

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

Birthday party at the Faculty of Life Sciences on Friday 9 March celebrated with three events – joint breakfast and two seminars

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On 8 March 1856, the Danish Parliament decided to establish the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, and ever since we have celebrated the day with an anniversary day and a royal visit.

That tradition ended with the merger, but although we no longer celebrate the anniversary, it does not mean that we will stop celebrating the day.

As Dean Per Holten-Andersen wrote in his circulated email, we need to establish a new tradition.

The following will therefore take place on Friday 9 March:

8.30 - 10 am Joint breakfast for all employees and students where the Innovation Prize, Communication Prize and DSR's The Golden Bull will be presented in the Marble Hall and the lobby.

10 am - 12.30 pm Celebratory seminar with workshops: Food of the Future – safer, healthier and more fun – for 250 upper-secondary school students in the main lecture hall.

1 - 4 pm Celebratory seminar: Food of the Future – safer, healthier and more fun – for the food industry, partners, colleagues, interested parties..

You can read the programme and register for the afternoon seminar – see under Announcements in the newsletter.

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KU is not a sausage factory – Junior Researcher Forum with Ralf Hemmingsen on 27 February 2007

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It was a cheerful Rector Ralf Hemmingsen who spoke at the Junior Researcher Forum. The topic at the forum was visions for student involvement in research at the university, or in the Rector's words: "How to avoid insipidness at a sausage factory".

The visions for the future included intellect care, increased interest in research and the opportunity for immersion. During the debate, the conflict between the visions and real-life focus on completion times and study structures was addressed from several angles. The Rector defended the stricter approach as a necessary measure to ensure student focus on completing their studies and their theses on time, but he was also willing to consider measures aimed at adapting the system to allow studies abroad, research and immersion. Like he said: "The University of Copenhagen does not pursue a sausage factory ideology, but the framework conditions make it seem that way." In addition to an adaptation of the new study structures, the participants at the forum also discussed summer schools, scholarships and business PhDs as possible ways to make students interested in research.

The Junior Researcher Forums usually take place on the last Thursday of the month. You can find more information about the next event in the newsletter. Read more about the Junior Researcher Forums [here](#)

Maja Johansen, Communications, petrine@life.ku.dk – latest update 1 March 2007



Announcements

Staff association: "Cirkusrevyen" – senior association – genealogy

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"Cirkusrevyen" 2007 – preview 23 May 2007

Again this year, we have managed to book tickets to the revue "Cirkusrevyen 2007" for 23 May at 8 pm. The tickets are category C tickets and cost DKK 150 each. Tickets can be booked by sending an email to Treasurer of the Staff Association, Gabino Casas, and then transferring the amount to BG Bank reg. no. 1551, account no. 16677833 or paying the amount into the association's giro account 1551-1-667-7833. REMEMBER to state Cirkusrevy 2007, your name and the address to which the tickets should be sent and the number of people on the payment form. You will receive the tickets a couple of weeks before the show. Order now – first come, first served...

Senior association

It has been decided to establish a senior association under the Staff Association as of 1 April 2007. So if you plan to retire or know someone who does, you/they can contact us. The idea is to offer exercise, talks, games, computer information, genealogy during the day, and members can also participate in all the Staff Association's other events. As for other members, the membership fee is DKK 120 per year which is payable via giro on 1 April for the full year or at the time of registration, the amount being reduced every quarter. The offer is open to anyone who has been employed at KVL/LIFE and is about to retire or has retired. Contact Bente at roe@webspeed.dk

Genealogy

is so interesting – who would not like to know where they come from and find the fun stories. Many people have a wish to research their family history. Bente will show how she got started and some of her findings which are only meant to serve as inspiration to beginners. The organisers may also decide to invite professional genealogists. Write to Bente at roe@webspeed.dk if you are interested and we will arrange some meetings.

See the list of other activities in the Staff Association in 2007 on our website

http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life_internt/personaleforening.aspx and feel free to submit any suggestions to Ulla Lindberg at udl@life.ku.dk

Kirsten Sjøstrøm, Department of Food Science, ksj@kvl.dk – latest update 6 March 2007

General meeting in the Staff Association on Wednesday 27 March 2007 at 3 pm in R645, Thorvaldsensvej 40

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The Staff Association's general meeting takes place on Wednesday 27 March 2007 at 3 pm.

AGENDA

1. Election of a chairman of the meeting
2. Election of a keeper of the minutes

3. The chairman presents the annual report
4. The treasurer presents the audited financial statements for 2006
5. The chairman outlines future activities planned by the board, presents the budget and proposals for membership fees for the coming year
6. Consideration of proposals submitted by the members (must be received by the chairman at udl@life.ku.dk by 13 March 2007 at the latest)
7. Election of a board for this year (odd years)
 - a. Election of treasurer (elected for a period of two years)
 - b. Election of one member of the board (the secretary is elected for a period of two years)
 - c. Election of one member of the board (deputy chairman for a period of one year)
 - d. Election of two substitutes (elected for a period of one year)
 - e. Election of firm of auditors
 - f. Election of auditors
 - g. Election of substitute auditor
8. Any other business

Kind regards, the Staff Association board

Kirsten Sjøstrøm, Department of Food Science, ksj@kvl.dk – latest update 6 March 2007

BioCampus – Seminar: Abortion and the ethical status of the foetus, Tuesday 20 March 2007 from 10 am - 4 pm, Njalsgade 80, room 24.2.07

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When can a foetus reasonably be considered to be a person? The seminar considers key elements in the debate, including the dispute about late abortions, frequently used liberal arguments for the neutral role of the state and the foetus's legal status in a historic perspective.

