

# The Faculty of Life Sciences

## Internal Newsletter – Thursday 29 March 2007

**No newsletter will be published in the Easter week. Next issue will be Thursday 12 April 2007.**

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

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

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 the faculty's website <http://www.life.ku.dk/nyhedsbrev>



### News and debate

**Students at LIFE have arranged a Skovathlon (woodathlon) in Gribskov woods on 12 May for all students in Denmark**

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A group of forest and landscape engineering students have taken the initiative to organise a Skovathlon or 'woodathlon' on Saturday 12 May in Gribskov woods at Skovskolen in Nødebo.

The Skovathlon is open to all students in Denmark, irrespective of study line. The Skovathlon challenge involves running 5 km, cycling 20 km and again running 5 km.

Read more at [http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/DetSker/Skovathlon\\_120507\\_liwa.aspx](http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/DetSker/Skovathlon_120507_liwa.aspx)

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## Venture Cup Final at the Faculty of Life Sciences

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Collapsible cardboard coffins for the world's hot spots, learn sign language on the Internet and software components for multi-core processors. A large number of ideas were presented at the Venture Cup final in the Marble Hall on Thursday 22 March. But in a Venture Cup context, ideas cannot stand alone, it is the underlying business plan that counts. The jury consisted of nine representatives from the business sector, and questions were asked about customer base, competitors and production prices. This year, Venture Cup got a little brother – Develop Solution. In order to win this, you need a business idea that can create development in Africa. The winners of phase 2 and DKK 10,000 was MOD, who had developed a fluid- and contamination-proof, collapsible coffin made of cardboard, which is cheap to produce.

In the classic Venture Cup, nine prizes were awarded of DKK 10,000 each. The winners were:

CSP.NET (University of Copenhagen): Software components for multi-core processors.

Dupont LightStone (University of Southern Denmark): Concrete with optic fibres that can transform buildings into large computer screens.

InMold Biosystems (RISØ, Technical University of Denmark): Technology for casting biomolecules directly in plastic.

MicroReactor (Copenhagen Business School/Technical University of Denmark): Silicon chip for catalyst development.

Mooncean (Technical University of Denmark): Screening system for hospital-based bacteria.

Best presentation: Kuneco (University of Copenhagen): Concept for Internet-based questions and answers.

Best team from several institutions: MicroReactor (Copenhagen Business School/Technical University of Denmark): Silicon chip for catalyst development.

Best service-based idea: Vistachild (Aalborg University): Online sign-language course.

Most original concept: Muezzin (Technical University of Denmark): Keep track of praying times and the direction of Mecca for Muslims in the western world.

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## Open Greenhouses – a record-breaking success

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Previous years' records were beaten when almost 2,000 people visited the Faculty of Life Sciences' greenhouses last weekend.

*"It was again a great success this year. The weather was fine, so many people grabbed the opportunity of a day out,"* concluded Hanne Lipczak Jakobsen, Operational Manager, who like the rest of the organisers was very happy with the event.

This year's theme was colours and changes. In addition to the existing collections, it was possible to look at biological control, plant diseases, buy plants and much more. Visitors who became thirsty could buy refreshments in the horticultural students' café.

But even though the event was a success this year, there is no reason to rest on our laurels. The dates for next year's open day event have already been set for 29 and 30 March 2008.

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### **Information desk at the entrance of Thorvaldsensvej 40**

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In order to provide a good service to visitors to the faculty, Buildings and Operation has established an information desk at Thorvaldsensvej 40. The information desk is manned all weekdays between 8 am and 4 pm.

The aim is that visitors to the faculty can contact the staff at the information desk to be directed to the right location for a meeting or seminar. Departments and units may also refer visiting guests to the information desk. When the guest has arrived, the person on duty will contact the department which can then send an employee to welcome the visitor.

For the information desk to function as intended, it is necessary to keep the desk staff informed of what is going on and of appointments with people from outside who have been referred to the information desk.

