

The Faculty of Life Sciences

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The final deadline for editorial changes is Tuesday 11 am before publication of the Internal Newsletter on Thursday afternoon.

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As regards links in the newsletter, please refer to the Danish online version at the faculty's website <http://www.life.ku.dk/nyhedsbrev>



News and debate

Term kick-off with Helle Thorning-Schmidt attracted an audience of about 300 in the University of Copenhagen's assembly hall at Frue Plads

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To celebrate the start of the spring term, the University of Copenhagen, at which particular focus is on the study environment, has started a tradition with a kick-off event at the beginning of the term.

At the first such event on Monday, 5 February, Social Democratic chairman Helle Thorning-Schmidt had been invited to speak. Lykke Friis, Pro-rector, chaired the event.

Helle Thorning-Schmidt studied political science at the University of Copenhagen at the same time as Pro-rector Lykke Friis, who presented her with a membership certificate for the newly established association of former Copenhagen University students, the Alumni Association (www.ku.dk/alumni).

After her talk about the Social Democrats' political project with focus on globalisation, inequality, and welfare, questions were invited from the audience. Many of the questions were of a general political nature, typically posed by political science and history students, but there was also scope for questions from the students' own world.

For example from one of the students at the Faculty of Life Sciences, who would like to be exempted from paying the newly introduced media licence fee. He had been forced to buy a laptop when he started his studies at the faculty, and now he has to pay a licence fee twice a year. When asked by Helle Thorning whether he did

not already have a TV set, the answer was no, and when she asked the audience in general it became clear that a very considerable number of students do not have a TV set. Helle Thorning-Schmidt did not, however, have the political will to ensure that students are exempted from paying the licence fee.

A lot of questions were asked before Lykke Friis kicked off the term with a symbolic football to hand.

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Invitation for the Revue of the University Revues – Saturday 31 March at 4 pm in the Workers' Assembly Hall

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Dear student revues at the University of Copenhagen

Would you like to perform your best acts in front of other revue enthusiasts at the University of Copenhagen – and at the same time see the brilliant performances of the others and take part in a competition to win the prize for the best act of the year?

You now have the opportunity.

We know that, every year, students at many departments work hard to set up funny, inspiring and new revues. Therefore, the Students' Association invites all student revues at the University of Copenhagen to the Revue of the University Revues: a new event at which the revue performers meet to perform together and compete to find the best act of the year.

Together, we compose a programme for the overall show on Saturday afternoon. When all the participating revues have performed their selected acts, the best act will be chosen and receive a generous prize for their efforts. Afterwards there will be dinner and a party. The party is for the participants, the jury and the audience.

It is the first time we launch the Revue of the University Revues – and the Students' Association will be in charge of all the practical work, but we need your help to make it a success. And we would like to meet you so that we can develop the idea together.

We therefore invite you to a meeting:

Sunday, 18 February at 7.30 pm at the Student Council's premises at – Fiolstræde 10.

At this meeting, we will plan the rest of the process

Participants

Revue from all departments at the University of Copenhagen can participate in the competition. The revues must have been performed during the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2007.

The competition

Each revue must perform one act in the form of a sketch, song or the like. It will be possible to practise your act on the stage made available by the Students' Association twice during the days up to the competition, and on the stage on the same day.

Date

The competition takes place on Saturday afternoon, 31 March 2007 at 4 pm.

Venue

The Workers' Assembly Hall, where the dinner and the party will also be held in the evening.

Party

We would like to invite you to dinner and a party after the revue – the participating actors pay a reduced price.

Contact

You can register for the meeting or address inquiries to Tom Damsgaard, member of the Executive Committee revy@studenteforeningen.dk or Lars Bangert Struwe, chairman of the Students' Association ls@studenteforeningen.dk, tel. +45 25 48 92 20.

Lars Bangert Stuwe

The Students' Association

What is the Students' Association?

The objectives of the Students' Association are to support the Danish student community and to promote free debate. It is therefore natural for us to arrange events where students from various departments and faculties can meet. Debate meetings are arranged as well as museum tours, celebration of the University of Copenhagen's anniversary day, wine and beer tasting events, visits to places which are normally not open to the public but which may be opened by appointment with the help of the Association's network, or ...

