

KVL's Newsletter – 24 August 2006

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Final deadline for editorial changes is Tuesday at 11 am before publication of KVL's Newsletter on the following Thursday afternoon.

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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



News and debate

Association of Former Members of the Danish Parliament visits KVL

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On Tuesday 29 August, 48 former members of the Danish parliament will be visiting KVL.

The programme for the day includes lunch in Gimle, talks in the main lecture hall 1.01 on the university of the future by Helge Sander, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, and Per Holten-Andersen, Rector, a talk on KVL as a communicating organisation by Jacob Søby Bang, Head of KVL Communications, and a guided tour of KVL's listed garden by Senior Gardener Kim Greiner.

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Friday bar draft beer threatened! – What about A-vej?

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According to an article in the Danish newspaper Politiken, the sale of cheap beers in student bars at Danish institutions of higher education must be stopped.

The Trade Association of Danish caterers, Danish Restaurants and Cafes, (Danske Restauranter og Cafeer, DRC), wants to stop the sale of draft beer at DKK 10-20 per pint, which is the price charged by many Friday bars.

A-vej at KVL is among Carlsberg's largest customers in the capital region, which has led Carsten Kruise, DRC Public Relations Manager, to suspect that the license was granted on a false pretence. Later this week, the Trade Association will meet with Minister for Economic and Business Affairs Bendt Bendtsen to discuss the matter.

Source: Politiken.dk – Friday 18 August 2006

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Botany group at the Department of Ecology develops virtual flora

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The Department of Ecology developed KVL's Virtual Flora in the spring of 2006.

The key elements of the virtual flora are high-quality digital photos and drawings of more than 1,000 species, a self-test and a searchable database which includes information about the species' morphology, nomenclature, ecology and use.

The flora is open for use in connection with teaching at all Danish universities and to anyone with an interest in Danish plants and foreign plants used in Denmark.

The project is supported by the foundation "Augustinus Fonden".

KVL's Virtual Flora <http://systbot.kvl.dk/>

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Announcements

An evening of brains – 2006: Guidelines for participating in the competition

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All KVL students whose experimentally based BSc or MSc theses have been approved in the period 1 January 2005 to 1 September 2006 may enter the "An evenings of brains" competition.

To enter the competition, complete the "An evening of brains" form at www.juniorforskercafe.kvl.dk and send it to:

Birger Lindberg Møller, Professor, Department of Plant Biology 40, 1871 Frederiksberg C.
Registration deadline is 15 September 2006.

The two winners of the "An evening of brains" competition will be selected on 6 October.

Each of the 10 participants has to make an oral presentation of their projects to the judges who will subsequently announce the winners of the two main prizes of each DKK 10,000. The prize must be spent on the participation in a relevant professional congress.

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Green Support Services invites applications for autumn-sown trials. Application deadline: Wednesday 6 September 2006

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The time has come for the biannual application for land for field experiments, grazing pens and technical assistance to conduct experiments at KVL's experimental farms in Taastrup. An application form can be found on the website (www.agsci.kvl.dk/expstat/ansogning.htm).

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday 6 September 2006.

Next application round for spring-sown experiments and pens will be in February 2007.

Applications concerning climate chamber facilities, glasshouses, hardening rooms, pot experiments etc. and experimental assistance may be submitted as required.

Read more about the experimental farms, service and payment etc. on the website (www.agsci.kvl.dk/expstat).

Hanne Lipczak Jakobsen, Green Support Services, hali@kvl.dk – latest update 22 August 2006



Research

If you want to look for scholarships and 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_internet/nyhedsbrev/nyt_forskning.aspx



Education

Student handbook 2006/07

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The student handbook for 2006/07 (in Danish) is out and can be obtained from the Registrar's Office. All the curricula can also be found on KVL's website under Studerende > Studieordninger. On the employee page > Undervisning & eksamen > Ændringer i studieordningerne, a short summary of the most important changes in the curricula's common part is given. Please note that the change in the examination regulations means that all exams held after 31 August 2007 must be organised as individual exams. KVL has decided that exams in the academic year 2006/07 may be held as group exams (according to the "old" rules). For written group assignments examined after 31 August 2007, the oral exam must be conducted as an individual exam. This also applies to Bachelor projects and theses.

Ingelise Lundgaard, Registrar's Office, il@kvl.dk – latest update 21 August 2006

Demand for graduates with knowledge of the environment and nature in the new municipalities

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Graduates with knowledge of the environment and nature will be needed when the Danish municipal reform becomes effective on 1 January and the municipalities assume many new, major responsibilities within nature conservation, streams and open land planning.

A survey has shown that every four of the new municipalities believe that they lack qualified employees to handle the new responsibilities within nature conservation.

The survey was conducted by NIRAS for the unemployment fund Magistrenes Arbejdsløshedskasse (MA) and DM, a trade union for highly educated people.

Especially municipalities with less than 40,000 inhabitants have reported a lack of qualified employees; particularly biologists, geologists, environmental chemists and geographers are in demand.

Karin Kolding, a consultant with MA, comments on the basis for the report:

"The new municipalities' first budget is being prepared, and we would like to draw attention to the fact that we need both skilled employees and prioritisation when the environmental responsibilities are assigned to the new municipalities.

At the same time we also want to call attention to the large number of well educated science graduates who

can handle the new environmental responsibilities in the municipalities.”

DM and MA will forward the survey to technical managers and trade union representatives in the municipalities and offer to enter into a dialogue about which skills are needed in the individual areas, as well as ensuring that candidates match the job profile.

Download report:

[Competence analysis of the new municipal responsibilities within nature, the environment and planning](#) (pdf-fil)

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Staff news

Dan Funck Jensen new Head of Group of the Unit of Plant Biology, Department of Plant Biology

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Associate professor Dan Funck Jensen has been appointed new Head of Group of the Unit of Plant Biology, Department of Plant Biology. Dan Funck Jensen replaces professor David B. Collinge.

Maja Puk Nielsen, Department of Plant Biology, mpn@kvl.dk – latest update 22 August 2006

Liselotte Spliid new secretary at the Department of Plant Biology

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Liselotte Spliid started as the new secretary at the Department of Plant Biology on 1 August 2006.

Maja Puk Nielsen, Department of Plant Biology, mpn@kvl.dk – latest update 22 August 2006

Appointment: Senior Researcher Per Gundersen appointed Professor of Forest and Nature Resource Ecology at the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning

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The Rector has decided to employ Senior Researcher Per Gundersen as Professor of Foreign and Nature Resource Ecology at the Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning on 1 September 2006.

Christina Hove Odgaard, the Staff Office, chp@kvl.dk – latest update 21 August 2006