



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Life at LIFE

Take good care of our beautiful buildings – e.g. avoid using cellotape to hang posters on painted walls

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It is very tempting! The poster needs to be put up in a hurry so that the participants can find their way to the meeting. The wall is right there, and the poster will be up in no time with a little cellotape. And then there are a couple of other notices that also need to be visible!

In the long term, however, this is a really bad solution. The paint comes away when the cellotape is removed, and repairs can be expensive. Moreover, everything looks a bit shabby until the decorator has been by.

Marianne Vejen Hansen, head of building services, is currently working on a solution that will make it possible to put up notices without damaging furniture and walls.

At Communications in Faculty Service, we have a number of poster holders which you are welcome to borrow for a short period of time. The only condition is that you pick them up yourself and return them to the basement at Bülowsvej 17 according to your agreement with someone from the department. Departments and units could consider buying a few sign holders for notices about meetings and conferences in order to avoid spending time picking them up and returning them.

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Students' associations at the University of Copenhagen form Grønt Netværk (Green Network)

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As a local manifestation of the mounting worry over global environmental and climate conditions, a group of students' associations at the University of Copenhagen have joined forces in order to influence our university to move in a sustainable direction. The group, which has taken the name Grønt Netværk, consists of the Student Council, the Union of Natural Resources Students, the Student Committee at the University of Copenhagen under the Danish Society for Nature Conservation and Grøn Agenda.

Grønt Netværk gets its inspiration from foreign universities such as Yale and Zürich where students are playing an active role when the institutions aim towards sustainability. Grønt Netværk hopes that it will be able to contribute constructively to turning the University of Copenhagen into an international model for sustainability – both in respect of operations and education. We are thus looking forward to participating in the work on "Grøn Stafet" (Green Baton) and preferably even further and helping to launch even more initiatives. Grønt Netværk can thus offer students who would like to be involved the chance to help get new green initiatives off the ground and thereby facilitate the work on sustainability.

The purpose of this contribution is to draw attention to the freshly launched initiative, but also to open up for a dialogue. Grønt Netværk is very interested in talking to everyone in and around the university who wants to contribute to creating a sustainable university.

Casper Mølck, spokesman, Grønt Netværk, casper@groenagenda.org – tel.: 60609710

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Announcements

Editing new course presentations (course websites) – course/workshop, Wednesday, 22 August, 1.00 - 4.00 pm

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IT Learning Centre is holding a course/workshop on how to edit course websites on Wednesday, 22 August at 1.00 to 4.00 pm in IT teaching room H60, at the library (DVJB).

The door will be open during the time specified, and everyone is welcome to participate.

Register [here](#)

Guidelines on how to edit course presentations can be downloaded [here](#).

<http://itlc.kvl.dk/Nyheder/2007/kursuspraesentationsworkshop.aspx>

In addition to the formal course description, all LIFE courses have a *course presentation*. See all your course information at kursusinfo.life.ku.dk. The course presentation is an informal way of promoting a course, the target group being potential course participants. A course presentation is automatically created for all existing courses. The presentation allows teaching staff to profile their courses. Up until the summer of 2007, the course presentation was referred to as the course website – this designation no longer exists.

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Telephony: new temporary speed dial number for the main switchboard

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Due to changes in the switchboard at LIFE, the switchboard cannot always be reached by dialling 9.

We have established a speed dial number so that it is possible to contact the main switchboard in cases where calls to the switchboard are not answered or a busy signal is received when dialling 9.

Instead you can dial 1010, and your call will be answered by the staff at the main switchboard who will help you from there.

This service number will be terminated when the system has been modified and it is possible again to call the switchboard using "9".

(The service number is available for the number blocks 31000-33999 and 36800-36999)

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DEAN 2007 Annual Conference: Managing People in Changing European Academic Environments, Slovenia, 23-25 September

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The University of Ljubljana hosts this year's DEAN Conference on HR management at European universities.

The conference, which is titled "Managing people in changing European Academic Environments", is held on 23-25 September in Bled, Slovenia.

[See here for programme and background](#), and see www.esmu.be for further information.

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Conference: Lessons of Peace Processes, 31 August, 9 am - 6 pm, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Eigtveds Pakhus, Copenhagen

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In collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, among others, the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies at the University of Copenhagen will hold a conference on peace processes on 31 August. Former Finnish president and Kosovo mediator Martti Ahtisaari is among the keynote speakers.

