

KVL's Newsletter – 19 October 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.

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

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

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

Night of Culture at KVL was a great success

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On Friday 13 October, the Night of Culture swept over KVL. Many guests of the Night of Culture chose to visit KVL this evening. The Large Animal Hospital reports that they had a couple of thousand visitors and consequently very tired employees.

It was impressive to see how creative the participating departments and units were in presenting their work – the above-mentioned hospital e.g. presented the game "Identify a Turd". A treasure hunt in the zoology collection; the plant biologists were busy in the gene technological laboratory; in the basement area, plant pathologists were busy presenting people with the many extraordinary plant diseases gathered there; in the experimental dairy, the soft ice machine worked overtime as always; and in Vandrehallen, the sensorians dyed the guests' taste buds blue and then let them move on to taste both sweets and apple juice. Lectures were given on developing countries, beer, irrigation methods and the restoration of the main lecture hall, and those who had brought their cars were offered a litre of biodiesel from Forest and Landscape. Also the Veterinary Historical Museum, the Small Animal Hospital and the School Service hosted many good and well-attended events.

Preliminary feedback on visitors:

The experimental dairy: 2,300 visitors

The sensoric taste bar: Minimum 600 visitors

Department of Food Science, two lectures on beer and wine: More than 200 attended each lecture

Large Animal Hospital: A couple of thousand visitors

Department of Plant Biology: Approx. 1,200 tried to genetically modify plants

The main lecture hall: More than 100 visitors at the lecture + lots of guests all night

Plant pathological collection: Approx. 500 visitors

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What is KVL's future identity – and name?

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The above questions are closely connected. If we name the new faculty something like "Food" or "Veterinary" or both, it will create disagreement and polarisation because some areas and departments will feel left out, e.g. Forestry and Landscape. We have to consider the thing that ties KVL together. If such a thing does not exist, there is no justification for the faculty's existence in the long run. But it does exist and it is characterised by being the sphere where people meet and use the living nature (for better or worse). It is the reason for the name "Faculty of Cultural Biology" (University of Copenhagen). The name is unusual, and a search on the Internet will reveal that the expression cultural biology results in relatively few hits and has no established meaning as the only occurrences are local and isolated and have many different meanings. The advantages of the name are: The name covers the things that are actually taking place and justifies the existence of the faculty (biology = the theory of life combined with the cultural aspect, i.e. society's utilisation of it). It covers all of KVL (you just have to get used to it). It will have a unifying effect rather than a polarising. The name defines KVL in relation to the rest of the University of Copenhagen, though no borders are clear-cut. There is an implicit delimitation compared to what you would call "natural biology". The name is not a "fashion word" and this promises hope for a long existence. It is a short name. And finally, what's the alternative?

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Announcements

Course in English on how to search for literature

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A course on how to search for literature (in English) will be held at the Library on 31 October 9 am – 12 noon.

Aim: To give participants the skills to conduct literature searches in databases.

Contents: How to find and search for literature in databases. How does one read a reference. How to obtain the literature.

Prerequisites: It is an advantage if you know how to search in the Library's online catalogue, Agroline.

Price: Free of charge. Meeting place: The Library's training room. You can enrol at the information desk in the Library or by telephone 35 28 21 45 or by using the Course calendar at our website: <http://www.dvjb.kvl.dk/>

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1½ day symposium on environment and stress: 7 November 2006 – 8 November 2006

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Time: 7- 8 November 2006

Place: KVL

Deadline for registration: 20 October 2006

The research schools Copenhagen Global Change Initiative (COGCI), Graduate School of Environmental Stress Studies (GESS), Research School of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology (RECETO) and Master in Environmental Chemistry organise a 1½ day symposium this year, covering environmental chemistry and biology, atmospheric chemistry and physics, climate, and ecotoxicology. The symposium is open to all PhD students, supervisors, MSc students and others interested.

The symposium - www.envirosymp-2006.dk - sets focus on environment and stress - from molecular to global scales. What are the stressors, how do they develop and what are the biological responses. It consists of five lectures on global change, climate, environmental stressors and stress detection, a "So What" seminar: "How can PhD students and supervisors ensure that Ph.D. projects do not get out of focus and move away from the context?", an oral presentation and poster session for communicating research in progress, training of presentation techniques and skills, and a mini-workshop on what is required for building the research school of the future.

The symposium requires some homework, but PhD students earn 2 ECTS by attending the full symposium, including uploading abstract and presenting a poster.

For more information, e.g. programme and flyer, please see www.envirosymp-2006.dk or contact symposium secretary Rikke Glerup Ovesen, envirosymp@kvl.dk



Research

If you want to look for grants and scholarships, current deadlines for external research fund applications, research programmes etc., these can be found in the Newsletter at http://www.kvl.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/kvl_internt/nyhedsbrev/nyt_forskning.aspx

Here you will also find relevant links.

Novo Scholarship Programme in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Novo Nordisk and Novozymes wish to contribute to the education of young students within biotechnology and pharmaceutical sciences, e.g. bioinformatics, microbiology, molecular biology, medical chemistry, biophysics, pharmacology, pharmacy and drug delivery. On account of this, 39 scholarships were given last year to gifted

post-graduate students in some of the best supervisory environments at the universities. The initiative was very positively received by both the universities and the young students and this is why we wish to continue the Novo Nordisk/Novozymes scholarship programme this year.