It is also very important that all public meetings, seminars, lectures, conferences etc. are entered into the activity calendar at [www.life.ku.dk](http://www.life.ku.dk)

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### **Theme pamphlet 2007: Food of the Future – safer, healthier and more fun, has been published in a PDF version and a printed edition**

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The faculty has published a theme pamphlet about the food of the future with articles from practitioners and leading food scientists.

Download the [PDF version here](#) or order the printed version from Lykke Thostrup, [lyt@life.ku.dk](mailto:lyt@life.ku.dk), ext. 2387, Communications

See also the website on food of the future [Fremtidens Fødevarer](#)

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## Register for “We also cycle to work in 2007”

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Now it is time again to sign up for the “We cycle to work” campaign.

The campaign runs for the period 1-31 May – each department organises one or more cycle teams.

Website <http://www.vcta.dk/>

Register to this email address ( [vicykler@kvl.dk](mailto:vicykler@kvl.dk) ) by **Thursday 12 April**

### Prizes:

The University of Copenhagen pays the fee. *Ideas for how and from where internal prizes can be provided are extremely welcome.*

Nationwide, prizes will be awarded to more than 50 teams – and the first prize is a DKK 11,000 travel voucher for a Mediterranean cruise for each of the participants on one team.

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## Essay competition: Your idea of a good study environment may be extremely valuable – deadline 27 April 2007

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Denmark must have world-class university degree programmes. This presupposes a stimulating and inspiring study environment. Therefore, the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation has launched an essay competition among all students in higher education about what constitutes a good study environment with focus on the physical surroundings.

I have recently visited Australia and Singapore and seen how new technology can have radical consequences for the study environment and the physical surroundings at the universities.

When today and in future we build and modernise universities it is important that we *also* focus on state-of-the-art technology and assess the way in which new technology and the physical surroundings interact. How do we expect that the new technology will and should be used, and how will this affect our way of teaching, learning and using the physical surroundings?

Technology develops rapidly, and even though, for example, many Danish educational institutions already have wireless networks, we still do not have a clear picture of where this is going.

In order to get to the core of how technology, education and the physical surroundings interact, we ask, in the essay competition, what your idea of a good study environment is.

Technology is, of course, only one of many tools and elements in a study environment, and therefore the theme of the essay competition is you and your study environment.

Your contribution may influence the agenda for future study environments at the universities and will form part of a large development project on campus environments. How can campus areas physically contribute to an optimum research and teaching environment?

What do you consider your physical study environment? How important, for example, is the architecture, daylight, courtyards, group rooms, Internet forums, canteens, child care facilities? How do you expect the physical surroundings to contribute to your studies and your interaction with other students, the teaching staff and scientists? How does your study environment contribute to constructive dissemination of knowledge?

Your contribution may be extremely valuable. Both for Denmark, for future generations of students and for you personally. Read more about the essay competition at [www.ubst.dk](http://www.ubst.dk). We need your contribution by 27 April at the latest. Prizes of DKK 25,000, DKK 15,000 and DKK 10,000 will be awarded for the three best contributions.

Helge Sander (Liberal Democratic Party)

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## **A look at careers – an article on the LIFE Science Company Fair on 26 and 27 April, 10 am – 2 pm**

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A look at careers – A proactive attitude during your studies produces results in “the real world”. A good example of this is the LIFE Science Company Fair which is being held on 26 and 27 April at the Faculty of Life Sciences. This article focuses on the bonus that can result from targeted efforts at a company fair. It is a stepping stone for ambitious students.

“Time-consuming”, “confusing”, “superficial” and “not relevant until I have graduated”, are some of the usual arguments among those who do not give priority to the fairs. Others, who do not want to miss a relevant job or company fair, put great emphasis on expressions like “network”, “work relevant to my studies”, “instructive trainee periods” and “thesis work at a company”.