World renowned peace negotiators visit Copenhagen for the conference:

Lessons of Peace Processes

31 August 2007, 9.00 am - 6.00 pm, Eigtveds Pakhus (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark), Copenhagen, Denmark

Keynote speakers

President Martti Ahtisaari, PhD

President of Finland 1994-2000, mediator of several peace talks, including the Aceh Peace Talks

Amb. Sastrohandoyo Wiryono

Negotiator of Aceh Peace Talks, mediator in Cambodia and the Mindanao peace processes, former Chairman of the ASEF Board of Governors

Registration

There are a limited number of seats at the conference for participants with special interest in and knowledge about peace processes.

Registration at the conference website: www.tnpcs2007.niasconferences.dk

Background

The conference is a groundbreaking attempt to derive common experience from peace processes in Asia and Europe in order to resolve ongoing disputes in the two regions.

The conference sets off a new network under the auspices of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) framework, under the ASEM Education HUB Programme. At the conference, the network will present its theme, main scholars and resource people behind its core projects.

More information at the conference website: www.tnpcs2007.niasconferences.dk

Organisers

Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), ASEM Education HUB, NIAS – Nordic Institute of Asian Studies at Copenhagen University, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

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PowerPoint templates for the departments

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Specific PowerPoint templates have now been prepared for the departments at LIFE.

The templates are available at

http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/services/komm_toolbox/designguidelines/skabeloner.aspx in both Danish and English versions.

You can replace the pictures (apart from the top bar) according to need.

If you want to replace the picture on page 1, bottom right-hand corner, you need to do the following:

1. Insert picture from file
2. Place the picture correctly
3. Right-click > place behind

Please feel free to contact Communications on extrn. 32077 or 32179 if you have any questions.

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BioCampus – Seminar: Chemistry and biodiversity of bioreactive natural products and seminar studies leading to the discovery of a fundamental biochemical pathway, Thursday, 16 August, 11 am - 12 noon, Biocenter 1-2-03 (2nd floor)

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Professor Virinder Parmar, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, India: Chemistry and biodiversity of bioreactive natural products and seminar studies leading to the discovery of a fundamental biochemical

pathway. Biocenter Seminar Series, Department of Molecular Biology. Host: Professor Lene Lange, DSc, Head of Department.

Thursday, 16 August, 11 am - 12 noon, Biocenter 1-2-03 (2nd floor)

[Abstract](#)

The complete seminar series can be seen at: www.imb.ku.dk

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**Reporting seminar: RUFF and the Danish Council for Strategic Research, the Programme
Commission on Food and Health (FøSu) – Thursday, 30 August at the Panum Institute, 8.30 am - 5.15
pm**

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At the seminar, the project managers will present the status of the projects under the interdisciplinary research programme The Connection between Food, Nutrition and Health (*Sammenhængen mellem fødevarer, ernæring og sundhed*), which was launched in 2005/06 in collaboration with the Programme Commission on Food and Health (FøSu), the Ministry of Family and Consumer Affairs and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries following recommendation from RUFF.

The purpose of the seminar is to give researchers and developers within food, nutrition and health research an insight into the projects in progress as well as the chance to be a source of inspiration for each other.

Please sign up for the seminars via email to fosu@fist.dk or at [the website of the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation](#)

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Environmental Strategies and Solutions Symposium – 5 and 6 November 2007

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The Danish Environmental Science Schools Copenhagen Global Change Initiative (COGCI), Graduate School of Environmental Stress Studies (GESS), Master in Environmental Chemistry and Research School of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology (RECETO) are happy to invite PhD students, MSc students, supervisors and others interested to a 1½ day symposium.

The symposium focuses on energy and the environment under the title Environmental Strategies and Solutions. The Symposium has three sessions: Session 1: Sustainable Energy. Session 2: The Happy Years – tools and tricks to becoming a successful PhD student. Session 3: Communicate your science. PhD students earn 2 ECTS points for presenting a poster and participating in the symposium.

See our website for more information and for registration to the symposium. www.envirosymp.dk

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Workshop: Research project in molecular gastronomy at the Department of Food Science – Monday, 27 August, 10 am - 1 pm in lecture room 1-01

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Research project in molecular gastronomy at the Department of Food Science invites you to a workshop on Monday, 27 August, 10 am - 1 pm in lecture room 1-01.

[See programme here](#) – please register with Lisbet Snedstrup Christensen lsm@life.ku.dk on 20 August at the latest

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Education

Ideas competition: Win a stay at Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks – deadline for submission: 19 October

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Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy is organising a competition for students at Øresund University. The students are to write a business idea on a napkin and can win a total amount of DKK 90,000 for a stay at Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks.

