



## eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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Editorial changes may occur in relation to the online newsletter.

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## Life at LIFE

### Win a three-litre Campus beer

You can still enter the competition to win a fantastic three-litre Campus – LIFE's own beer brewed in honour of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

To enter, just submit your opinion or a story of the past, present or future within the life sciences via  
[www.life.ku.dk/150](http://www.life.ku.dk/150).

Experience a nation in change.

Here you can experience in sound, pictures and text how we have contributed, right up today, to solving challenges in society.

Final deadline: 15 April 2008.

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## The anniversary timeline and other anniversary material are now available in English

Check out the interactive timeline in English on the LIFE website

<http://www.life.ku.dk/English/about/History.aspx>

Here you will also find the 2008 Anniversary Programme in English and you can access film clips, pictures and other anniversary material.

The interactive anniversary exhibition "A Changing Denmark - Bring Your Ideas to LIFE" can now be seen as a timeline in an English version at <http://www.life.ku.dk/English/about/History.aspx>

Here you will also be able to read the 2008 Anniversary Programme and other anniversary material in English as well as see historic pictures and photos from the celebration on 7 March 2008.

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## Life Science – What's the point?

In an interview in the Danish daily *Politiken* on Tuesday, 25 March 2008, Jacob Søby Bang, head of communications, explained the objective of marketing the faculty using the English term 'Life Science'. According to Jacob Søby Bang, 'Life Science' is an umbrella term for the study of all living things. He explained that the campaign is geared towards future students who are interested in a sustainable future in the global society and that the English name is used because it is often understood in broader terms than the Danish equivalent 'biovidenskab' (bio-science) and, thus, better encompasses all 24 of the faculty's study programmes. He further explains that the idea behind the ad campaign was to make people curious and to get them to visit the faculty website to read more about the many study programmes.

Jacob Søby Bang believes there is a need for international terminology as many of the faculty's graduate students travel abroad and the University of Copenhagen attracts a large number of students and researchers from other countries.

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## The Faculty Rose Garden

Unless you stopped to think about it, you might find it odd that the Rose Garden was created in 1929, while the rest of the garden was established in 1858. This is because the area where the Rose Garden is now situated used to be where LIFE's botanical collection stood, but when the state re-acquired the area between Rolighedsvej and Åboulevarden in 1922, the collection was moved to its present location near Villa Rolighed.

The Rose Garden was designed by Georg Georgsen, associate professor of horticulture at the Royal Danish Veterinary and Agricultural University from 1921 to 1961, and later professor until his retirement in 1963 at the age of 70. Georg Georgsen also played a hand in designing the Academy Garden at Sorø Academy and Sorø Cemetery, as well as the Observatory in Brorfelde. But his most recognised works are the gardens he designed for the University of Copenhagen and the Royal Danish Veterinary and Agricultural University.

Georg Georgsen's Rose Garden is a formal garden with square spaces alternating with grassy patches in the centre beds where 24 different types of rose are planted within the colour spectrum white-yellow-orange-red-

pink-white. The beds along the edge contain aromatic historical rose bushes in hues that complement the colours in the centre beds.

The Rose Garden has stood in the same place since 1929. Over the years it began to look neglected and mangy, but in 1994 it was re-established according to Georg Georgsen's original drawings and with a sizable grant from the Danish garden culture foundation, Havekulturfonden. According to the old drawings, the corners of the central beds were edged with two rows of trimmed box hedges, so box hedges were again planted in the restored garden. During the renovation, landscape architect Jane Schul selected the roses, but certain varieties, especially in the centre beds, have since been replaced for health reasons.

Like the rest of the listed garden, the Rose Garden is organically run, which means that herbicides and pesticides are not used and only organic fertilisers are applied.

*Kim Greiner, Senior Gardener*

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### **See the world's extreme plants when the Greenhouses open their doors on Saturday and Sunday, 29-30 March – from 12 noon to 4 pm both days**

Feel Jerusalem Cross without growth inhibitors, hear about secret communication between plants and insects and learn about the garden yellow rocket's own defence strategy which eliminates the need for chemicals. Visit the Scientific Greenhouses at the Faculty of Life Sciences when they open their doors to the public (a rare occasion indeed) in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Frederiksberg Campus.

Denmark's leading plant scientists, students and gardeners will be revealing what the future of plant research offers in honour of the anniversary of the Frederiksberg Campus, which highlights 150 years of research and education in a sustainable future.