Speakers

- Sniff Nexø, Postdoc, PhD, Medical Museion
- Janne Rothmar Herrmann, PhD student, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen
- Henrik Kjeldgaard Jørgensen, Project Manager, PhD, the Danish Council of Ethics
- Morten EJ Nielsen, Postdoc., PhD, Department of Culture and Identity, RUC
- Klemens Kappel, Associate Professor, PhD, Department of Media, Cognition and Communication

– comments by Mette Hartlev, Professor, Doctor of Laws, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, and Thomas Søbirk Petersen, Assistant Professor, PhD, RUC

[View the programme here](#)

Everybody is welcome and participation is free. Lunch is included in the event.

Register

by 10 March with: eva.agnete.krzeminski@sociology.ku.dk

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SCOFDA: Training school on fish welfare – 11-12 April from 10 am to 5 pm both days – lecture hall 1-01

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[Read programme](#)

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Invitation to theme meetings – professional synergies

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The take-off seminar in January, which marked the beginning of a process of developing professional synergies at the University of Copenhagen, resulted in a number of ideas and professional input. These will now be qualified through a number of theme meetings – [view the programme here](#).

Read more at www.ku.dk/synergi

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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: KVL's Jubilæumsfond – deadline for applications 15 March 2007

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A grant is available from KVL's Jubilæumsfond for distribution in May 2007. The grant portions are for 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 of 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 or 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 are received after the deadline will not be considered.

Annette Minna Guildal, Education and Students, ag@kvl.dk – latest update 1 March 2007



Education

Open house for future BA students at the Faculty of Life Sciences, Friday 2 March at 1 pm

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The first of two open house events is a presentation of the BA programmes on Friday 2 March 2007.

Programme:

1 pm Presentations about the study programmes

1.45 pm Break

2 pm Test lectures

2.40 pm Break

3 pm Talk to current students or listen to new presentations

An open house event will be held for future MSc students on Friday 27 April 2007.

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Attention all you clever people – Grundfos wants you – Grundfos Challenge Week from 12-16 March 2007

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More specifically, you are wanted when the greatest challenge ever on knowledge, inventiveness and innovation kicks off on 12 March at the pump manufacturer Grundfos in Bjerringbro.

As you probably know, the basic idea is to strengthen cooperation between one of Denmark's leading companies and educational establishments around the country by holding a competition for economics and engineering students on a high professional level.

However, to ensure that the entire event will not focus exclusively on the participants, Grundfos would like to invite you to experience the Grundfos Challenge for yourself.

In addition to experiencing the challenge first-hand, you will get a chance to experience the wonderful atmosphere and intensity of the competition.

In addition to meeting your own team of students in the heat of the battle, you will also get a chance to meet some of the people at Grundfos who have helped organise the event. We would, of course, be happy to do any interviews you might want.

We send **the programme for the Challenge week**, so you can decide when you want to come. Wednesday would be a good day, as there will be interviews and much more. Professor of Innovation, David Robertson of IMD, has written the student assignment, and Wednesday afternoon he will also give an interesting presentation.

We look forward to seeing you at Grundfos for a unique event.

Further information:

Grundfos Corporate Communication:
Stine Dyppel Engvang, tel.: +45 87 50 69 52
Dan Prangsgaard, tel.: +45 87 50 69 35, +45 30 33 75 09.
www.grundfos.com/challenge



Staff news

Resignation lecture by Professor Mats Rudemo, Friday 30 March 2007 at 2 pm

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Professor Mads Rudemo gives a resignation lecture on statistics in engineering and life sciences on Friday 30 March at 2 pm in lecture room 1-01, the main lecture hall, followed by a reception in the Senate's conference room. Both events take place at Bülowsvej 17 (the old main building).

Everybody is welcome!

Ib Skovgaard, Department of Natural Sciences, ims@kvl.dk – latest update 6 March 2007

40th anniversary: Associate Professor Jens Arnbjerg, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, Friday 16 March 2007, from 2-4 pm

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In connection with Associate Professor Jens Arnbjerg's 40th anniversary you are hereby invited to a reception on Friday 16 March 2007 from 2-4 pm in the hall at Gimle. Everybody is welcome.

Lillian Nielsen, Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, ln@life.ku.dk – latest update 5 March 2007

Affiliation extended: Professor, Doctor of Technical Sciences Harald Aagaard Martens, Department of Food Science

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Professor, Doctor of Technical Sciences Harald Aagaard Martens, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, has been granted the right to use the title Affiliated Professor of Chemometrics at the Department of Food Science, the Faculty of Life Sciences, for an additional five-year period beginning on 24 September 2006.

Keld Anker Olsen, Staff and Law, University of Copenhagen

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