Enclosed, please find the press release announcing the competition. More information can be found at the website of the Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy: www.oecademy.org

Christian Vintergaard, Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy

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See Life Sciences Promo: An educational film, at YouTube

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The Faculty of Life Sciences presents: An educational film, by A.W. Hutchinson and Dan at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAA_rVd1qA4

See the film, which is to attract more international students to LIFE

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The Union of Natural Resources Students arranges the world's first sustainable freshers' trip

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A freshers' trip is rarely associated with environmentally correct behaviour, but the Union of Natural Resources Students at the Faculty of Life Sciences have come up with an idea to further that.

This year, a sustainable freshers' trip is being arranged for the first time ever. It will in many ways be an unconventional event when 70 new students are to spend five "green" days with each other and an intensive programme that is to prepare them for the start of their studies. The trip will take them to Sweden where they will be roughing it. They will be sleeping outside, food will be prepared over a fire, and personal hygiene will be taken care of in a nearby lake. Moreover, the trip will take place according to the following green principles:

The environmental impact of the transport must be kept at an absolute minimum.

The food must as far as possible be produced locally and organically, and food waste must be avoided.

The amount of waste must be kept at a minimum, and any waste must be sorted.

You must respect the countryside that you are visiting, i.e. spare the water environment and remove all traces of you having been there.

- We hope that the freshers' trip will be the first step on the way towards a more sustainable mindset among young students. As a students' union, we support study programmes on sustainability and sustainability in study programmes, says Adam Lentz, student and chairman of the Union of Natural Resources Students.

Mogens Flensted-Jensen, Pro-dean of Education, is pleased with the students' initiative and, at the same time, points out that sustainability is an important focus area at the Faculty of Life Sciences. - Today, the sustainability concept is reflected both in campus life and in the research and academic content of the study programmes. Naturally, we hope that the notion will take root and develop further, says Mogens Flensted-Jensen.

How to make a freshers' trip sustainable:

Food

Food and beverages are organic and produced locally in Denmark or southern Sweden. Organic meat equals higher animal welfare standards, and this is why organic meat will also be bought. Food waste is avoided by

finishing your food!

Transport

You rent a bus equipped with a particle filter. Transport is planned so that it is kept at a minimum. To compensate for the CO² impact that the transport has on the environment, you must support a sustainable energy project – in this case the construction of a solar energy centre in India.

Hygiene

Only products labelled with the Danish environmental label "Svanemærket" may be used, and the usage must be limited. Soap and shampoo may only be rinsed off in grassy areas as the degradation there is higher compared with areas without grass. In addition, this must take place as far away as possible from lakes and streams.

Waste

Waste must be sorted and buried in the topsoil, which offers the highest degradation rate.

You must dig a new **shallow trench** every day in which you dispose of the food waste from that day. The students believe that leaving the food waste at the campsite rather than driving it to an incineration site is the more sustainable solution. All other waste must be handed in at the nearest recycling centre.

Toilet

Urine is degradable and is absorbed three times better on grass than on a forest floor at a rate which means that it is possible to pee on a 2,000 square metre area over a course of three days. Peeing in line must therefore be arranged, meaning that people must line up at a rope and from there pee on the grass. The rope must be moved regularly so that 2,000 square metres have been covered after three days. The toilets consist of two or more deep holes in the ground.

Both the peeing line and the toilets must be established at least 25 metres from the edge of the lake.

After the trip

Before leaving the campsite, you must make sure that you leave it in at least the same condition as when you arrived. In addition, green accounts must be prepared in which the environmental impact is calculated and proposals for improvements are made.

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International Life Sciences Students' Conference 7-11 November in Ljubljana, Slovenia

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International Life Sciences Students' Conference will be held in Slovenia at the University of Ljubljana on 7-11 November. The conference is relevant for students of agriculture, food science, biotechnology, forestry, landscape architecture, microbiology and much more...

[Please see here for more information.](#)

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Traineeship at the Danish embassy in Hanoi – five calls for applications – application deadline: Saturday, 1 September

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For the period 1 February 2008 - 31 July 2008, the Danish embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam, is looking for five new trainees for the following five sections at the embassy:

- [The business and fisheries sector programmes, good governance and political issues](#)
- [Water and agriculture](#)
- [The trading department](#)
- [The Business-to-Business Programme](#)
- [Culture](#)

[General introduction to traineeships at the embassy](#)

Note: In most cases, the deadline for applications is 1 September.

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Staff news

Prize: PhD student Marianne Nissen Lund, Department of Food Science (IFV)

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PhD student Marianne Nissen Lund, Department of Food Science, has just been awarded a prize – International Meat Secretariat Prize – for the best presentation at the international meat research meeting (ICoMST meeting) in Beijing, China.

