



## eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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## Life at LIFE

### **Senior Gardener Kim Greiner has written a history of the Gardens**

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At [www.gf.life.ku.dk](http://www.gf.life.ku.dk), you can read about the first 150 years of the history of the Gardens. The text is illustrated with old photos from a bygone era.

There is still a good deal of historical raw material to be incorporated into the text in the dark winter mornings or during snow storms, so the history will be augmented with time. Many more photos will be added as well.

But the work has now grown beyond the seedling stage and developed into a young tree, whose foliage will thicken with time.

Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener

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## **Science lecture series opens autumn term with talk by LIFE scientist**

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Associate Professor Peter Stougaard, Department of Ecology, conducts research into bacterial enzymes that might be useful in the food, biotech and environmental industry of the future.

The search is taking place on the 800 ikaite columns at the bottom of Ikka Fjord in southern Greenland. This is the only place in the world where these unique columns exist. But they may soon disappear, because the mineral they are made of dissolves when water temperatures exceed 6° C – and global warming has made temperatures rise in the Ikka Fjord.

Come and hear about the columns, water temperatures and the new enzymes in the *Mød Videnskaben* (Meeting Science) lecture entitled: Biologists working against the clock.

This lecture is a collaboration between the University of Copenhagen and the Danish daily *Politiken*. The lecture lasts approx. 45 minutes and is followed by a debate chaired by journalist Anders Legarth Schmidt. The event is open to everyone.

Time and venue: Wednesday 5 September at 4.30-6.00 pm in Annex A, University of Copenhagen, Studiestræde 6, Copenhagen K. Admission is free.

Reserve a seat at [www.politikenbillet.dk](http://www.politikenbillet.dk)

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## **Student Services now open – a place where students can come for advice on everything concerning studies and student life**

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It was standing room only among the staff and students in the newly refurbished Vandrehallen when Student Services opened its doors on Monday 27 August at 12 noon.



After Mogens Flensted-Jensen, Pro-dean of Education, declared Student Services officially open, Kurt Bach, Deputy Chair of the Education Committee said a few words.

Kurt Bach welcomed this good initiative. He recalled what it was like in his student days to be sent from one place to the next at the university – depending on the type of question you had. It is, therefore, great that students now only have to go to one place to ask for help.

Kurt Bach also praised the bright and spacious interiors that make you feel welcome as soon as you step through the door.

And he warned about the tendency to believe that because everything is available on the Internet, personal service can be dropped. But luckily personal service is what Student Services is all about.

Agnete Vibholt, Head of Studies, thanked everyone for the nice speeches and talked a bit about the funding they received from the state Globalisation Pool which financed the establishment of the new Student Services.

In future, manning of the centre will be increased to include two scientific/academic staff members and an administrative officer, as well as a large number of guidance counsellors.

The head of studies then invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments.



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### **100 courses booked until Christmas in just two weeks via LIFE's School Service**

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In the first two weeks of the school year, primary school teachers enthusiastically booked LIFE's four courses as inspiration for the classroom. Everything is sold out!

The most popular course is "**Biotechnology** – *Cloning and pretty plants*", but "**The reversed diet pyramid** – *How do you turn a food pyramid upside down?*" was also popular with the primary schools.

And there is a healthy interest in the new course "**Animals as models**" which will start after the half-term break.

Read more about LIFE's School Service at [www.LIFE.ku.dk/skoletjenesten](http://www.LIFE.ku.dk/skoletjenesten), or pick up a brochure at our office in Vandrehallen.

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## Announcements

### **The Danish Refugee Council needs donation collectors on Sunday 11 November – donations to go to the refugee camps in Darfur**

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Save five families in three hours – register as a donation collector.

Four years of bloody civil war has driven 2.5 million people from their homes in the Sudan's Darfur province.



Hundreds of thousands have been killed by violent militias, or died of starvation and disease. Thousands of people are living in unsafe conditions in refugee camps where rape and assault are part of daily life.

"I used to have donkeys, goats and cattle, and we grew our own onions and potatoes. Now I have nothing and I can't take care of myself and my children," says 25-year-old Asha, one of the four million people currently in need of aid in Darfur.