Curiosity resulted in traineeship and job

Agronomy student Jakob Helm Larsen knew he needed a traineeship and a relevant student job when he visited the Danish Agricultural Council at the KVL Company Fair a couple of years ago. There were no vacant jobs or traineeships, but his persistence and numerous questions resulted in an agreement to send an unsolicited application. A few weeks later, he had a trainee contract, which was later replaced by a relevant student job at the same place. “All the essential information was given to me on a silver platter at the fair, so I knew precisely what to say and what to write,” Jakob says about his success.

“Lift speech” and relevant questions

As in Jakob’s case, the relevance of your questions determines whether you become a dishwasher or a project manager. Therefore, decide in advance which topics you find interesting at the company. And then you need to know how to introduce yourself with a “lift speech”, which is so brief and precise that you are able to give a presentation of your key competences during a lift ride. If that is not one of your strengths, then visit

[www.laeringscenter.dk](http://www.laeringscenter.dk) for a summary of the basic rules. If you have these basic tools at hand, the company fairs may be the stepping stone to your future. So be proactive and create your own success!

By Michael B. Westi

Brief information on the LIFE Science Company Fair

- Takes place on 26-27 April 2007 at 10 am – 2 pm
- The fair is open to everyone
- Comprises 18 stands, with representatives from 21 companies
- 300-400 students per day is the average. The aim is to create contact between businesses and students
- Started at KVL in 2000 and has its own website: [www.messe.kvl.dk](http://www.messe.kvl.dk)
- Is organised by the Company Fair Committee ( [kvl-messe@dsr.kvl.dk](mailto:kvl-messe@dsr.kvl.dk) )

Pictures:

<http://netforum.dsr.kvl.dk/perl/guide/>  
[www.dsr.kvl.dk/forening/kvlmesse/](http://www.dsr.kvl.dk/forening/kvlmesse/)

Quotes:

"It is rather fantastic to think of how randomly I discovered what was later to open up so many opportunities for me," Jacob Helm Larsen, agronomy student.

"I was surprised to see how sympathetic the companies at the fair were in general towards my wishes and questions," Jakob Helm Larsen, agronomy student.

"It was nice to meet the people behind the many glossy words. And it clearly strengthened my network." Kristian Nørby Nielsen, MSc in Agricultural Science (got a job shortly after completing his degree).

"It was meeting the companies at the fair that made me take up practical training, and that has opened many doors for me," Mette Højgaard Andersen, agronomy student

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## Announcements

**Register for the SiteCore Support newsletter**

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Do you also edit websites using SiteCore?

And are you interested in hearing about new opportunities, courses, tips, new developments and what is going on in general in relation to how the Faculty uses SiteCore and web?

Then register for the SiteCore Support newsletter at:

<http://www.life.ku.dk/presse/Nyhedsbrev.aspx?list={D3E0FBCB-8B82-43AF-BB1E-7B996AD9792E}>

Read more about the faculty's SiteCore solution at: [www.life.ku.dk/scsupport](http://www.life.ku.dk/scsupport)

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## 18th ESEE Seminar - 5-8 September in Prague

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On behalf of the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, I would like to invite you to the 18th ESEE Seminar with the title \* Supporting Viable Rural Communities \*. The seminar will be held in Prague on 5-8 September 2007.

The ESEE (European Seminar on Extension Education) is a biennial event that is organised in rotation by European centres for training and research in the field of communication for agricultural and rural development. Since 2003 the themes have emphasised the important recent changes in Extension Education, first in Hungary in recognising the change from agriculture to rural development and then, in Turkey, the change from Extension to Consultancy featuring participation and multi-actor approaches. Now the focus of interest will be on the needs and initiatives of people in rural communities rather than on the policies and plans of Extension services; on the recipients rather than providers of services.

The programme will include keynote presentations, visits to activities in rural areas in the Czech Republic, and discussions of the contributions presented by the participants. The intention is that the seminar will be structured but informal, programmed but flexible, and academic but convivial.

