glb@kvl.dk](mailto:glb@kvl.dk) – last update 31 July 2006

#### New staff policy at KVL? Debate contribution and answers from the Head of KVL Communications

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From a work-related perspective, it is NOT OK to arrange circus performances at KVL. It is NOT OK for self-appointed units (or was it management?) to conduct surveys on various issues on KVL's website. Previously, a KVL employee criticised the fact that circus performances had been arranged at KVL during working hours – right outside the employee's window. The criticism was "countered" by a random survey via KVL's Newsletter. A survey that was not signed, I might add. Was it arranged by the editors? Or is this management's new way of conducting staff policy? Via random surveys? I was not present at KVL on weekdays during the circus performances – luckily I had planned spending my days in more peaceful places of work (trains and the like). On the weekend, however, I did go to KVL in order to follow up on some work. After having listened to the extremely monotonous drumming from the tent on the lawn for a couple of hours, I had to give up working. It was absolutely impossible! I hope that the survey on KVL's website could only be completed by employees who

were affected (positively or negatively) by the circus. I hope that it was not possible to vote more than once. (I voted twice without problems – I wonder how many did that as well?) I suppose an alternative could be that we all have to vote on whether the chemists are to work with hydrochloric acid in- or outside of fume cupboards? Whether horse leaders are to be ordered to walk barefoot rather than wear safety shoes? Or whether individuals should be entitled to have sit-stand desks? I hope that the management will comment on my criticism. A couple of general meetings ago, our Rector promised to start pursuing a staff policy. Responses to criticism of working conditions, canteen operations etc. also fall within staff policy, don't they?

Søren Saxmose Nielsen, Department of Large Animal Sciences, [ssn@kvl.dk](mailto:ssn@kvl.dk)

Dear Søren Nielsen

Thank you very much for sharing your views. I am sorry to hear that you were bothered by our decision to arrange circus performances at KVL. Every time we arrange special events on our campus, we do of course consider the pros and cons of the matter. As concerns the circus, we assessed that the advantages of having a circus at KVL outweighed the disadvantages, among other things because our students and employees got the chance to go to the circus together with their children and colleagues.

As concerns the surveys at [www.kvl.dk](http://www.kvl.dk), they merely represent an opportunity to sound out opinions and voice attitudes. They are not intended as "referendums" used to base decisions on, so if you find them irrelevant, then please do not waste your time on them.

But we are, of course, happy to have received your editorial input. Thank you for that.

Do not forget that you are always welcome to contact the person concerned directly if there is something that you want to ask or that you are dissatisfied with.

Have a nice summer!

Jacob Søby Bang  
Head of KVL Communications  
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## **OECD report on the Øresund Region**

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The OECD has published a report on the contribution of the universities to the regional development in the Øresund Region. OECD commends the commitment of the universities in the region and highlights Øresund Science Region, through which universities collaborate with industry and the public sector, as a demonstration of best practice. Click below to download the report or a summary of the report in PDF format:

### **Report**

<http://www.uni.oresund.org/graphics/Oeresundsuniversitet/Dokumenter/OECD-IMHE%20Project%20-%20Peer%20Review%20Report%20on%20the%20Oresund%20Region.pdf>

Summary

<http://www.uni.oresund.org/graphics/Oeresundsuniversitet/Dokumenter/OECD-IMHE%20Project%20-%20Peer%20Review%20Report%20on%20the%20Oresund%20Region.pdf>

**Karin Klitborg Møller, Registrar's Office, [kkq@kvl.dk](mailto:kkq@kvl.dk) - last update 30 June 2006**

## **Danish-Chinese collaboration on urban forestry**

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On 28-30 June, the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning held the conference "Forests, Trees and Human Health and Wellbeing". In this context, the Chinese delegation from the Chinese Academy of Forestry has visited KVL, partly to learn about KVL's approach to urban forestry and partly to sign a collaboration agreement. The delegation was headed by Mme. Jiang Zehui, who is the sister of the former Chinese president Jiang Zemin. She is also Professor of Wood Technology. After the collaboration agreement was signed, Mme. Jiang Zehui was given a tour of KVL's campus and the laboratory facilities of the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning. KVL is pleased with the increased collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Forestry.