In celebration of a piece of Danish history, the Scientific Greenhouses are hosting an open house, where you can hear entertaining presentations by leading plant scientists on the plants of the future, get answers to questions about GMO and biotechnology and learn more about exotic extreme plants.

You also get a chance to:

- Touch carnivorous plants
- Transplant plants for your window box
- See the strongest fruit in the world
- Taste the sweetest plant in the world
- See ants in action as predators
- Get good advice from experts on plant care
- Find inspiration for your garden and balcony

- Buy cuttings of exotic plants

The students' café will be selling coffee and cake.

Saturday and Sunday, 29-30 March, 2008, 12 noon-4 pm, Greenhouses, Rolighedsvej 23, 1958, Frederiksberg C

[www.gf.life.ku.dk](http://www.gf.life.ku.dk)

Press release

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## Announcements

### **Free concert with the Diamond Ensemble on Monday, 7 April at 5 pm – students only**

For the third time, the Diamond Ensemble is proud to give a concert solely for students at institutions of higher education. Bring a friend and hear music by Mahler and Brahms – a free injection of musical vitamins.

When your head is tired after a long day of books, computers and lectures, the Diamond Ensemble invites you to a classical music concert in the plush seats of the Queen's Hall in the Royal Library's Black Diamond. The music performed at this one-hour, student-only concert, will be introduced by the head of the ensemble, oboist Max Artved.

The performance comprises an extremely romantic programme this time around, beginning with a long excerpt from Johannes Brahms's Clarinet Quintet, after which the ensemble will be joined by singer Randi Stene and pianist Søren Rastogi to perform Gustav Mahler's Der Abschied from the composer's major orchestral piece Das Lied von der Erde.

Following the concert, Siemens invites the audience for refreshments in the Atrium of the Black Diamond.

How to book tickets: The tickets are free and can be ordered by sending an email to [sto@kb.dk](mailto:sto@kb.dk). Please state your name, department and study programme and whether you want one or two tickets. The tickets can be collected from the reception desk from 1 April. Remember to bring a print-out of the email receipt and your student ID.

Main sponsor: Siemens; Media partner: DR P2; Soloist sponsor: Beckett-Fonden

THE ROYAL LIBRARY

The Black Diamond - Søren Kierkegaards Plads - [www.kb.dk](http://www.kb.dk)

**Stine Olsen, The Royal Library, [sto@kb.dk](mailto:sto@kb.dk)**

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### **Seminar on how to teach in an intercultural classroom and Seminar on intercultural communication for supervisors and other administrative staff**

There are still available places on the two seminars on [intercultural communication](#) and [the intercultural classroom](#)

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### **IT courses for staff in the interim week (14-18 April 2008)**

Step into spring with an inspiring selection of IT courses offered by the IT Learning Centre. You can:

- Improve your PowerPoint skills
- Find inspiration to utilise e-learning
- Communicate online with video, sound and file-sharing
- Get to know the University's e-learning platform, Absalon

Register online here: <http://www.itlc.life.ku.dk/kurser>

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### **New LIFE procedures in connection with absence due to sickness**

FSU, the faculty consultation committee at LIFE, has adopted new procedures in connection with absence due to sickness. The procedures are applicable as of 1 April 2008.

Significant changes in the procedures include:

- All future sickness interviews shall take place at departmental level unless the staff member wishes otherwise.
- HR can participate in all sickness interviews upon the request of the staff member or the manager.
- The staff member must take the initiative to involve the trade union representative if the staff member wishes the representative present at the meeting.

For any questions regarding the new procedures, please contact Camilla Willemoes Larsen at [cwl@life.ku.dk](mailto:cwl@life.ku.dk) or on ext. 32022.

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### **Correction to the 2007 annual tax statement from the Danish tax authorities (SKAT)**

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SKAT has sent an email to LIFE's Payroll Department stating that SKAT will contact all employees who have received an incorrect annual tax statement ("årsopgørelse").

If you are one of the many people who have received an incorrect tax statement, you will be contacted immediately after the Easter break.

However, it is also possible for you to correct the mistake yourself by logging onto the SKAT website via their self-service "TastSelv" facility at <http://tastselv.skat.dk/> :

1. Find your correct total pay in the tax file under personal tax information
2. Enter this amount electronically

You will then be able to print out a correct annual tax statement immediately afterwards.

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### **AEU seminar on staff administration and HR development – deadline for registration is Friday, 4 April**

The target group is managers and administrators etc. who work on a daily basis with staff administration and HR development.

The information folder can be found on the website under "kursus materiale".