On Sunday 11 November at 11 am, there will be a drive to collect donations for, among others, the refugees in Darfur. In just three hours, you can collect enough

money to help give five families a water jug, seed corn and tools so that they can take care of themselves and their children.

The number of collectors is crucial to the success of the nationwide collection drive. Register as a collector at [www.flygtning.dk](http://www.flygtning.dk) or on tel. +45 3373 5111, and make a difference for the people who really need your help.

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## **ÖresundsVisioner 2040: Realdania hosts an ideas competition on the future of the Øresund Region**

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How can the Øresund Region be developed sustainably in the areas of Traffic, Housing and settlement, Business, Sustainability and Population? This is the focus of the ÖresundsVisioner 2040 ideas and debate competition. Talented young people and seasoned professionals from both sides of the Sound are encouraged to submit their thoughts and visions on the Øresund Region in 2040. The competition starts on 6 September with a cash prize of DKK 1.3 million.

[Press release](#)

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## **Issuing of ID cards and job descriptions**

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In connection with the issuing of ID cards from the University of Copenhagen, there have been quite a few problems with the job descriptions.

The ID card system finds the job descriptions in the employee register/telephone book, but has unfortunately been set up to extract job descriptions from the wrong column.

IT and LIFE have contacted the supplier of the employee register programme to have the error corrected. As soon as we hear anything, we will ask those persons responsible for the employee register to communicate the information out to their departments/institutes.

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## **New issue of *KUrereren* – read about the Campus plan**

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Read *KUrereren* at <http://kureren.ku.dk/>

Contents include:

Hearing on the Campus plan

Campus plan: eight quick questions for the Rector

Law makes changes

Quality is high – but invisible

The PhDs are coming

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### **Stop smoking workshops in the workplace – The City of Frederiksberg is organising free workshops to help people stop smoking at all workplaces in Frederiksberg**

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Attention departments and units:

The City of Frederiksberg has produced a variety of material that the workplace can use in connection with informing employees about the workshops.

The material is available free of charge by calling tel. +45 3821 5110 or by email [neat01@frederiksberg.dk](mailto:neat01@frederiksberg.dk)

Contact the City of Frederiksberg on tel. +45 3821 5110 or by email [neat01@frederiksberg.dk](mailto:neat01@frederiksberg.dk), and they will find an instructor for your workshop and plan the course for the workplace.

**Nee Marianne Attle, Stop-Smoking Coordinator, City of Frederiksberg**

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### **Junior Researcher Forum: Come to a beer tasting and hear about Indslev Brewery – Wednesday 12 September at 5.30 pm in the Library**

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The first Junior Researcher Forum is about beer! Not only about the drink, but also about the process behind the brew.

In spring 2006, two former KVL students, Anders Busse Rasmussen and Martin Falk Leisner, made the jump and started their own brewery. Indslev Brewery was the first brewery to specialise in wheat beer in Denmark!

Come to a beer tasting and hear about Anders, Martin and their brewery.

Refreshments in the form of pizza and beer/soft drinks will be served.

Everyone is welcome at the Junior Research Forum on 12 September at 5.30 pm in the Library.

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## Education

### **Successful start for new study programme in landscape architecture and urban design**

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A group of 75 new landscape architecture and urban design students started classes on 27 August.

Last spring, the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen launched a new study programme in landscape architecture and urban design. The programme will produce graduates who can plan the development of urban spaces to achieve stimulating, functional and environmentally correct surroundings for urban dwellers. The programme is offered by Forest and Landscape at the University of Copenhagen's Faculty of Life Sciences.

Interest in the new programme has been tremendous, and there are more than twice as many applicants as there are places in the first group.

"We are delighted to see so much interest in the programme," says Gertrud Jørgensen, architect and head of research at Forest and Landscape, and continues: "Much of our lives revolves around the city. We make huge demands on the city's environment and experiential quality when we decide where to live. That's why it is important to educate people who can contribute professionally to ensuring that the cities of the future are functional, beautiful and environmentally sound."