*Lars Liebst Pedersen, KVL Communications, [llp@kvl.dk](mailto:llp@kvl.dk) - last update 29 June 2006*

## **Result of web survey: Thumbs up for circus at KVL**

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The question "Is it OK to permit circus performances at KVL?" received a total of 301 votes in a survey on KVL's employee portal. The votes are distributed on 172 votes in favour (57.14%), 46 votes against (15.28%) ... and 83 people (27.57%) who thought that we ought to come up with something more interesting to ask about.

*Martin Sandgaard, KVL Communications, [mje@kvl.dk](mailto:mje@kvl.dk) - last update 28 June 2006*

## **"Where are the animals?" - kindergarten visits the greenhouses**

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"Where are the animals?" Sarah cries out the moment she sets foot in the greenhouses on Rolighedsvej, where she has come to visit together with her friends from the Stærevej Børnehaven kindergarten. Gardener Lars Møller Jensen, who is in charge of giving the small group a tour of the greenhouses, is unable to conjure up a couple of horses at the drop of a hat, but in spite of this he manages to show the children and their two accompanying minders a good time for the next hour or so.

They see carnivorous plants, blow onto mimosa, look at orchids that resemble fairies, smell jasmine, taste a Danish-grown orange (which has no real taste), and see where the coffee, which they all know for a fact that their minders drink a lot of, actually comes from.

They all get a small handful of offsets from mother of thousands (and a little extra for the grownups to ensure that they have some left when they return to the kindergarten). And then, would you believe it, Lars manages to produce an animal after all: the blackbird, which has built a nest with its own entrance to the greenhouses, is nesting on its baby blackbirds and the children are lifted up to see.

*Lykke Thostrup, KVL Communications, [lyt@kvl.dk](mailto:lyt@kvl.dk) - last update 28 June 2006*



## Announcements

**Diogenes sponsor & information meeting, Wednesday 16 August, 2.00-5.00 pm, room A107, 1st floor, Department of Human Nutrition**

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On Wednesday 16 August, the Department of Human Nutrition holds an information meeting on the Diogenes research project for sponsors and other stakeholders. Diogenes is an EU-financed project – read more at [www.diogenes-eu.org](http://www.diogenes-eu.org)

View the agenda here – sign up [glr@kvl.dk](mailto:glr@kvl.dk)

Further information on the research project can be obtained by contacting daily manager Thomas Meinert Larsen, Department of Human Nutrition, [tml@kvl.dk](mailto:tml@kvl.dk) – tel.: +45 35 28 25 05.

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**IT-related questions at KVL to be forwarded to [servicedesk@kvl.dk](mailto:servicedesk@kvl.dk)**

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The IT Department asks that all IT-related questions at KVL be forwarded to:

[servicedesk@kvl.dk](mailto:servicedesk@kvl.dk).

This joint e-mail address ensures that no e-mails are left unanswered in an individual employee's mailbox in connection with holidays, illness or other absence from KVL.

*Gudrun Lau Bjerno, KVL Communications, [glb@kvl.dk](mailto:glb@kvl.dk) – last update 31 July 2006*

**DR's concerts performed by the Danish Radio Concert Orchestra in the central KVL courtyard cancelled this year**

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For several years now, DR and the Danish Radio Concert Orchestra has arranged concerts in the KVL central courtyard at the end of August. That was also the plan for this year, but there have been problems with the arrangements, among other things with finding soloists that were available in the relevant period.

DR and the Danish Radio Concert Orchestra regret having to cancel this year but hope to return to KVL next year.

*Gudrun Lau Bjerno, KVL Communications, [gib@kvl.dk](mailto:gib@kvl.dk) – last update 31 July 2006*

### **Free guided tour of KVL's gardens in August – Wednesdays, 16, 23 and 30 August, 2.00 pm. Meeting place: the fountain in front of KVL's main building. Registration not necessary**

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Throughout the summer, people with an interest in gardens and culture are invited to a free guided tour behind KVL's facade and a glimpse into the gardeners' work as well as a chance to admire the old trees and the colourful summer flowerbeds in the gardens of the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Denmark, (KVL) at Frederiksberg, Copenhagen.

