

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.

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

Alumni, alumnus, alumna – what should we call the association?

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Alumni are the former students of an educational institution. The alumni association at the University of Copenhagen will be inaugurated in autumn 2007.

BUT what are we going to name it?

Read more about the alumni association at www.ku.dk/alumne and send your proposal for a name to alumne@adm.ku.dk by 1 May 2007.

The prize for the winner proposal is an iPod, which will be presented by the Chairman of the Board, Pro-rector Lykke Friis.

The judges consist of the board of the alumni association:

Hans Bräuner-Osborne, Professor, [Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences](#); Henrik Dam, Dean, [Faculty of Law](#); Clement Kjersgaard, editor and TV host, [DR2](#); Vibeke Frank, Vice President, Corporate Human Resources, [Carlsberg Breweries](#); Jesper Luthman, BSc Public Health, [Student Council](#); Marianne Zibrandtsen, Rector, [Aurehøj Gymnasium](#); Lykke Friis, Pro-rector (Chairman), [University of Copenhagen](#).

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Announcements

Have you taken all your holidays?

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We are getting close to 1 May and the beginning of a new holiday year. Have you not taken all your holidays?

Access the electronic staff handbook to check up on the possibility of transferring holidays or of receiving payment for holidays and special holidays not taken: <http://www.adm.kvl.dk/emh/>

Forms for the transfer of holidays and special holidays are available on HR's website:
<http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/personale/skemaer.aspx>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your department secretary.

Henriette Lieblein, HR, hel@life.ku.dk – latest update 17 April 2007

Do something amazing – give blood! The mobile blood bank (*Den Mobile Blodbank*) visits the Faculty of Life Sciences on 16, 21 and 22 May from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

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Every year, thousands of people need blood transfusions to survive.

Giving blood only means a tiny prick in your arm. The strength and the health that you find so natural mean the difference between life and death for others. There is a need for all blood types, but especially the "ordinary" blood types are in short supply.

New donors are also very welcome.

Read more about being a blood donor here: [De Rene Facts](#) (the pure facts) and [DonorNyt](#) (donor news) or at www.givblod.dk.

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Faculty Service closed on Friday, 18 May – the day after Ascension Day

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Faculty Service is closed for enquiries on the Friday after Ascension Day.

We will announce at a later time whom you can contact in connection with urgent enquiries or emergencies.

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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.

All scientists are invited to participate in the development of research themes

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It is still possible for scientists at the University of Copenhagen to submit proposals and arguments concerning the development of the research strategy for the University of Copenhagen. The development of the so-called theme packets was initiated at the University of Copenhagen's take-off seminar in mid-January, with special reference to the recent integration of the two new faculties: The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the [Faculty of Life Sciences](#). The take-off seminar resulted in more than 1,800 research proposals, which have been grouped under 11 research themes:

Developing country research – including global health and culture

E- in science

Natural resources and environment

Science, ethics and communication

The universe of the cell

Identities

Modern medicine, food and health
Migration
Future technologies
The challenges of globalisation
Welfare and democracy

The theme process is still open, and all scientific staff members and PhDs are welcome to study the themes launched and to participate actively in this important development process. Contact information is available on the websites on the individual themes, which you can find via: www.ku.dk/synergi/temaoversigt.htm

Read more at: www.ku.dk/synergi

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The Lundbeck Foundation – the Talent Prize and the Prize for Young Scientists

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30 June 2007 is the deadline for two research prizes from the Lundbeck Foundation: the Talent Prize and the Prize for Young Scientists.

As for the Talent Prize, the candidate must be under the age of 30 on 30 June 2007. As for the Prize for Young Scientists, the candidate must be under the age of 40 on 30 June 2007.

Candidates may be nominated by leading scientists at Danish universities and other institutions of higher education.

[Prize announcement for the Talent Prize.](#)

[Prize announcement for Young Scientists.](#)

<http://www.lundbeckfonden.dk/>



Education

Students at the Faculty of Life Sciences get the new marking scale

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An information meeting was held on Monday, 16 April on the new marking scale for students at the Faculty of Life Sciences.