The programme has come about at a time when Denmark is making an international name for itself in urban design. On 23-26 September, Denmark will host the 51st world congress of the International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), under the title Futures of Cities. Leading researchers and politicians from all over the world will gather to debate the perspectives of more than half the global population from 2007 living in cities. There will also be an exhibition of examples of international and Danish planning and urban design. Connie Hedegaard, the Danish Minister for the Environment, will open and close the conference.

Press release – abridged

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## Staff news

### **Appointment: Gertrud Jørgensen, new professor with special responsibilities in the field of urban planning at Forest and Landscape from 1 September**

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The Dean has appointed Gertrud Jørgensen as Professor with special responsibilities in the field of urban planning with a focus on “The Living City” at the Centre for Forestry, Landscape and Planning from 1 September 2007.

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### **Appointment: Professor Magni Martens made Honorary Doctor by the Department of Food Science**

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The University of Copenhagen has awarded Professor Magni Martens, dr.agric., civil engineer, MSc, of the Norwegian Food Research Institute (Matforsk), Norway, an Honorary Doctor after nomination by Grete Bertelsen, Head of the Department of Food Science.

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### **Appointment: Professor Katrin Hinrichs made Honorary Doctor by the Department of Large Animal Sciences**

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The University of Copenhagen has awarded an Honorary Doctor to Professor Katrin Hinrichs, DVM, PhD, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, USA, after nomination by Professor Ingrid Brück Bøgh, dr.med.vet., PhD, from the Department of Large Animal Sciences.

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### **Kirstine Therkelsen appointed as communications officer at the Department of Plant Biology**

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Kirstine has an MA in Danish and Media, Cognition and Communication and has worked in journalism for several years, including as author of the Danish travel guide *Turen går til Berlin* (Travelling to Berlin). Now she has come to the plant kingdom and its many – and no less interesting – events.

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## **Tanja Neergaard, new Head of Accounting at the Department of Plant Biology**

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Tanja trained as an office and accounts assistant at KVL, and worked for the Centre for Forestry, Landscape and Planning after completing her training. After a brief flirt with the private sector (the insurance company Alm. Brand) she has returned to LIFE.

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# Research

## **Survey of research efforts – First phase of FORSK 2015**

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What great challenges will Danish society face in the coming decades? Which areas of research can produce the necessary know-how to solve the biggest problems and ensure Denmark's continued positive development?

In coming months, all of Denmark will be able to provide good answers to these questions when the first phase of the FORSK 2015 initiative is launched.

“We want to find out which topics are the most important to focus our research efforts on in the future. We will start by asking the Danish people,” says Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation Helge Sander.

“Billions are being invested every year in research and development. Some of these funds are earmarked for strategic research in critical areas. But rather than having politicians decide in the wee hours of the morning what they think is important, the Danish Government and the Parliament want to take a much more methodical approach.

Until 7 October 2007, you can visit the website [www.forsk2015.dk](http://www.forsk2015.dk) to help point out the challenges that are the result of societal and industrial progress and that should be part of considerations regarding Denmark's future strategic research efforts.

“Everyone is welcome with their input – scientists, business people, associations, organisations and, of course, ordinary citizens. I hope that everyone with ideas and suggestions will take the time to visit the website and contribute to the survey so that we have as broad and future-oriented a basis as possible for our continued work,” says Helge Sander.

The survey is only the first step in a longer process that includes comprehensive hearings, dialogues and analyses, in which the most important areas of research will be identified, delimited and finally selected.

FORSK2015 will result in a catalogue of suggestions for important strategic research initiatives. In future, this catalogue will be part of the annual Finance Act negotiations pertaining to strategic research.

Further information:

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## Grants

**Grant: The Danish-American Fulbright Commission: Scholarships for studying in the USA – application deadline: Wednesday 3 October at 12 noon**

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The FULBRIGHT COMMISSION offers scholarships for students wishing to study in the USA. This autumn, whole and partial scholarships to cover tuition fees are available for specified American institutions.

For a complete list of the scholarships and for more information, please visit our website: [www.wemakeithappen.dk](http://www.wemakeithappen.dk) under “Grants” or call us.

The application deadline for the 2008-2009 academic year is:  
Wednesday 3 October 2007 at 12 noon.

The application form is available on our website: [www.wemakeithappen.dk](http://www.wemakeithappen.dk).

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