The tours take place on 16, 23 and 30 August and all start at 2.00 pm by the fountain in front of KVL's main building at Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Copenhagen.

You do not have to sign up for the tours. In order for everyone to benefit as much as possible from the guided tour, the aim is to keep the number of participants at 50 based on a first come, first served basis.

The gardens, established in 1858, constitute teaching and study gardens for the KVL students. But the public also has access to the gardens and, from sunrise to sunset, visitors to the gardens are free to enjoy this beautiful green breathing space in Copenhagen.

The tour starts off by a walk through "Kongeporten" and into the central courtyard of the Bindsbøll main building and, if possible, further on into the most beautiful lecture hall in Northern Europe. While we admire the beautiful wall paintings, it will be explained why this old lecture hall is actually brand-new. On our way out through the hall, we have a look at the small horse statue which is the preliminary work for the equestrian statue in Amalienborg Palace Square.

In the southern part of the gardens, we take a look at Pontus Kjerrman's little garden nymphs, the hydrangeas and the venerable old oriental plane tree before wandering into the protected part of the gardens. Here, we meander along the small paths and are told about some of the plants we pass – and we will see representatives of the largest tree species in the world and the world's oldest tree, to mention but a few. There will also be a chance to shrink away from the poison ivy, get pricked by the monkey puzzle tree and hear the story about the petrified tree that is now thriving.

In the middle of the gardens is a small pond, and here we will take a look at the new weeping willow that has replaced the old hollow weeping willow whose destiny many probably will still remember hearing about. But for those who do not, its story will be told. The tour continues past the large rockery with alpine plants and on to some of the gardens' flowerbeds with one of Denmark's largest and most magnificent carpet beds.

The tour continues to the rose garden and further on to KVL's collection of summer flowers that we – in all modesty – call Denmark's largest collection as it contains more than 600 different summer flowers. The tour ends at the collection of medicinal plants near the old gardener's lodge, which today houses the garden office, among other things.

The tour lasts about 1½ hours, and for those who feel like it, there will be a chance to take the elevator up to the 7th floor of the tower block and enjoy the view across the rooftops of the city to Copenhagen's many towers and spires.

Further information is available upon request to the garden office on tel. +45 35 28 21 82.

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## **The Arboretum opens its doors: guided tours offered on the last Thursday of every month**

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The Arboretum in Hørsholm now offers a guided tour on the last Thursday of every month. Here is the chance to experience nature in a whole new way – different from woods, parks and ornamental gardens. For the Arboretum is Denmark's largest botanical collection of trees and bushes from all over the world.

Specialists from the *Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning*, KVL, who will act as guides, are the foremost experts on the theme of the month, which in June is trees and bushes from Japan.

The Arboretum is also open to the public every day from 7.30 am until sunset.

"Every week, you will get to see new trees flowering and the smells are so intense that you can imagine yourself in a jungle. This year, we have introduced new paths, routes with guide folders, info boards and benches. And you can sit down with children and a picnic basket and enjoy the view from the Gøgebakken hill, 50 m above the sea – the view from there is absolutely breathtaking," says Master of Forestry Morten Alban from the *Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning*.

In the Arboretum, you will have the chance to ask all kinds of questions: Do apples and roses belong to the same family? Is there a conifer with flat leaves? Do some trees have swimming cells for fertilisation? Medical plants – what are they? You can get answers to these and many other questions during the monthly tours. You can also experience the rhododendron valley with its nearly luminous mauve flowers, the scent of the sweetgum, the giant sequoia with built-in fire protection, and the beech that forgot to grow upwards, as well as an abundance of other trees and bushes, all with distinctive features.

The theme for July is plant defence mechanisms and other special adaptations (evolution). The July tour is offered on Thursday 27 July at 6.30 pm. Read more at the Arboretum website: [www.arboretet.dk](http://www.arboretet.dk).