To register online, visit <http://www.aeu.dk/www.aeu.dk>

The deadline for registration is Friday, 4 April 2008.

[See the information folder on the seminar here](#)

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### **Summer school in Nødebo in July**

This summer, the HR Development Department at Skovskolen in Nødebo, North of Copenhagen, will again be offering two types of summer-school courses:

'Dengang far var dreng' (Back when Dad was a boy) for fathers with sons between the ages of 6-14 on 7-9 July and 14-16 July 2008.

Read more about the courses, fees and enrolment at

<http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/KurserOgEfteruddannelse/Personaleudvikling/Summerschool/Far-s%C3%B8n.aspx> (in Danish)

'Yoga for everyone' – for beginners as well as advanced on 4-6 July and 18-20 July 2008, as well as one-day courses (dates not yet set).

Read more about the courses, fees and enrolment at

<http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/KurserOgEfteruddannelse/Personaleudvikling/Summerschool/Far-s%C3%B8n.aspx> (in Danish)

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### **The Kubulus Alumni Association is hosting a green career fair on Thursday, 17 April 2008, 1-4 pm in the Ceremonial Hall at Frue Plads**

Here students will have the opportunity to meet companies and organisations that are in some way involved with energy, the climate, the environment and sustainability, including Vestas, DONG Energy, the Danish Ministry of the Environment and Novozymes. The companies will be publicising their green initiatives in particular, but their general career paths as well. The fair is geared towards all students with a variety of different angles from sustainable energy to urban planning and green IT.

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### **The complex climate – in-house seminar at the University of Copenhagen – Friday, 11 April 2008, 1.30-4.30 pm at the H.C. Ørsted Institute, Auditorium 1**

Climate change is many things, and every faculty at the University of Copenhagen has its own climate researchers. But what are the individual disciplines researching?

The Complex Climate seminar highlights the climate research being conducted at the University – across disciplines and faculties. A selection of the University's climate researchers will present their research in a combined effort to broaden the University's overall initiatives in climate studies.

In connection with the eleven brief presentations, there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and debate. We look forward to seeing you and hearing what you have to say about the climate.

After the seminar, refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to continue the debate in a more informal atmosphere.

Everyone is welcome.

Register online here: <http://cms.ku.dk/tilmelding/interntklimaseminar/>

Programme

Welcome

1.00-1.10 pm by Anette Reenberg

The physics of the climate system – Examples of research in Arctic climate studies and climate modelling

1.10-1.20 pm by Eigil Kaas (NAT)

Climate & Land System Science: Examples of geographic research on people and the environment in developing countries

1.20-1.30 pm by Anette Reenberg (NAT)

Climate change and urban development: Consequences and adaptation strategies

1.30-1.40 pm by Stephan Pauleit (LIFE)

The climate and sustainable agriculture

1.40-1.50 pm by John Roy Porter (LIFE)

Questions

1.50-2.20 pm

2.20-2.40 pm Break

Sustainable bioenergy

2.40-2.50 pm by Claus Felby (LIFE)

Economic tools in climate policy: The role of the market

2.50-3.00 pm by Eirik Amundsen (LIFE)

Climate and biodiversity

3.00-3.10 pm by Carsten Rahbek (NAT)

Climate change and health

3.10-3.20 pm by Steffen Loft (SUND)

Pharmaceutical consequences of climate change

3.20-3.30 pm by Bent Halling-Sørensen (FARMA)

Climate, energy and jurisprudence

3.30-3.40 pm by Anita Rønne (JUR)

Climate change from a humanities point of view

3.40-3.50 pm by Frank Sejersen (HUM)

Questions

3.50-4.30 pm

After the final presentation and round of questions, refreshments will be served.

Place:

H.C. Ørsted Institute, Auditorium 1, Universitetsparken 5, 2100 Copenhagen Ø

Organisers:

The seminar is organised by the University of Copenhagen Climate Panel in collaboration with the Climate Secretariat and the Niels Bohr Institute.

## Education

### **Erasmus Mundus helps improve Danish study programmes, according to LIFE scientists**

In February, the Danish Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation Helge Sander created a task force comprising representatives from the various universities for the purpose of quickly producing ideas for how to solve the problem of tuition fees for study programmes under the Erasmus Mundus scheme.

The findings of the task force are due out any day now, and this has served to intensify the public debate. Within the past week, there have been three contributions from LIFE staff and students.

