



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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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/Maalgruppe/medarbejdere/life_internt/nyhedsbrev.aspx

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Life at LIFE

But hey, it is student solidarity work

Read Signe Agner Holm's account in the university newspaper [Universitetsavisen](#) of a chilly October Saturday where some 50 Swedish student politicians showed at LIFE to become wiser.

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Come and cheer at the LIFE Brains event on the 20 November! Everyone is welcome!

'15 Minutes of Brain', Friday, 20 November 2 pm in Aud-3-01

'15 Minutes of Brain' is a battle for glory and hard cash for BSc, MSc and now also PhD students from LIFE. Fifteen contestants from each category have already been selected. Each contestant has 10 minutes to present his or her project to the panel of judges who will choose the winners. The contestants will battle for three main prizes DKK 10,000 within each category to be spent for a relevant academic purpose.

The panel of judges will be composed of external and internal experts.

The event will end with a shared celebration at A-vej, to which all the contestants and the audience are invited.

For more information: www.juniorforskercafe.life.ku.dk
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Announcements

EXTRA influenza vaccinations at Frederiksberg

As the doctors unfortunately were late for two of the vaccination rounds at Frederiksberg, HR has arranged for the official Danish vaccination service to carry out one more round of vaccinations at Frederiksberg.

The vaccinations will take place on Friday 27 November from 2.35-3.35 pm at Bülowsvej 17 in room Ø32 – the antechamber to the Senate's Conference Room.

Vaccination mod A H1N1: LIFE has decided to follow the recommendations of the National Board of Health regarding information on prevention. We encourage any employees who believe they are at risk of infection to contact their GP with a view to receiving the special vaccine.

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How do population dynamics affect climate change?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the University of Copenhagen invite you to a seminar on population dynamics and climate change: Wednesday 18 November, 3.30-5 pm.

Studiegården, Anneks A, Studiestræde 6, 1455 Copenhagen K

[See the invitation here](#)

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The holiday fund – lottery for Paris and Barcelona

It is possible to participate in the lottery for rental of the flats in Barcelona and Paris in the period 1 January to 29 May 2010. The draws are for whole weeks (Sunday – Sunday), weekend mini breaks (Thursday – Sunday) and weekday mini breaks (Sunday – Thursday). Please note that requests for whole weeks will be given first priority in the lottery. The deadline for applications is 22 November 2009 and the lottery will take place on 23 November 2009. All participants will be informed of the outcome of the lottery by email. You must provide your email address when you apply for the lottery. It is also possible to check the outcome in Kvikbook under 'mine data' (my data) in the menu.

If you would like to participate in the lottery, you must log onto [kvikbook](#) and click on 'lodtrækning' (lottery) in the menu. Remember that you must actively select both the location and the time period.

Barcelona:

The flat is located in the old fishermen's quarter Barceloneta, close to the beach, the marina and only a 10-15-minute walk from La Rambla. The flat overlooks a little square with trees and benches. Take a tour of the area at <http://maps.google.dk/> – enter Salamanca 54, Barcelona, click 'Street View' in the little pop-up box and it is like you're already in Barcelona.

The 35-sq-m flat is situated on the second floor and comprises an open kitchen/sitting room, a bedroom and a bathroom with a shower. The flat is for two people, but there is room for two more on the sofa bed in the kitchen/sitting room (140 x 200 cm). If four people will be using the flat, they should know each other very well.

Paris:

The flat is situated in the 15th arrondissement in a peaceful but lively district – like a village in the big city. Everything is close by – bakery, butcher, pharmacy, apparel shops, restaurants, market twice a week. From the 'La Motte-Piquet Grenelle' Metro station, there are three metro lines covering all of Paris. Metro direct: 5 minutes to the Latin Quarter, 10 minutes to the Opera, 10 minutes to l'Arc de Triomphe, Etoile and Champs Elysees.

The small, two-room flat of approx. 35 sq m is situated on the fifth floor (no lift) in an old building and comprises a small sitting room, bedroom, kitchen with a balcony and a nice bathroom with a bathtub and washing machine.

You can find more information on the flats in [kvikbook](#).

Holiday Fund

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Important: Information about new multimedia taxation

New legislation on multimedia taxation will take effect on 1 January 2010, requiring you to pay tax on telephone connections, computers and Internet connections provided by the University which can be used for private purposes. Following discussions in HSU (Main Coordination Committee), we have decided to circulate a briefing note on multimedia taxation describing the consequences of the change in tax legislation and what the new legislation means to you. The briefing note also reviews some of the most common instances in which multimedia tax will apply to University employees.