An hour had been earmarked for presentation and questions, but the presentation had been completed and the questions answered after just twenty minutes.

The new 7-step marking scale replaces the old 13-step scale on 1 September 2007. This means that all marks given after 1 September will be given according to the 7-step scale. This also applies to resitting exams from block 4 which were originally assessed according to the 13-step scale as well as theses handed in before this date but defended after 1 September.

After 1 September, diplomas and exam certificates will show up to three marks for each subject. Marks given according to the 13-step scale will still be indicated together with the mark according to the 7-step scale and the international ECTS mark. Subjects concluded after 1 September will only be given a mark according to the 7-step scale and the ECTS mark.

Questions were primarily posed by veterinary students who wanted to know how the changed marking system would affect the calculation of their average marks when applying for their specialisation programmes. They were reassured that the faculty was on top of things and that the average marks using both marking scales would not be "too low".

If you did not make it to the presentation on Monday, the University of Copenhagen will be holding an information meeting on the new marks for all students and teachers on 9 May, 3-5 pm.

More information on the new marking scale and the University of Copenhagen's information meeting is available at <http://www.life.ku.dk/uddannelse/studerende/eksamen/Ny-karakterskala.aspx>.

Maja Johansen, Communications, petrine@life.ku.dk – latest update 17 April 2007

Introduction course for PhD students at KU-LIFE – Brorfelde Field Station, 18-22 June 2007

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The course provides a thorough introduction to life as a PhD student at KU-LIFE by giving the participants a basic overview of the necessary skills and competences which future scientists must possess. Focus will be placed on the personal and non-scientific qualifications which successful scientists must possess and be able to handle, ranging from oral presentation techniques and academic writing to international patent rights and innovation. The course will also act as a platform for networking between PhD students from different KU-LIFE departments. Teachers at the course are chosen among specialists from KU-LIFE and professional consultants.

[Link for more information](#)

Lars Holm Rasmussen, FOOD Graduate School, lhr@life.ku.dk – latest update 13 April 2007



Staff news

Farewell reception: Senior administrative assistant Tim Danielsen – Friday, 25 April 2007, 2-4 pm

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To celebrate the retirement of Tim Danielsen, senior administrative assistant, after six years of employment with the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, the Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences invites you to a farewell reception.

Time: Friday, 25 April, 2-4 pm. Venue: The library, the anatomy building (Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences), Grønnegårdsvej 7, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Copenhagen.

Everybody is welcome.

Marie-Louise Rosenlund, Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences, mln@life.ku.dk – latest update 17 April 2007

Farewell reception: Laboratory attendant Per Thomassen – Friday 25 April 2007, 2-4 pm.

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To celebrate the retirement of laboratory attendant Per Thomassen after 37 years of employment with the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, the Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences invites you to a farewell reception.

Time: Friday, 25 April, 2-4 pm. Venue: The library, the anatomy building (Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences), Grønnegårdsvej 7, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Copenhagen

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Lars Stoumann Jensen appointed professor with special duties

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The Dean appointed Lars Stoumann Jensen professor with special duties within biological aspects of manure and waste substances in relation to soil fertility and the environment at the Department of Agricultural Sciences as from 1 April 2007.

Mie Weile, HR, miwe@life.ku.dk – latest update 17 April 2007

Farewell reception: Associate Professor Rolf Jess Jørgensen, IPH – Friday, 20 April, 2.30-4.30 pm in the zoology collection, Grønnegårdsvej 7

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To celebrate the retirement of Associate Professor Rolf Jess Jørgensen after 34 years of employment with the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University and four months at LIFE, the Department of Large Animal Sciences invites you to a farewell reception.

Friday, 20 April, 2.30-4.30 pm.

Reception venue: The zoology collection, the anatomy building
(Department of Basic Animal and Veterinary Sciences), Grønnegårdsvej 7, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Copenhagen

Everybody is welcome.

Jeanne Talchow Oakman, Department of Large Animal Sciences, jeao@life.ku.dk – latest update 13 April 2007