



## eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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The final deadline for editorial changes is Wednesday before the publication of eLIFE on Thursday.

The online newsletter may be subject to editorial changes.

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

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## Life at LIFE

### **Come to Biotech Breakfast at LIFE**

On 8 March, LIFE is celebrating its 152nd anniversary, and all students and staff are invited.

8:00 Free breakfast and music – learn about biotech

8:20 Dean's speech and presentation of the Innovation and Communication prizes for 2010

8:40 The Golden Bull Award is presented to the Teacher of the Year 2010

8:50 Presentation of the International Grant for Natural Resources Students

9:00 Mike Sheridan plays in the Marble Hall

9:50 New LIFE t-shirts are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis

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## Announcements

### **CIP course catalogue for spring semester 2010**

## Language training services for staff and students at the University of Copenhagen

CIP's course catalogue for the spring semester 2010 is now online. In the catalogue, you will find the language courses offered in the spring semester 2010, including courses developed for administrative, teaching and research staff who wish to improve their English language proficiency and courses for international employees who wish to learn Danish or improve their Danish language skills.

In addition to our general and customised language courses and one-to-one language training, we also offer a range of other services that can help employees cope with the language-related challenges resulting from the implementation of the University's internationalisation strategy.

Please note: The following courses close for registration in early March:

· English for academic lecturers

[http://cip.ku.dk/english/course\\_catalogue/english\\_courses\\_for\\_vip/english\\_for\\_academic\\_lecturers/](http://cip.ku.dk/english/course_catalogue/english_courses_for_vip/english_for_academic_lecturers/)

· Scientific writing for academic staff

[http://cip.ku.dk/english/course\\_catalogue/english\\_courses\\_for\\_vip/scientific\\_writing/](http://cip.ku.dk/english/course_catalogue/english_courses_for_vip/scientific_writing/)

· Laboratory English [http://cip.ku.dk/english/course\\_catalogue/english\\_courses\\_for\\_tap/laboratory\\_english/](http://cip.ku.dk/english/course_catalogue/english_courses_for_tap/laboratory_english/)

· Advanced English for administrative staff

[http://cip.ku.dk/english/course\\_catalogue/english\\_courses\\_for\\_tap/advanced\\_english/](http://cip.ku.dk/english/course_catalogue/english_courses_for_tap/advanced_english/)

To find out more about our courses and about how to register, please see the course catalogue:

Link to the English version of the course catalogue [http://cip.ku.dk/english/course\\_catalogue/](http://cip.ku.dk/english/course_catalogue/)

Link to the Danish version of the course catalogue <http://cip.ku.dk/kursuskatalog/>

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## Spring is fast approaching. Reserve your plot by 12 March at the latest

If you need a plot of land or perhaps an entire field, the possibilities are almost limitless at the experimental farms in Taastrup. 500 acres of sound Danish soil cultivated conventionally, organically, unploughed or unfertilised, both with and without windbreaks or along a bubbling brook. You can help decide the best location to accommodate your research ideas, teaching needs or experimental desires.

The experimental farms are manned by experimental technicians with broad knowledge of and extensive experience in conducting field experiments on all scales, and we offer our services at the idea stage, during the process and at the end when soil or plant material needs to be prepared for analysis.

On the technical side, we have traditional agricultural machinery, special experimental machinery and equipment for measuring all kinds of parameters in soil and plants.

At Rolighedsvej and at Højbakkegård in Taastrup, a total of 3,000 sq m of greenhouses – divided into smaller

units – and 15 climate chambers are available for research, teaching and study purposes. All staff and students at the University of Copenhagen are welcome to use the facilities, and the gardeners at the sites attend to the plants and are available to assist you in all practical matters.

Please contact us if you need more information at tel. +45 3533 3526, or go directly to an application form via the website [www.gf.life.ku.dk](http://www.gf.life.ku.dk).

Applications for field experiment land must be submitted by Friday 12 March 2010 at the latest for planning reasons.

Applications concerning greenhouse facilities may be submitted as needed.