Read more about the Students' Association at www.studenteforeningen.dk

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Announcements

The Danish Agricultural Council and the Danish Animal Protection Association invite farmers and consumers to a dialogue café about animal welfare in February and March 2007, on 12 March at the Faculty of Life Sciences

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Six regional debate meetings about animal welfare

What is animal welfare – can it be quantified?

What does the modern farmer do in practice?

Who is responsible for animal welfare?

Do the animals pay the price when farms become bigger and bigger, or does this provide scope for improvements in animal welfare?

These are some of the issues which will be debated when the Danish Agricultural Council and the Danish Animal Protection Agency invite farmers and consumers to a dialogue café about Animal Welfare in February and March 2007.

A panel consisting of a farmer, an agricultural politician, an animal welfare researcher and two representatives from the Danish Animal Protection Agency will open the debate meeting. Subsequently, in the dialogue café, participants will have the opportunity of debating the issue from different points of view. Finally, there will be an open debate between the panel and the participants. See the programmes for the individual events on www.lok.dk.

Help us make the regional meetings a success with a large number of participants from both agriculture and the general public. Take your friends and neighbours to a debate meeting. To register, please contact the regional coordinator from Open Agriculture.

12 March 2007 at 7 pm in Copenhagen, the Faculty of Life Sciences (formerly KVL)

Lecture hall 1.01, Bülowsvej 17, at 7–10 pm – [read the programme](#)

Registration: Lars Bonde Jessen, lbj@landbrug.dk.

Other meetings:

27 February 2007 at 7 pm on Funen, Dalum Landbrugsskole, Academy of Agricultural Business, Denmark + farm visit at 5.30 pm

Registration: Judith Lynggaard, jl@fyndsklandbrug.dk

12 March 2007 at 7 pm in Copenhagen, the Faculty of Life Sciences (former KVL)

Registration: Lars Bonde Jessen, lbj@landbrug.dk

15 March at 7 pm in Rødekro + farm visit at 6 pm

Registration: Helge Petersen, hp@slf.dk

19 March 2007 at 7 pm in Holstebro, Gråkjær Staldbyg + guided tour of model farm buildings at 6 pm

Registration: Erik Poulsen, erik@stidsenpartnere.dk

20 March at 7 pm in Aarhus, Danish Diary Board

Registration: Andrea Rose, ar@lbost.dk

22 March at 7 pm in Aalborg, the Regional Library of Northern Jutland + farm visit at 5 pm

Registration: Mogens Rasmussen, mcr@infocenterlandbrug.dk

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Competition: Grundfos Challenge – from 11 to 16 March – a week-long competition between economics and engineering students for large money prizes and prestigious titles

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For the second year running, Grundfos holds the Grundfos Challenge competition from 11 to 16 March, in which economics and engineering students compete for large money prizes and prestigious titles.

High intensity spiced with positive expectations. This is the best description of the atmosphere when Grundfos welcomed this year's participants of the Grundfos Challenge.

A challenge

At the Poul Due Jensen Academy the new Challenge participants were given an in-depth introduction to the challenge to come. At the same time, the day was also an opportunity to get to know the competitors in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Innovative cooking

In addition to getting a practical glimpse of what awaits them during the Grundfos Challenge in week 11, the participants were able to attend a course at the Grundfos Pump School, they were faced with the challenges of innovative cooking and taken on an inspiration tour by Simon Juul, lecturer and among other things known from Banjo's Liqueur Room (Banjos Likørstue) and DR2 Satire.

Week-long competition

The Grundfos Challenge is first and foremost about innovation, communication, talent and teamwork. In order to support the challenge as much as possible, the company makes a large professional network available to the students during the week-long competition. The culmination of the week will be the publication of the names of the winners. Each of the two winning teams receive a cash prize of DKK 75,000 whereas their educational institutions are invited to award a Grundfos grant of DKK 50,000 and receive a statuette. Finally, an Innovation Prize of DKK 15,000 is awarded.

Martin Bach Andersen, the Faculty of Life Sciences, the University of Copenhagen, when asked "What are your expectations of the Grundfos Challenge?"

First of all, I participate in order to try something quite new. We received an invitation to the competition and thought it looked exciting, new and different. I don't know very much about the Challenge in advance, so I actually don't know what I am supposed to expect. We are very excited about the whole thing!