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### **Further information:**

The Arboretum in Hørsholm, Kirkegårdsvej 3 A, 2970 Hørsholm, Denmark [www.arboretet.dk](http://www.arboretet.dk)

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## **Research**

If you want to look for grants, current deadlines for external research funds, research programmes etc., these can be found in the Newsletter at [http://www.kvl.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/kvl\\_internt/nyhedsbrev/nyt\\_forskning.aspx](http://www.kvl.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/kvl_internt/nyhedsbrev/nyt_forskning.aspx)

### **European Young Entrepreneurs Awards 2006**

If you are a student with a creative idea for a business project you can, with a team or individually, take part in the fifth edition of the European Young Entrepreneurs Awards whose aim is to reward new and challenging projects.

The deadline for receipt of application forms is 1 September.

For further information and to download the application form, go to <http://www.presse.letudiant.fr/index6.asp>

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### **Abildgaard Symposium, 24 and 25 August 2006**

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The research school KLINIK arranges Abildgaard Symposium 2006 on Thursday 24 August and Friday 25 August 2006.

[View programme](#)

With this Abildgaard Symposium, the research school intends to provide a review of some research projects within medical diseases of small animals and horses.

The lectures are gathered under various themes representing current research areas within family animals and horses.

The Symposium has special focus on PhD projects, and many of the lectures will be given by PhD students.

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## **Education**

### **KVL accepts more students again this year**

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This year, KVL offers approx. 525 students admission. This is an increase of 15 per cent compared with the academic year 2005 when 457 prospective students were accepted. Even disregarding a planned admission increase of 40 students for KVL's most popular study programme – the veterinary programme – there has been an increase from 2005.

This year, due to a large number of applications, KVL has had to introduce average figures for the landscape architect and biotechnologist study programmes. At the same time, the significant increase in applications for the university's food programmes seems to indicate that the food science programme will be completely "full" this year.

Pro-rector of Education Flemming Frandsen is pleased that the university is seeing a positive development in admissions again this year:

- There are many things to be pleased with this year. For example that our newest bachelor programme in natural resources is a great success, maintaining last year's level with about 100 new students – and, of course, also the positive application and admission level for our food and landscape architect programmes, says Flemming Frandsen.

According to Flemming Frandsen, however, not everything is rosy:

- It is patently obvious, on the other hand, that the introduction of payment of tuition fees from non-EU/EEC students has meant that the students decline even though they are fully qualified. We have offered admission to 44 foreign students this year, but not one of them has wanted to pay the approx. DKK 100,000 a year that the tuition fees amount to.

See how many students were offered admission to KVL at:

[http://www.kvl.dk/upload/home/docs/nyheder\\_aktiviteter/optag\\_kvl\\_2006.pdf](http://www.kvl.dk/upload/home/docs/nyheder_aktiviteter/optag_kvl_2006.pdf)

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## **No teaching in Holstebro**

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All applications have now been registered and, unfortunately, there were only 12 applicants to KVL-Holstebro – five for food science and seven for natural resources – and, on this background, management has decided not to offer teaching in Holstebro. Efforts will be continued on the part of the project that has already been initiated, i.e. establishing contact between companies in the area and students vis-à-vis projects and theses.

*Birgitte Krogh Pedersen, Registrar's Office, [bkp@kvl.dk](mailto:bkp@kvl.dk) - last update 7 July 2006*

## **Comment for Pro-rector of Education Flemming Frandsen concerning quality assurance of bachelor and thesis projects**

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Quality assurance of bachelor and thesis projects

*Comment for Flemming Frandsen, Pro-rector of Education*

According to KVL's new **guidelines for quality assurance of bachelor projects and theses** (KVL's website – employees – teaching and exam), which our departmental secretary has just told us have existed since they were adopted in December 2005, supervisors on bachelor and thesis assignments are under an obligation to fill in an "annex to the contract", which must be "filled in by the supervisor and submitted to the university's teaching committee when the assignment has been assessed".

The annex comprises 12 boxes, eight of which ask for information that already appears from the contract (agreement on bachelor/thesis project) or from the assessment (grading of written activity). (Please refer to the form below).

Of the remaining four "new" questions, the first one concerns whether the assignment has a "non-scientific content", which, according to "Notes" in "Principles for the reporting of the teaching committees to the study boards on bachelor projects and theses", is to ensure that "any supervision within non-scientific subject areas which do not traditionally fall within the scope of KVL's 'own' non-scientific subject areas is provided on an academically appropriate basis". We do not understand how this quality assurance can be implemented when it is based on a question that requires a yes or no answer.