You can read the briefing note here

http://hr.ku.dk/vejledninger/personalesektionens_vejledninger_og_forretningsgange/multimedieskat

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Green Lighthouse receives DI award

The parties behind Green Lighthouse – the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, the University of Copenhagen, the City of Copenhagen, the VELUX Group and VELFAC – have received the 2009 Building Materials Award for Innovative Collaboration from the Confederation of Danish Industries (DI).

[Green Lighthouse](#), Denmark's first carbon-neutral public building is a beacon for both future climate-friendly construction and dynamic public-private partnerships. The building, which was erected in less than a year in order to be ready by COP15, features a brand new energy concept that utilises daylight, thus, taking into consideration the surroundings and creating a good environment for the users.

In [Green Lighthouse](#), students at the Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen, can obtain useful advice and guidance on study and career issues. The building also serves as a meeting place for researchers and others affiliated with the faculty.

Mogens Nielsen, Chairman of DI Building Materials, explains why the award went to Green Lighthouse:

"We chose [Green Lighthouse](#) because it is the result of an outstanding cross-sectoral collaboration. The parties have managed to incorporate carbon-neutrality into the design of the building while maintaining focus on the health and comfort of the user. Through energy design and innovative architecture, it has been possible to create a building that consumes a quarter of the energy normally consumed in a modern building. And it's quite extraordinary that it only took a year to build."

It is possible!

With [Green Lighthouse](#), the four strategic partners prove that 'it is possible' to build quickly and in a climate-friendly manner by working together. The goal was to complete the building by COP15 so that it could serve as a window to Danish technology and know-how. And they succeeded. All it took was a strong will combined with common sense.

Prorector of the University of Copenhagen and Chairman of the steering committee, Lykke Friis, accepted the award on behalf of the entire steering committee:

"We are very pleased about this award, which will bring even more light to the building. With Green Lighthouse, we have proved that carbon-neutral construction is not rocket science but primarily a matter of common sense, having a common goal and being able to work together."

[Green Lighthouse](#) is situated at Tagensvej 16 in Copenhagen and was inaugurated on 20 October 2009.

About the DI Building Materials Award for Innovative Collaboration

The award is given in recognition of a company or person who, through a special effort, has promoted and benefited collaboration in the building sector. The recipient may be an architect, a researcher, a person, a company, an organisation etc.

Read more about the award on [DI's website](#) (in Danish).

Useful knowledge from Forestry & Landscape

It has never been easier to find answers to question about Park and Landscape, Greenery, Urban and Rural Issues and Forestry and Nature.

After the re-launch of Forestry & Landscape's knowledge service 'Videntjeneste', even more researchers from Forestry & Landscape, University of Copenhagen, are now available to answer questions within this areas.

Forestry & Landscape's advisors have generally been given a more prominent place on the new website. This means easier access to a dialogue with advisors – regardless of whether you want to ask a question online or you are looking for more information on the advisor's personal profile.

Finally, it is now also possible to blog with the author and with other readers of each factsheet.

Experience it all at www.videntjenesten.dk

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Organic Congress 2009 – this year's meeting place for the organic farming sector

Participate in the major organic farming event of the year in Denmark on 18-19 November. Participate on both days or just on one – you choose. Discount for students.

- Hear about the latest research in organic farming
- Participate in the debate
- Strengthen your network
- Hear exciting presentations from Denmark and abroad
- See inspiring exhibits on organic farming
- Transport to the congress on the Climate Express

Wednesday and Thursday 18-19 November 2009 at Odense Congress Centre

Read more: www.okologi-kongres.dk

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EURECO Distinguished Lecture: Professor Chantal Mouffe

The University of Copenhagen proudly presents the EURECO Distinguished Lecture by Professor Chantal Mouffe: Quo Vadis, Europa? Debating democratic models for Europe.

Date: 8 December, 3-5 pm. Place: Alexander Hall, Bispetorv 1-3, 1167 Copenhagen

More info and registration at www.eureco.ku.dk

Education

ERASMUS Intensive Programmes

Institutions of higher education holding an Erasmus University Charter can apply for funds to develop and realise intensive programmes (IP), i.e. joint course modules of a duration of 2-6 weeks.

Information about Erasmus IP is available on

<http://www.ciriusonline.dk/programmer-og-tilskud/europa/livslang-laering/erasmus/intensive-programmer-ip>

On this website, you will also find application deadlines and FAQs.