Dr David Lister, Scientific Secretary, IMS Prize:

Marianne Lund was awarded the International Meat Secretariat Prize for 2007 at the ICoMST meeting in Beijing last week. Marianne will receive a cheque for USD 5,000 and a suitable plaque.

Competition for the prize was very intense, and Marianne came through as the outstanding competitor against two other women, Dr Eva Veiseth of Matforsk, Norway, and Patricja Zakrys, a student in her second year at University College Cork in Ireland.

The judges were very impressed by Marianne's presentation and her background knowledge of the area in which she works. One requirement for the prize is that contenders are able to describe their work in a way which will appeal to the non-scientists of the meat industry and to tell them what the implications of their work are for progress in the industry.

Marianne did this excellently.

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Ivan Kristoffersen new chief accountant at the University of Copenhagen, and new employees for the Accounting Section

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On 1 September, Ivan Kristoffersen will take up the position as the new chief accountant for the University of Copenhagen.

Ivan Kristoffersen is 40 years old and is currently working as head of business economics at the administration centre of the Danish Ministry of Culture. Initially, an intro programme will be prepared for Ivan, info meetings will be held immediately after Ivan takes up the new position and visits to the offices of the Accounting Section will be arranged.

Concurrently with the appointment of Ivan Kristoffersen, two new employees have been recruited for the Accounting Section. Martin Maagaard from the present Merger Secretariat has been employed as accounting consultant, and Hans Henrik Jørgensen from FARMA has been employed as accounting officer. They will both start in their new jobs at the end of August and will have offices in the corridor by the chief accountant's office.

Johan Kjartansson
Acting chief accountant
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Affiliation: Peter A. Andreasen, DSc, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology

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Associate Professor Peter A. Andreasen, DSc, Department of Molecular Biology, University of Aarhus, has been granted the right to use the title Affiliated Professor of general pathology and biomedicine at the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology for a five-year period from 16 July 2007.

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Affiliation: Knud Erik Bach Knudsen, PhD, Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences

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Research Professor Knud Erik Bach Knudsen, PhD, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Aarhus, has been granted the right to use the title Affiliated Professor in animal nutrition at the Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences for a five-year period from 1 June 2007.

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Staff news at the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology (IVP)

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The Department of Veterinary Pathobiology has employed Malene Flambart, animal technician, from 1 August. Anne Bowman, animal technician, and Shanaz Mazaheri, laboratory technician, have left the department.

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Research

Conference: Enhancing the Capacities of Agricultural Systems and Producers, Berlin, 16-17 January 2008

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“Enhancing the Capacities of Agricultural Systems and Producers” is the title of a conference for young researchers, which will be held in Berlin, Germany, on 16-17 January 2008

For information on the content of the conference, see [Scientific Conference 2008, information](#).

For information on the organisers of the conference and contact persons, see [Scientific Conference 2008, brochure](#).

Note: The deadline for submission of abstracts of papers for the conference is 31 August.

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Call for applications: The Nordic Cancer Union's research pool – deadline for applications: Saturday, 1 September

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Grants from the Nordic Cancer Union – [see here](#)

or

<http://www.ncu.nu/research/application.shtml>

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The Nordic Africa Institute: Study scholarships, guest researchers' scholarships for PhD students and guest researchers' scholarship for researchers, Post docs or seniors

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Study scholarships for MSc students and PhD students (one month, first half of 2008)

Guest researchers' scholarships for PhD students (three months, all of 2008)

Guest researchers' scholarships for Nordic researchers, Post docs or seniors (two months, first half of 2008)

Call for applications: [Study and Guest Researcher Programmes](#) and [Scholarships for PhD Candidates](#)

Deadline for applications: 1 October 2007

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Grants

Grant: The Danish Pasteur Society – deadline for applications: Monday, 15 October

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One or more scholarships will be awarded in 2007 to Danish scientific and business researchers within microbiology, immunology and associated sciences to finance periods of study abroad and active participation in symposia, congresses and in some cases courses at "Institut Pasteur" or similar microbiological institutions abroad. In general, pre-graduate study trips are not supported before MSc level.

Applications should include civil registration number, private address, CV, purpose of the trip, any invitations and references and information as to how and where the grant will be used. It should also be stated whether funding has been received or applied for from other sources. The application, which must be submitted in ten copies, must be received by the Board of Directors of the Society no later than 15 October 2007 and should be sent to the Chairman of the Society: Professor, consultant Niels Højby, DrMedSc, Department of Clinical Microbiology, Rigshospitalet, Section 9301, Juliane Maries Vej 22, 2100 Copenhagen Ø.

The Society welcomes new members who wish to support active researchers. Anyone interested can either write to the above address or call the Society on tel. 35 45 77 88.

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Research funds etc.

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