The next "new" question is the box "Comments on time consumption". Do we there write a) the student handed in the paper on time or b) the student handed in the paper after the deadline? (Information that, strictly speaking, you should be able to figure out on your own by comparing the contract and the assessment). Or how do we answer this question so that the quality of (future) projects is improved?

The third "new" question (Does the assignment have an experimental content?) is even more obscure. A literature study may, for instance, be chock-full of experimental content. But even hour-long observations of, for example, the sexual behaviour of castrated male rats, on the other hand, may offer slim results from a purely experimental point of view. If quality assurance concerns investigating to how high an extent the student has been involved in experimental work, why not just ask about it directly like in the last "new" question (Comments on the scope of experimental work).

As supervisors on numerous bachelor and thesis projects, we are strongly in favour of quality assurance. We have, for example, for years been encouraging students to write their reports as though they were manuscripts for scientific articles. The result of this practice has been that the students learn to communicate academic knowledge in a more concise and targeted manner and that they become better at "skimming" scientific articles, thereby improving their ability to stay on top of the scientific literature. In a very few cases, our practice has entailed that the results of the projects were published in international journals (see the list below).

The most important condition in order for students at KVL to be able to deliver high-quality bachelor and thesis projects is, however, that they have access to facilities where they can carry out experimental work. For those of us who work with domestic and laboratory animals, this means, as a minimum, the opportunity to obtain stable facilities for the animals. Such facilities are available on KVL's area at Frederiksberg and at Rørrendegård, respectively. The way the situation is today at KVL's laboratory animal facilities, only very few of us can afford to let students carry out practical work unless this can be fitted into an already existing project. (Four of the projects mentioned below were thus carried out on privately-owned animals stabled outside KVL). It is not possible to plan a thesis project with experimental content, apply for money for the project (not to mention being granted the money!) within the stipulated time. And with the number of students who are going to work on bachelor and thesis assignments in future at KVL, we have difficulties imagining that it will be possible to involve them all in an already existing project.

The purpose of this comment is therefore to encourage Flemming Frandsen to continue working on quality assurance of bachelor and thesis projects: not in the way it has been done so far, which solely contributes to increased administration without any kind of quality assurance, but by ensuring proper and available laboratory facilities and laboratory animals so that we may give students better insight into the scientific process and perhaps once in a while even make a contribution to international science.

Jan Ladewig and Björn Forkman, Department of Large Animal Sciences

**Annex to contract – bachelor project/thesis**

**To be filled in by the supervisor and submitted to the department’s teaching committee when the assignment has been assessed.**

Name of supervisor:	<b>Appears from contract and grading form</b>
Name of student:	<b>Appears from contract and grading form</b>
Matriculation number:	<b>Appears from contract and grading form</b>
Subject area:	<b>Appears from contract</b>
Does the assignment have a “non-scientific content”?:	
Time consumption (blocks):	<b>Appears from contract and grading form</b>
Comments on time consumption:	
Does the assignment have an experimental content?:	
Comments on the scope of experimental work:	
Collaboration, if any, with another department/co-supervisor:	<b>Appears from contract and grading form</b>
External collaboration:	<b>Appears from contract</b>
External examiner:	<b>Appears from grading form</b>

*List of publications based on bachelor and thesis projects*

Ladewig, J., Sørensen, D.B., Nielsen, P.P. Matthews, L.R. 2002. The quantitative measurement of motivation: generation of demand functions under open versus closed economies. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* 79, 325-331.

Pedersen, G.R., Søndergaard, E. & Ladewig, J. 2004. The influence of bedding on the time horses spend recumbent. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science* 24, 153-158.

**Lynge, H. & Ladewig, J. 2005. The effect of signals from experienced and inexperienced dog handlers on the behaviour of dogs. *The European Journal of Companion Animal Practice*, 15:67-72.**

Raabymagle, P. & Ladewig, J. 2006. Lying behavior in horses in relation to box size. *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science* 26:11-17.

Hansen, M.N., Estvan, J. & Ladewig, J. 2006. A note on resting behaviour in horses kept on pasture: Rolling prior to getting up. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*. In press.