To obtain further information on the 18th ESEE seminar, including the topics, format, registration details, calls for papers and deadlines, etc. please visit our website: <http://18esee.czu.cz>

Milan Slavik  
Chairman ESEE Local Committee

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

**Here you will also find relevant links.**

## Infrastructure funds

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The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation has published its first invitation for the national pool for research infrastructure. The deadline for submitting expressions of interest and applications for funding for preprojects/project maturing is Wednesday 9 May 2007 at 3 pm.

Read more at: <http://fist.dk/site/forside/soeg-stoette/opslag-stoettemuligheder/2007/den-nationale-pulje-for-forskningsinfrastruktur>

Note: All expressions of interest/applications must be submitted by the managements at the involved institutions/partners – i.e. at rector level or similar level.

At the same time, it should also be noted that the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation is organising a workshop on research infrastructure on Wednesday 28 March from 9.45 am at the Technical University of Denmark. The overall aim of the workshop is to stimulate the formation of a number of Danish groupings with a shared wish to establish a large national or international research infrastructure, which together may submit applications for infrastructure funds from national and international pools and programmes.

Read about the workshop and see the programme at:

<http://fist.dk/site/forside/nyheder/arrangementer/2007/workshop-om-forskningsinfrastruktur>

Please register for the workshop by Monday 26 March 2007 by email to Anne Lise Krarup-Christensen, [alkc@fist.dk](mailto:alkc@fist.dk), or by phone on tel. +45 33 92 97 11.

For further information, please contact Peter Uffe Meier ([pum@fist.dk](mailto:pum@fist.dk) – tel. +45 33 92 97 06) or Niels Hovgaard Steffensen ([nhs@fist.dk](mailto:nhs@fist.dk) – tel. +45 35 44 62 74).

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**The Alfred Benzon Foundation: Benzon Symposium, no. 56, 2009 – deadline for applications 15 May 2007; Benzon Fellowship – deadline for applications 1 May 2007**

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The Alfred Benzon Foundation invites applications concerning Benzon Symposium No. 56, which is expected to be held in Copenhagen during the summer of 2009, with deadline on 15 May 2007 – [PDF document on the Benzon Symposium](#)

Furthermore, the deadline for applications for fellowship funds is 1 May 2007 - [PDF document on fellowship funds](#)

Further information at [www.benzon-symposia.dk](http://www.benzon-symposia.dk) and [www.benzon-foundation.dk](http://www.benzon-foundation.dk)

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### **The AFFOREST project from the EU 5th Framework Programme has now been published in a book: 'Environmental Effects of Afforestation in North-Western Europe – From Field Observations to Decision Support'**

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The results of the EU 5th Framework Programme Project AFFOREST are described in a new book published by Springer: 'Environmental Effects of Afforestation in North-Western Europe - From Field Observations to Decision Support'.

The book considers three of the most important environmental issues - carbon sequestration in soils and biomass, groundwater recharge and nitrate leaching. The book describes the research to quantify these effects in the field and model them into the future. It explains how the more detailed models were reduced to "metamodels" suitable for implementation within a real-time management system. The book includes developed techniques to estimate environmental impacts, guidelines for afforestation strategies and a new decision support system (AFFOREST-sDSS) to enable national and international policymakers, but also forest managers, to maximize the benefits and minimize the adverse effects of afforestation. The book describes afforestation research and demonstrates the application of the decision support system. The results should be applicable throughout northwest Europe and could be extended elsewhere.

The book is available from Springer on the Internet:

<http://www.springer.com/east/home?SGWID=5-102-22-173660090-0&changeHeader=true>

*Karin Hansen, Forest and Landscape – latest update 23 March 2007*

### **Grant: Skovbrugsfonden – application deadline 15 April 2007**

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A grant from the Skovbrugsfonden of DKK 8,000 is available for distribution in June 2007.

The grant will be given to support forestry students at the Faculty of Life Sciences, particularly for study activities which would otherwise not be possible, and for forestry scientific research where preference is given to younger forestry candidates.