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## Security abroad

The past decade has seen the increasing internationalisation of Danish companies. More and more are involved in new markets, and consequently face new risks – including the risk of kidnapping for financial gain or ideological motives. There are also a number of Danish authorities and organisations that operate in high-risk countries.

This reality presents new challenges, especially in countries where the local authorities may not be sufficiently capable of maintaining law and order.

In collaboration with the Confederation of Danish Industries, the Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET) has therefore drafted a set of guidelines for Danes stationed abroad which you can read here:

[http://udstationering.ku.dk/pdf/Avoid\\_Kidnapping\\_KORR2.pdf/](http://udstationering.ku.dk/pdf/Avoid_Kidnapping_KORR2.pdf/)

Companies and individuals can also find advice and guidance on security-related issues during travel and stays abroad in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark's travel advisories (*rejsevejledninger*) which are posted in Danish on their website [www.um.dk](http://www.um.dk). Country-specific information on the political situation is also available in Danish at [www.um.dk](http://www.um.dk) under *landefakta*.

International Staff Mobility

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## Education

### Are you about to write your bachelor project or master thesis?

Are you looking for advice on the writing process, information about the formal rules or are you just interested in hearing more about different support services that you can make use of during the writing process? Then this is the event for you!

Friday 19 March, from 12.30 to 14.15 pm, Student Services will once again host an event on bachelor projects and master theses in the Marble Hall.

Read more about the event on our homepage:

[http://www.life.ku.dk/English/education/for\\_students/student\\_counselling/Activities2009/Bach\\_speciale\\_UKSH\\_QRT.aspx](http://www.life.ku.dk/English/education/for_students/student_counselling/Activities2009/Bach_speciale_UKSH_QRT.aspx)

We hope to see you on 19 March!

Kind regards,  
Student Services

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## Staff news

### **New head of graduate school at LIFE**

As of 1 March 2010, the Dean has appointed Professor Kell Mortensen, Department of Basic Sciences and Environment, acting head of the graduate school. Kell Mortensen, who has headed LIFE's PhD study committees since 2008, will be acting head of the graduate school for the next six months to ensure continuity in the PhD programmes during the transition period until Associate Dean for Research Erik Bisgaard Madsen takes office and can be involved in deciding the future organisation and management of the PhD programmes.

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## Research

### **22nd International ICFMH Symposium, Food Micro – 30 August to 3 September at Bella Center**

This year, Denmark is hosting the 22nd International ICFMH Symposium, Food Micro. The conference will be held in Bella Center from 30 August until 3 September 2010.

[Read flyer](#) and [www.FoodMicro.dk](http://www.FoodMicro.dk) – For more information contact [congress@lmc.dk](mailto:congress@lmc.dk).

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## Grants

### **“Forsøgsleder R. Nørtoft Thomsens legat til fremme af dansk husdyrvidenskab” – deadline for applications: 1 April**

A grant of DKK 55,000 from 'Forsøgsleder R. Nørtoft Thomsens legat til fremme af dansk husdyrvidenskab' is available for distribution in July 2010.

The purpose of the foundation is to support researchers within animal science who wish to carry out research within the field of animal husbandry, particularly problems in connection with animal breeding, nutrition, health

and production as well as product quality.

The grant is awarded to candidates who apply for funding to carry out research projects which the foundation board considers to be particularly relevant to animal production. The grant is awarded to candidates who are deemed to have the potential for completing the research project.

The grant can be used to cover all kinds of research costs, including necessary brief study trips to other research institutions, but not, however, for remunerating the grant recipient.

The application form, which must contain the information necessary for the evaluation of the application, including detailed information on the research projects in respect of which funding is being applied for, must be submitted to the Faculty of Life Sciences, Study and Students' Affairs, I-Sek, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, by 1 April 2010. Applications lacking relevant enclosures or applications received after the stated deadline will not be considered.

The application form can be downloaded from the following website:

[http://www.life.ku.dk/uddannelse/studerende/su\\_og\\_legater/legater.aspx](http://www.life.ku.dk/uddannelse/studerende/su_og_legater/legater.aspx) (in Danish)

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## Research funds etc.

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.