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## **KVL's first master**

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On Wednesday 28 June 2006, KVL produced its first master when Kai Õkva, veterinarian at the University of Tartu in Estonia, defended her thesis in laboratory animal science. At the same time, Kai Õkva is the first in Denmark to become master of laboratory animal science. A master programme is a part-time continuing education scheme, which means that the programme can be completed over a period of two to six years. KVL is one of the few European universities to offer a master programme in laboratory animal science and thereby a study programme at the very highest level. Kai Õkva has followed the programme in order, among other things, to contribute to the development of laboratory animal science in Estonia. There is a need for this, she points out, and Kai Õkva can put the knowledge that she has gained from the master programme to use in her daily work and thereby help take the first steps. Kai Õkva is the first-ever to obtain a grant for a master programme from Scand-LAS (Scandinavian Society for Laboratory Animal Science). The master programme is accredited by FELASA (Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations) and has been approved as part of an ECLAM (European College of Laboratory Animal Science) diploma recognition.

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## **A new NOVA**

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KVL has now been a member of the Nordic NOVA University Network (NOVA UN) for ten years. In the spring of 2006, NOVA UN was evaluated by Cees Karssen, former rector of the Wageningen University in the Netherlands. The evaluation forms the basis for a restructuring of NOVA and a new strategy. The annual conference of the network, which took place on 18-19 May 2006, had *NOVA beyond the horizon – Building a new strategy* as its main theme. The conference took its point of departure in the conclusions of the evaluation, where the main recommendations concerned maintaining and strengthening the successful PhD collaboration

and joint courses, a commitment to shorter courses, primarily at MSc level, to a higher extent than collaborating on joint degrees, and the need for a new organisational structure.

As the plan is to forge closer links between NOVA UN and the secretariat vis-à-vis the member organisations, it has been decided to move the NOVA secretariat from Alnarp, Sweden, and further that NOVA UN's rector retires by the end of 2006. It has not yet been determined where a new secretariat will be placed. A working group headed by Flemming Frandsen is now working on a new strategy for NOVA. The draft strategy will be discussed in the member institutions over the course of the late summer.

*Christina Hove Odgaard, Registrar's Office, [cod@kvl.dk](mailto:cod@kvl.dk) - last update 28 June 2006*

## **You can now view mark statistics in relation to courses, theses and bachelor projects on KVL's website**

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You can find mark statistics on KVL's website, distributed on courses, theses and bachelor projects. All three categories can be broken down by exam period. In addition, it is possible to search on courses by department, whereas theses and bachelor projects are shown per field of study

[http://www.kvl.dk/om\\_kvl/kvl\\_fakta/karakterstatistik.aspx](http://www.kvl.dk/om_kvl/kvl_fakta/karakterstatistik.aspx)

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## **Staff news**

### **Appointment: Head of Research, Kristian Thorup-Kristensen, PhD, appointed Affiliate Professor at the Department of Agricultural Sciences - 31.07.2006**

Head of Research, Kristian Thorup-Kristensen, PhD, has been appointed Affiliated Professor in garden plant root physiology at the Department of Agricultural Sciences based on his considerable contribution to our understanding of plant root growth and the importance of root growth to environmentally friendly vegetable production systems.

The right to use the title Affiliated Professor is awarded to Kristian Thorup-Kristensen for a period of five years as from 20 July 2006.

*Lene Mariager, [lna@kvl.dk](mailto:lna@kvl.dk) - last update 31 July 2006*

### **Resignation: Marianne Aarø-Hansen, Registrar's Office**

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Marianne Aarø-Hansen resigns from her position as Head of the Secretariat for Internationalisation and Collaboration with Developing Countries, Registrar's Office, as at 1 September 2006.

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### **Resignation: Mette Sonne Brendstrup, Registrar's Office**

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Mette Sonne Brendstrup resigns from her position as special consultant at the Office of Continuing Education, Registrar's Office, as at 1 August 2006.

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### **Anniversary: Hugo Tjott Rasmussen, Research and Information Office, celebrates 25th anniversary on 1 August 2006**

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Caretaker Hugo Tjott Rasmussen, Research and Information Office, B&F, celebrates his 25th anniversary on 1 August 2006.

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