The application must include a detailed description of the study purpose or scientific work for which funding is being sought from the Skovbrugsfonden.

Applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, by 15 April 2007 at the latest.

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### **Grant: Bernhard Bangs Mindefond – application deadline 15 April 2007**

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A grant from **Bernhard Bangs Mindefond** is available for distribution in one or more portions to persons who are assessed by the Foundation Board to be qualified to carry out:

Scientific research regarding farm animal diseases

Applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences, Study and Students' Affairs, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark by 15 April 2007 at the latest.

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### **Current deadlines as at 20 March 2007**

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#### **External research funds – overview of current and expected deadlines as at 20 March 2007:**

A special overview of EU FP7 calls can be found here: [Current EU FP7 calls](#)

#### **Continuous deadline**

**23 March 2007** (deadline for requesting tender docs.)

[Call for tenders: study on long-term effects of GM crops](#)  
(Deadline for submitting tender: 10 April 2007)

**26 March 2007**

[Contributions for the building of innovation cultures or the maturing of new technologies](#) [DKK 15 million]

**30 March 2007**

European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST)

**2 April 2007**

NORFACE (New Opportunities for Research Funding Cooperation in Europe – a Strategy for Social Sciences)

**2 April 2007**

Nordforsk invitation concerning funding for research networks, network of national centres of excellence, network of national research schools, research course.

**3 April 2007**

Human Frontier Science Program - Research Grants

22 March 2007 (deadline for preregistration)

**24 April 2007**

Application deadline, business PhD initiative

**27 April 2007**

European Collaborative Research Projects in the Social Sciences (ECRP)

**27 April 2007**

Kvægafgiftsfonden

**27 April 2007**

European Science Foundation - explorative workshops

**27 April 2007**

The Programme Commission on Food and Health (FøSu) invites expressions of interest

(Deadline for 2nd round: 5 September 2007)

**1 May 2007**

Danish Research Training Committee: Quality promotion funds and funds for co-financed scholarships 2007 for research training programmes (research schools)

**2 May 2007**

The Programme Commission on Nanoscience, Biotechnology and IT (NABIIT) invites applications for theme no. 1

**3 May 2007**

The Lundbeck Foundation invites applications

**9 May 2007**

The Programme Commission on Energy and Environment (EnMi) invites expressions of interest

(Deadline for 2nd round: 14 September 2007)

**11 May 2007**

The Programme Commission on Creativity, Innovation, New Production Methods and Experience Economy (KINO) invites expressions of interest

(Deadline for 2nd round: 11 September 2007)

**1 June 2007**

The University of Copenhagen's international star programme for supporting excellent research  
([Read more about the internal procedure here](#))

**1 June 2007**

[European Science Foundation - Eurocores themes](#)

**20 August 2007**

[Application deadline, business PhD initiative](#)

**21 August 2007**

The Programme Commission on Nanoscience, Biotechnology and IT (NABIIT) invites applications for themes no. 2 and 3

**22 October 2007**

[Application deadline, business PhD initiative](#)

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**The Research Councils (in accordance with the spring invitations 2007):**

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 lasting more than one month (without pay), holding international scientific conferences, preparation of EU applications.

[FSS calls](#): research stays abroad lasting more than one month, scholarships, contributions for the preparation of EU applications and international scientific congresses, symposiums etc.

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

**The Lundbeck Foundation:** The Foundation has no application deadlines, but a two-month consideration period prior to presentation to the Foundation Board must be anticipated. The Foundation Board meets in March, May, September and November.

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

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**The Lundbeck Foundation**

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According to its own website, the Lundbeck Foundation has no application deadlines, but a two-month consideration period prior to presentation to the Foundation Board must be anticipated. The Foundation Board meets in March, May, September and November.

Currently, you should note that applications to be considered at the Foundation's September meeting must be received by the Foundation no later than 3 May when the Foundation Board is meeting.