[Read more](#)

[Read call](#)

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Current deadlines as per 10.10.2006

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External research funds – overview of existing and expected closing dates as per 10.10.2006:

12.10.06

[The Danish Dairy Research Foundation calls for expressions of interest \[DKK 10 million\]](#)

12.10.06

[Food research programme 2006 \[DKK 69 million\]](#)

23.10.06

[The Nordic Centre of Excellence Programme on Food, Nutrition and Health 2007-2011](#)

30.10.06

[ESF Research Networking Programmes – 2006 Call for Proposals](#)

06.11.06

[WWF's/Novozymes's research grant \[DKK 300,000\]](#)

01.12.06

[Transnational call within organic food and farming \(through the FP6 project, CORE Organic\) \[EUR 3 million/year\]](#)

The Research Councils (autumn 2006):

Regular applications can be made for:

FNU calls: proposals for instrument centres, foreign post doc. grants to Denmark (extensions) and EU START funds.

FTP calls: research stays abroad, holding international scientific conferences (deficit guarantee), preparation of EU applications.

FSS calls: research stays abroad for more than one month, scholarships, contributions towards the preparation of EU applications and international scientific congresses.

FSE calls: research stays abroad for more than one month (below DKK 200,000), journals, holding scientific conferences, seminars etc., special communication activities, holding exploratory workshops and contributions towards the preparation of EU applications.

The Lundbeck Foundation: The Foundation has no application deadlines, but a two-month consideration period prior to presentation before the Foundation Board must be anticipated. In 2006, the Foundation Board meets on 30 May, 23 August and 4 December.

For the distribution strategy and application procedure, please see the [Lundbeck Foundation's website](#).

The Nordic Centre of Excellence Programme on Food, Nutrition and Health 2007-2011

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The deadline for expressions of interest is 23 October 2003 (electronic application) to NordForsk.

On September 1st 2006, a Nordic Centre of Excellence (NCoE) Programme on Food, Nutrition and Health was launched as a start of a joint effort to enhance the scientific quality and international visibility of Nordic research within this field. With co-financing by Nordforsk and the National Research Councils, the NCoE Programme will run in 2007-2011. The total annual funding will be up to NOK 18 million (approx. EUR 2.3 million) available for five years' support of 1-3 virtual research centres, the NCoEs.

The main objective of the NCoE Programme is to create Nordic strength by promoting scientific excellence and enhancing intra-Nordic research collaboration, collaboration and mobility of researchers. Thus, a NCoE is a well-structured and well-managed network of existing research teams from at least three different Nordic countries forming a virtual centre of joint objectives. Research teams from the Baltic states and north-western Russia may participate, but the main applicant and partners must be located in one of the co-funding Nordic countries.

[Click here for further information, including programme and application.](#)

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Invitation to apply for FP7 start funds

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In autumn 2006 and in connection with the commencement of the EU's 7th Framework Programme, the scientific research councils will interpret the requirements of the current calls cautiously and consider the applications before the publication of the EU calls.

In light of the coming commencement of the EU's 7th Framework Programme, the Danish Council for Independent Research (DFF), including the scientific research councils, has discussed its funding type – Preparation of EU Applications (START).

As of January 2007, DFF expects to introduce revised and up-to-date types of funding. Until then, the existing calls from the various scientific research councils will apply, which i.a. means that any given application for START funding must comply with a given call and application deadline according to the EU's Framework Programmes in order for them to be taken into consideration.

DFF is, however, aware that Danish researchers are already now planning their participation in EU applications – before the first call under the EU's 7th Framework Programme, which is expected to be published in the beginning of 2007 and, consequently, these researchers are in reality prohibited from submitting an application to the scientific research councils for support for the preparation of EU applications.

On the basis hereof, DFF has decided that there is an extraordinarily acute need to help Danish researchers in the application phase in autumn 2006 and in connection with the EU's 7th Framework Programme in order to give the Danish researchers the best possible conditions in the European competition. **The application deadline is continuous.**

Therefore, the scientific research councils have jointly undertaken to interpret the requirements of the current calls cautiously and then consider the applications before the publication of the EU calls.

The other requirements for the form and content of the applications must still be respected. At the same time, the scientific research councils have promised to consider applications for START funding in autumn 2006 as quickly as possible.

Please see the calls of the scientific research councils:

[FNU call](#)

[FTP call](#)

[FSS call](#)

[FSE call](#)

NOTE: The application for start funding will be in a strong position if a confirmation is obtained from [Eurocenter](#) that the topic has been described in the latest WP draft within the area. Find the relevant consultant through the Eurocenter link above and submit an abstract of the idea.

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Information meetings on FP7

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Eurocenter holds a number of information meetings on FP7 throughout the country in November, December and January.

Below is a link for information on when and where the meetings will take place:

[Click here for the list from Eurocenter on planned events throughout the country.](#)

Note that an information meeting will be held at KVL on 23 November at 1-4 pm in lecture hall 1.01 on theme number 2: Food, agriculture and biotechnology. [Preliminary programme](#)

Most meetings are still in the planning process, but for a few, the content has been determined and registration is possible. This applies to the following meetings:

[Theme meeting on the environment in the EU's 7th Framework Programme](#)

Tuesday, 7 November 2006

10 am–1 pm

[Theme meeting on health in the EU's 7th Framework Programme](#)

Thursday, 14 December 2006

1-4 pm

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Education

New PhD supervisor course

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The staff Office and the PhD Study Board offer a new course on PhD student supervision for the development of competences, specifically within PhD supervision.

The course is for potential and new PhD supervisors and for PhD supervisors who wish to develop their supervisory competences.

Information on the course and application form on:

http://www.kvl.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/personale/interne_kurser/andre_kurser/ph.D_vejlederkursus.asp
[x](#)

Registration deadline: 31 October to Nora Ottens (noo@kvl.dk).

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Staff news