

## The Faculty of Life Sciences

### Internal Newsletter – Thursday 10 May 2007

**No Newsletter will be published on Ascension Day, Thursday 17 May.  
Next issue will be Thursday 24 May 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

#### New faculty telephone numbers

As of Friday 25 May the Faculty's telephone system will merge with the university's telephone system. All LIFE employees will automatically receive a new telephone number. The web based telephone directory will also be updated automatically.

Calls to old LIFE/KVL numbers will be automatically redirected until 1 October 2007. From 1 October to 1 January 2008 callers will be referred to the new number and from 1 January only new numbers will be valid.

All phone lines will be closed on 24 May from 6 to approx. 8 p.m.

The new numbers will take the form: 353 - 3xxxx - the last four digits are your current extension.

All extensions will then consist of five digits. As a consequence, you will need to dial five digits when placing an internal call after 25 May.

For more information please contact Jesper G. Eliassen, 35 32 28 40, [jge@adm.ku.dk](mailto:jge@adm.ku.dk)

## Newsletter on the merger

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The Merger Secretariat publishes a newsletter with the latest news on the merger.

Read more at: <http://www.ku.dk/fusion/?p=76>

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LIFE VIP representative in Central Cooperation Committee

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## Royal visit at the Faculty – Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark will stop by the Department of Human Nutrition on 9 May at 3 pm

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Next week, the Swedish royal family makes an official state visit to Denmark. On that occasion, Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark will be visiting the Faculty of Life Sciences on Wednesday 9 May.

The Crown Princess and the Crown Prince will be presented with our work on gastronomy and health and the latest trends within Nordic cuisine. Dean Per Holten-Andersen and Professor Arne Astrup are in charge of the reception.

The event is for invites only, but if you would like a glimpse of the royals when they arrive at Rolighedsvej 30, 3 pm would be a safe bet.

The visit ends at 3.45 pm.

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## Festival of Research: Great interest in the faculty



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The weather was good and our stands had many visitors at the Festival of Research event held by the City of Frederiksberg on Friday 27 April.

The School Service moved into the open air, and this gave visitors the opportunity to see micro-organisms from a cow stomach under a stereo

magnifying glass and to study how saliva disintegrates starch in food. Crop Science handed out the coldest tomato seeds of the universe, and people had the opportunity to become horse specialists for a day when they visited the many employees from the Department of Large Animal Sciences, to play golf and to listen to research results on grass from Forest and Landscape and finally to taste if low-fat cheese actually *can* taste of something when visiting the dairy technologists.

As is apparent, considerable inventiveness had gone into the five stands – for the benefit of visitors: Every age group took home both experiences and new knowledge.





## Announcements

### **Seminar: The role of forests and trees in poverty alleviation and sustainable development in Africa, Thursday 24 May, 1-5 pm, in auditorium 1-01**

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The eight Millennium Development Goals and the associated eighteen targets adopted by the United National General Assembly are the overarching framework for fighting poverty and promoting sustainable development towards 2015. Where are forests in the Millennium Development Goals? What is the role of forests and what are the opportunities for expanding the role? These and related questions will be addressed at the seminar. The seminar is organised by the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, University of Copenhagen, and is the third seminar in a series started in 2005. At the seminar we will:

- present and discuss new findings from research;
- present and discuss new approaches and developments;
- facilitate networking and the exchange of ideas within the Danish resource base.

The seminar is open to all with an interest in forests and trees and their role in poverty alleviation and sustainable development. We encourage researchers, government agencies, NGOs, consulting companies, private companies and students to participate. Participation is free.

13.00 Niels Elers Koch, Director General, Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, KU Welcome and opening remark

13.05 Frances Seymour, Director General, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) Forests and Poverty: What do we know? What should we do?

13.50 Jan Laarman, Deputy Director-General, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Where is the evidence for the economic benefits of trees in development, or are economists lying? The case of Africa.

14.35 Jens-Peter B. Lillesø and Søren Moestrup, Senior consultants, Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning Smallholders in Africa could generate good incomes from growing trees on farms - if only they could get hold of the good trees to grow

15.00 Coffee break

15.30 Erik Albrechtsen, Environmental Manager, DLH Group Experiences with certification of timber products from natural forests in Congo Brazzaville: What prospects for improved rural livelihoods, sustainable forest management and private business development?

15.55 Jens Friis Lund, Assistant Professor, Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning For the benefit of the poor? Decentralised Forest Management in Tanzania

16.20 Christian Pilegaard Hansen, PhD fellow and Thorsten Treue, Associate Professor, Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning Benefit sharing of revenues from timber harvesting in Ghana: What's in it for the farmer?

16.45 Wrapping-up and closing

17.00 Refreshments

Following each presentation, there will be time for questions/comments to the speakers.

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## **Seminar: Agricultural Biodiversity and Bioersity Internetonal – A Paradigm Expansion Wednesday 23. May, 2-4 pm, in auditorium 3.11**

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The presentation will have three elements:

- A. Agricultural Biodiversity scope of work
  - Sharing ideas in relation to expanding scope of work on agricultural biodiversity. This will cover the fact that conservation per se, on its own does not cover the full spectrum of elements for a good programme in agricultural biodiversity. Gene banking is therefore just one element; one needs to have other elements that involve on-farm management of diversity, in-situ conservation and management of diversity and the community-based management of diversity.
  - Also in talking about agricultural biodiversity, focus should not only be on CROPS; adequate coverage must be given to other dimensions of biodiversity including trees, animals etc.
  - There must also be a balance between the USE dimensions and the CONSERVATION dimensions within agricultural biodiversity.
- B. Bioersity International: Current focus and programmatic orientation
  - Provide information on the current focus and programmatic orientation of Bioersity International, in line with the recent rebranding of the organization.
  - This will include presentation on our six Focus Areas, and our current programmatic structure.
  - It will also introduce our modus operandi.
- C. Partnerships with Danish institutions
  - Seek ways of strengthening partnerships and/or forging new ones with Danish institutions in relation to agricultural and forestry biodiversity research and capacity development.
  - This will include Research, Education and Capacity Development, as well as Scientist postings and honorary fellowships within Bioersity.
  - This will cover areas of specific interest to Bioersity, but would also cover some much broader issues within the CGIAR as a whole.