Deadline for applications: 13 March 2010

An information meeting about Erasmus IP will be held at CIRIUS on 9 December 2009:

<http://www.ciriusonline.dk/nyheder/kort-nyt/informationsmoede-om-intensive-programmer-i-erasmus-og-om-nordic-master-den-9.-dec/>

You are welcome to contact Sanne Hovendal at the Secretariat for Internationalisation if you have any questions about Erasmus IP or Erasmus in general.

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ERASMUS – Multilateral projects

Erasmus partner institutions and possibly enterprises from at least three countries can receive funding for projects of 6-24 months' duration and contributions to development in the higher education sector. The project must be concentrated within one of the following four areas:

Curriculum development where the institutions work together to develop and implement curricula – preferably with a view to developing joint European study programmes that lead to a degree

Increased strategic collaboration between institutions of higher education and the business community

Modernisation of the position of European educational institutions in society, e.g. in relation to the business community, lifelong learning and citizens

Development and integration of the virtual campus, ICT, in the educational systems across Europe

More information on ERASMUS multilateral projects is available on the CIRIUS website

<http://www.ciriusonline.dk/programmer-og-tilskud/europa/livslang-laering/erasmus/multilaterale-projekter-og-netvaerk>

and on the European Commission website

http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc1071_en.htm

Deadline for applications for ERASMUS Multilateral projects: 26 February 2010

If you have any questions, please contact Sanne Hovendal, Secretariat for Internationalisation

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The international dimension in teaching on entrepreneurship

You can still sign up for the workshop on 18 November on how to incorporate the international dimension into teaching on entrepreneurship. Come and share your experiences and participate in the debate on the possibilities and challenges associated with, e.g., having international students in the classroom. Ideas and solutions will be compiled and published in an inspiration sheet.

The anthology *Praksiselementet i iværksætter- og innovationsundervisningen på de videregående uddannelser* (The element of practice in teaching on entrepreneurship and innovation in higher education study programmes) will be presented and handed out at the workshop. It contains contributions on the element of practice in teaching on entrepreneurship and innovation and presents examples of completed study programmes in connection with teaching on entrepreneurship and within related areas at institutions of higher education. The anthology is a follow-up to the workshop hosted by Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy and IDEA Copenhagen last year.

The workshop will take place on 18 November 2009, 9.30 am-4 pm at Kilevej 14A, 1st floor, 2000 Frederiksberg – register by 16 November through Lene Vestergaard lene.vester@oeacademy.org.

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

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Junior Researcher Forum: Parasites in a time of upheaval

Junior Researcher Forum: 18 November, 5.15 pm at the Library: Parasites in a time of upheaval
Martin Krarup Nielsen, Department of Large Animal Sciences, talks about cutting-edge research in the field taking place at LIFE.

Because of intensive therapies, drug resistance among parasites represents a serious health threat – for both animals and people! Mass drug administration has failed in the past 40 years. Thus, there is a significant need for new research, and in this area, LIFE is leading the way with research on sustainable parasite strategies.

Presentation and discussion.

Everyone is welcome. Pizza and beer/soft drinks will be served.

Note: Don't forget 'Brain for a Night' 2009 on 20 November from 2 pm.

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Staff news

Henrik Zobbe to continue as head of the Institute of Food and Resource Economics

Henrik Zobbe (43) has been acting head of the Institute of Food and Resource Economics at LIFE for the past year.

Head of the Institute of Food and Resource Economics is one of the top jobs in the country if you work within the crossfield between natural science, agriculture and economics – and it is a key position at LIFE. It is therefore natural that the person holding this position should possess academic insight, personal and political prowess, should be used to financial responsibility and should have experience with HR management. Henrik Zobbe is just such a person, as has been proven, according to Dean of LIFE Per Holten-Andersen, unequivocally in the past year:

“The Institute of Food and Resource Economics holds a crucial position at LIFE in relation to the Faculty’s role as an institution that merges natural science and economics, and thereby allowing us to make a significant contribution to a sustainable future for the sectors we work closely with and for society as a whole. Even though the field of applicants for the head of institute position featured several highly competent applicants, the appointment committee and FOI’s board were in complete agreement that Henrik Zobbe is the best person to strengthen the free research, continue and develop the research-based public-sector consultancy activities to, among others, the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and establish an environment that will attract even more students in future to the study programmes taught by the Institute’s staff,” says Per Holten-Andersen.

Background

Henrik Zobbe was originally trained as a farmer and has a background in practical agriculture, before obtaining a degree in farming economy from LIFE in 1999. In 2003, he earned a PhD in agricultural policy, also from LIFE, specialising in European and American agricultural policy. Since then, he has worked as an associate professor and director of studies for LIFE’s three study programmes within economics and international food policy, which have seen a significant increase in applicants in the past two years compared to previous years. Henrik Zobbe is deeply involved in agricultural issues and often speaks to the press. He is also an active lecturer and a popular colleague.