Read more about the Grundfos Challenge at www.grundfos.com/challenge

Further information:

Grundfos Corporate Communication, tel. +45 87 50 69 21.

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Invitation: Inaugural lecture by Affiliated Professor Preben Bach Holm, March 13., 2007 at 2.00 pm in Auditorium 3-14, Thorvaldsensvej

Denne nyhed er oprettet: 05.02.2007

2.00 pm Affiliated Professor Preben Bach Holm: The Third Way - Breeding for Nutritional Quality.

[Read more](#)

The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Marble Hall

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Invitation: Inaugural lectures, March 1. 2007, at 2.00 pm in Auditorium 3-13, Thorvaldsensvej 40

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2.00 pm Professor Brian Grout: Scientific relief of third millennium pressure on horticulture.

2.45 pm Affiliated Professor Kristian Thorup-Kristensen: Crop root growth, spatial aspects of soil N availability, and their use in the development of N efficient vegetable cropping systems.

[Read more](#)

The lectures will be followed by a reception in the Marble Hall - All are welcome

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Signature with the new LIFE design/logo in Groupwise

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If you are interested in an email signature with the new design and logo of the Faculty of Life Sciences, we have, in cooperation with KVL Communications, prepared a small guide that describes how to set up the signature in Groupwise.

Read more at <http://www.it.kvl.dk/sikkerhed/it-sikkerhed.aspx>.

Erik Sværke Hansen, esh@life.ku.dk - latest update 1 February 2007



Research

If you want to look for grants and scholarships, current deadlines for applications for external research funds, research programmes etc., these can be found in the Newsletter at

http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/kvl_internt/nyhedsbrev.aspx

Here you will also find relevant links.

Grant: Den Kgl. Veterinær- og Landbohøjskoles Jubilæumsfond – deadline for applications 15 March 2007

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A grant is available from Den Kgl. Veterinær- og Landbohøjskoles Jubilæumsfond for distribution in May 2007. The portions amount to DKK 5,000 or DKK 10,000.

The grant can be used to undertake assignments for which the necessary funding cannot be obtained through the normal channels, including the launch of research projects and funding for students and their future studies. The funding available must not be spent on activities which, according to legislation or normal practice, are covered by the state.

In connection with applications for funding for the launch of research projects, it must be documented that the necessary funding for the purpose concerned cannot be obtained in the form of ordinary grants and from state foundations. Funding is normally not granted for equipment or activities which have already been launched at the time of application.

Funding is not granted for the following purposes:

Funding in connection with bachelor or thesis projects in Denmark
Studies abroad supported by Erasmus or NORDPLUS funds
Activities launched prior to 15 March 2007

Furthermore, grants are not available for PhD students.

Applications must be prepared using the application forms available at the faculty website for students, and a signed copy must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences/Copenhagen University, Education and Students, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark by 15 March 2007.

Applications without relevant enclosures or specified budgets or which have been received after the deadline will not be considered.

Annette Minna Guildal, Registrar's Office, ag@kvl.dk – latest update 6 February 2007

Grant: Professor Sigurd Tovborg Jensens legat – deadline for applications 1 March 2007

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A grant of DKK 30,000 from the Sigurd Tovborg Jensen foundation will be awarded in April 2007 to one or more students at or graduates from the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen who wish to undertake studies or travel to pursue further education within soil chemistry, pedology and environmental chemistry and who are deemed to have the potential to benefit professionally from such financial support.

Applications must be submitted by 1 March 2007 to the Faculty of Life Sciences/University of Copenhagen, Education and Students, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark.

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Education

StudyTACTICS

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Do you find it difficult to get rid of old study habits?
Attend a study tactics course and become a new and happier student!

The next course will be held 24-25 February. Deadline for registration 16 February 2007.

Register by email to studievejledningen@life.ku.dk

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Staff news

Henrik Friis has taken up the professorship in international nutrition and health at the Department of Human Nutrition

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Henrik Friis (49) holds a medical degree from the University of Aarhus and leaves a job at the Department of Public Health Science as an associate professor in epidemiology. Since 2005, he has worked as an affiliated professor at the Department of Human Nutrition.

Henrik Friis studies nutrition problems in low-income communities and has just received DKK 9 million from Danida for a research project on the effect of vitamin/mineral supplements for pregnant women in Zambia, where one third of the population are infected by HIV.

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