All interested are welcome. Please register not later than 21 May to Isabelle Skarvig Kafé at [isk@life.ku.dk](mailto:isk@life.ku.dk)

Finding the venue? [http://www.life.ku.dk/upload/home/docs/.pdf/kvlfrederiksbkort\\_final.pdf](http://www.life.ku.dk/upload/home/docs/.pdf/kvlfrederiksbkort_final.pdf)

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## **New programmes: Assistant professor programme and supplementary university teacher training**

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Assistant professor programme 2007/2008: Introduction on 15 August 2007 between 9 am and 1 pm, Module 1: Residential course, 22-24 August 2007, Module 2: 7-9 November between 9 am and 4 pm at the Danish University of Education, Module 3: 30 January-1 February 2008 between 9 am and 4 pm at the Danish University of Education and 3 March 2008 between 9 am and 4 pm at LIFE, 16 May 2008 between 9 am and 1 pm at LIFE. Supplementary university teacher training: Residential course, 20-21 August 2007, 5 November 2007 between 9 am and 4 pm at the

Danish University of Education. Read more here:

[http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/personale/interne\\_kurser/andre\\_kurser.aspx](http://www.life.ku.dk/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/personale/interne_kurser/andre_kurser.aspx)

*Susanne Magnusson, HR, [sma@life.ku.dk](mailto:sma@life.ku.dk) – latest update 8 May 2007*

### **Three-day course on grant proposal writing**

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Obvious opportunity for researchers and MSc students to become even better at writing the perfect application for the perfect result.

The course will be held at the University of Rutgers in Newark, New Jersey on 17 to 19 July between 8 am and 5 pm.

Registration: First come, first serve.

For further information on the content and price of the course see the online newsletter

*Annica Nielsen, Study and Students' Affairs, [anie@life.ku.dk](mailto:anie@life.ku.dk) – latest update 8 May 2007*

### **Buy flowers in the greenhouses**

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Again this year, we have a surplus of summer flowers and mother plants from our production for the garden beds and collections.

The first round of the annual sale will take place on Wednesday 16 May between 9 am and 3 pm in the greenhouses at Rolighedsvej 23.

The second round will take place when we have finished planting the beds, i.e. at the beginning of June. The exact time will be announced at a later point.

All employees and LIFE students are welcome.

Spring greetings from the gardeners at Green Support Services.

*Hanne Lipczak Jakobsen, Green Support Services, [halj@life.ku.dk](mailto:halj@life.ku.dk) – latest update 8 May 2007*

### **Information meeting for new employees, Wednesday 13 June at 9.30 am – registration by 6 June**

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New employees are invited to an information meeting at the Faculty on Wednesday 13 June at 9.30 am in lecture hall 1-15, Bülowsvej 17 (1st floor by the main lecture hall).

After the information meeting, a tour of the campus has been arranged, and stops will be made at the library, in the garden and at the greenhouses. The event will finish at approximately noon.

Registration by 6 June with Connie Nielsen, HR, at [cen@life.ku.dk](mailto:cen@life.ku.dk)

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## **Theme day: Communication through new media – a theme day on the challenges facing culture and knowledge institutions, Thursday 21 June between noon and 5 pm at “Den Sorte Diamant”**

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Culture and knowledge institutions communicate information and knowledge to different user groups. This includes research-based knowledge and information on access to and the use of exhibitions and knowledge resources. This knowledge is often complex and difficult.

During the theme day, we will ask questions to experts within knowledge, digital media, learning and communication design and discuss two specific cases of communication using new media from the point of view of a museum and a (research), respectively.

Thursday 21 June 2007 between noon and 5 pm at “Den Sorte Diamant”, Søren Kierkegaards Plads 1, in the “Blixen” conference room

[Read more and see the programme here](#)

Registration with Tina Pipa [tip@kb.dk](mailto:tip@kb.dk)

Price: DKK 250

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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.**

## ERA-net VISION: Research within innovation policy. Deadline 22 May 2007

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ERA-net VISION invites applications for funding of research projects within: Collaborative and open innovation: future challenges for national innovation policies in the emerging European Research Area.

Deadline 22 May 2007.



## Education

### Anna og Tage Mellers Mindefond

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Of the funding available, DKK 10,000 will be distributed in 2007 to cover equipment and/or operating expenses for post-graduate or PhD students within agricultural research. It is a condition for being considered that the applicant has made an agreement in relation to writing his or her thesis project or has been registered as a PhD student at the University of Copenhagen, LIFE. No specific application form should be used. The application must include a short CV, a project description (max. 2 standard pages), a budget and a recommendation from his or her supervisor. Submit the application as a word document or a pdf file to Head of Department Brian Dennis, Department of Agricultural Sciences by Monday 4 June 2007 at the latest.

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## Staff news