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Research

Theme day: Rural development and multifunctional landscapes – topical issues and theories in Europe

Theme day giving you the opportunity to taste the best of the latest research in rural districting from all over Europe. The theme day will take place on 19 November and the deadline for registration is 16 November. The list of speakers includes, among others, the renowned Terry Marsden, UK, who has most recently been a key contributor to:

- Unfolding Webs: The dynamics of regional rural development. European Perspectives on Rural Development.
- Between the Local and the Global: Confronting Complexity of the Agri-Food Sector
- Handbook of Rural Studies

The other international contributors are equally well-known within their respective areas of specialisation: Professor Hiikka Vihinen, Finland, and Professor Teresa Pinto-Ferreia, Portugal.

See more at

http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/KurserOgEfteruddannelse/Kurser/Rural_development_and_%20the_multifunctional_landscapes.aspx

It is also still possible to sign up for this spring's modules in the Master in Rural Development and Landscape Management:

Module 1a Local rural district policy – in theory and practice

Module 1b The open landscape in municipal planning

See more at

<http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/Efteruddannelse/MasterILanddistriktudviklingOgLandskabsforvaltning.aspx>

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Call for papers: Managing the Urban Rural Interface

International conference: Managing Urban Rural Interface Strategies and Tools for Urban Development and Sustainable Peri-urban Land Use Relationships

18-21 October 2010 – Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen

[Read more here](#) and www.plurel.net/conference.

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Grants

Villum Kann Rasmussen Fonden's individual postdoc scholarships – application deadline: 7 December

Villum Kann Rasmussen Fonden's individual postdoctoral scholarships: open for applications on 13 November [ONLINE ON THIS PAGE](#). It is ONLY possible to apply online.

Call for applications for individual postdoc scholarships

With a deadline of Monday 7 December 2009, a number of individual (see below) VILLUM KANN RASMUSSEN postdoc scholarships are announced.

Younger Danish researchers who wish to continue their postdoc research at a Danish or foreign research institution can apply for the scholarships.

As a general rule, grants are only available for stays at a university, and the grant period must be commenced no later than three years after obtaining a PhD degree.

The scholarship comes with a requirement of mobility, which means that applicants from abroad must use the scholarship at a Danish institution, while applicants in Denmark must generally use the scholarship at a foreign institution.

It is not possible to apply for support for continuation of ongoing VKR scholarships.

The grants are normally awarded as one or two-year grants and paid out in accordance with the current collective agreement with the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC-overenskomst).

For stays abroad, it is possible to apply for funding for operating expenses of up to DKK 50,000 a year. For stays at a Danish university, the host institution is expected to cover all operating expenses.

For postdoc stays in Denmark, employment is expected to take place at the Danish host institution to which the pay grant will be transferred. For postdoc stays abroad, employment is expected to take place at the Faculty of Science, Aarhus University, which will administer the pay grant and the grant covering any operating expenses.

Individual applications must contain:

- Brief description of the research project (1-5 pages)
- CV and publication list
- Copy of PhD diploma
- Confirmation from the host institution (head of department)

All applications must be submitted online at: www.science.au.dk/stillinger-og-stipendier/stipendier/. Deadline for applications: Monday 7 December 2009

Any questions may be directed to Head Clerk Dorthe M. Andersen, Faculty of Science, tel. +45 8942 5587 or via email to: dma@remove.this.science.au.dk.

Background

In 2008, the foundation VILLUM KANN RASMUSSEN FONDEN granted DKK 40 million to Post doc scholarships in support of Danish technical and science research.

The grant was divided into two subgrants of DKK 25 and DKK 15 million, respectively. The subgrant of DKK 25 million is earmarked for individual scholarships which young Danish researchers can apply for with a view to continuing their research after their Ph.D. The subgrant of DKK 15 million is earmarked for block scholarships, which established senior researchers can apply for with a view to employing young researchers as postdocs in their research teams.

The grant will result in the announcement of individual scholarships in spring 2008 and autumn 2009 and of block scholarships in the spring 2009.

VILLUM KANN RASMUSSEN FONDEN has assigned the responsibility for implementing the grant to a committee consisting of the Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen, the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Southern Denmark and the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Aarhus (chair).

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Grant awarded

Dyrlæge W. Lænkholms Legat was awarded on 8 November 2009 – the recipients have been notified directly. Letters of rejection were not sent.

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Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.