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

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## Education

### The hunt for the innovative employee

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[www.innovationsbloggen.dk](http://www.innovationsbloggen.dk) is now focusing on the recruitment challenge in Denmark. The intense fight to ensure competent and innovative labour makes a number of issues more relevant than ever: Which innovation competences are being demanded by the business sector? What does the educational system focus on? What are the dreams of the students? What is required to attract and retain employees?

Business leaders must come out in the open!

“Now, if getting the best employees and managers is so important, I really wonder why more business leaders are not voicing their strong opinions about the educational system and the way it is currently being managed. Are PISA tests good or bad? Are we educating too many or too few students within the humanities? And much more. I KNOW you have an opinion, so why keep it a secret?”

With this urgent request, Anders Drejer from the Aarhus School of Business, the University of Aarhus, kick-starts the new theme at [www.innovationsbloggen.dk](http://www.innovationsbloggen.dk), where, since November 2006, the debate has resulted in many thought-provoking points of view and exchange of opinions.

Read all the blog contributions and follow the comments they provoke – among other things when the chairman of FTF (the Confederation of Professionals in Denmark), Bente Sorgenfrey, requests more employee involvement at Danish workplaces, and when Therese Frost Hansen, computer science student, calls for better and closer cooperation between the business sector and universities:

“It is high time that we get some “real” problems to work on during our studies, and we therefore need to be good at cooperating with the business sector in our day-to-day work.”

Read the contributions and the comments they provoke when managers and students meet on the same blog.

The current theme has been chosen because the struggle to ensure sufficient, competent and not least innovative labour is happening with an intensity never seen before in Danish history. The flourishing economy, the small year group, the many people retiring from the labour market and the increasing globalisation are some of the factors that make recruitment one of the biggest challenges for the business sector and public institutions – this year and in the years to come.

For this new theme, the permanent blog team has been expanded, so the panel now counts both business managers, HR managers, recruitment experts, scientists, consultants and students. In addition to Anders Drejer, Bente Sorgenfrey and Therese Frost Hansen, the team includes, among others, the author and businessman Lars Kolind, HR director at IBM Denmark Claus Gylling, innovation director at the Federation of Danish Textile and Clothing Patrizia Venturelli Christensen and several students.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the debate on the blog, where you can also subscribe to highlights from the debate via email.

Innovationsbloggen.dk has been launched by IBM and Mandag Morgen in order to strengthen and enhance the innovation debate in Denmark. Read more about the background to the current theme and Innovationsbloggen.dk at: [http://www.innovationsbloggen.dk/den\\_nodvendige\\_diskussion](http://www.innovationsbloggen.dk/den_nodvendige_diskussion)

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The permanent blog team at the innovation blog

Please find a more detailed presentation at [www.innovationsbloggen.dk](http://www.innovationsbloggen.dk):

- \* Mikael Lindholm, editor-in-chief, Computerworld
- \* Patrizia Venturelli Christensen, innovation director, the Federation of Danish Textile and Clothing
- \* Anders Drejer, professor of strategy and business development and member of the Strategy Lab
- \* Lars Jannick Johansen, managing director, Mandag Morgen, tel. +45 29 61 68 92
- \* Lars Kolind, inventor of the spaghetti organisation
- \* John Lassen, innovation consultant, Zalto
- \* Annabeth Aagaard, manager, management consultant, author, The Knowing Company
- \* Bente Sorgenfrey: chairman of the Confederation of Professionals in Denmark (FTF), the central organisation for 450,000 public and private employees
- \* Claus Gylling, HR director at IBM Denmark
- \* Pernille Weiss Terkildsen, innovation manager at the firm of architects Arkitema
- \* Ida Strand, senior analyst at Mandag Morgen
- \* Hjalte Højsgaard, student at Copenhagen Business School
- \* Gry Baur, analyst at the Mandag Morgen secretariat for the Innovation Council
- \* Therese Frost Hansen, computer science student at the University of Aarhus

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## Staff news