### **Protest: Erasmus Mundus helps improve the Danish study programmes**

The Erasmus Mundus elite study programme is an excellent way to attract the very best students to Denmark, and it would be a shame if Denmark were to miss out on the opportunity, according to Professor Niels Strange, Associate Professor and PhD Carsten Smith Olsen, Head of Research Bo Jellesmark Thorsen and Professor Finn Helles in an article in the Danish daily *Information* printed on Monday, 25 March 2008. They call attention to the fact that for this year alone, there were more than 900 applicants for 40 scholarship-financed places in two elite study programmes within the forestry and nature management programme and the tropical forestry programme at the Faculty of Life Sciences. Their conclusion is that this will ultimately benefit the Danish students by raising the overall level of performance, and it will benefit Denmark by attracting more talented minds.

### **The tuition fee is not what's important**

In the Danish daily *Politiken* on Tuesday, 26 March 2008, Henning Høgh Jensen, coordinator for the Erasmus Mundus programme Agris Mundus, said that he believes it is time for students to stop complaining about tuition fees for world-class study programmes. He emphasises that students will in future be able to have a foreign MSc degree paid for in full or in part by the Danish state and that students should learn to accept tuition fees. In Denmark, however, the lowest common denominator is the deciding factor, which he sees as unfortunate because it will ultimately force Denmark to withdraw from the European elite study programme.

### **Stupid to say no to Erasmus**

The Chair of the Union of Natural Resources Students, science student Eskild H. Bennetzen, wrote in *Politiken* on Thursday, 20 March 2008 that it would be stupid to say no to Erasmus. Denmark is greatly benefiting from the Erasmus Mundus programmes, which are in danger of being discontinued because Denmark refuses to introduce user payment. If Denmark maintains the national barriers and shuts itself out of the European collaboration on elite study programmes, we will be bypassed by ambitious professors and students. He adds that the good collaboration also rubs off on the standard study programmes in Denmark.

### **Danish Minister for Science: No simple solutions**

When the task force was appointed, Helge Sander proclaimed:

"The case of Erasmus Mundus highlights a dilemma for the Danish educational system in these days of internationalisation. On the one hand, higher education in Denmark is free, and it will continue to be so. On the other hand, we want many more Danish students to go out into the world where user payment is the norm rather than the exception.

We have already solved the problem for students travelling on their own initiative. The foreign studies scholarship scheme enables them to take their study grant with them. But at university level, it is still an unsolved dilemma. Today, Danish universities increasingly collaborate with foreign universities via programmes like Erasmus Mundus, which require user payment. Our current regulations are apparently unable to make allowance for this development. There are no simple solutions to this dilemma."

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### **Student Services offers: Job search workshop – Monday and Tuesday, 14-15 April in room 3-20**

See more at <http://www.life.ku.dk/uddannelse/studerende/studievejledning/Aktiviteter/Jobsoeg.aspx> (in Danish)

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### **Cutting Edge Lab. experiences as Osaka exchange student**

The University of Copenhagen has received the following email from Osaka University. Anyone interested in travelling to Osaka should contact Marianne Stig, Asian contact for student exchange, at the International Office at [msti@adm.ku.dk](mailto:msti@adm.ku.dk) or tel. +45 3532 3352.

Topic: [Cutting Edge Lab. experiences as Osaka exchange student](#)

This is to make a small pre-announcement of a newly emerging exchange programme at Osaka University, approved by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization), [FrontierLab@OsakaU](mailto:FrontierLab@OsakaU).

Osaka University is ready to offer laboratory experiences (credited) to science/engineer major exchange students under the supervision of world-leading scientists. Students may study a variety of subjects (in English), but the main concern of the programme is the laboratory experience.

The programme, [FrontierLab@OsakaU](mailto:FrontierLab@OsakaU), is an approved programme by JASSO, and we are therefore able to offer a certain number of JASSO scholarships (same amount of OUSSEP and OUSSEP-Maple) to the excellent participants. Undergraduate students should participate in the programme for one or two semesters. Postgraduates are, on the other hand, either participating in the semester bases (with credit) or more flexibly for 3-12 months (non-credit).

See the attached PDF leaflet. More detailed information will be uploaded on the web in a few days time. We will also upload application forms on the web. At that time, I will make a formal announcement. The application deadline will be sometime in April.

The Osaka professors believe that the practical laboratory experiences for 4th year undergraduates and Master's level students constitute the core part of Japanese university education with respect to engineering and science. Here, the participants are able to touch and feel the most innovative areas of engineering/sciences at Osaka. Moreover, they may join the academic communities, and hopefully keep in touch with other Japanese

and non-Japanese young scientists in future.

Applicants from non-English speaking countries must have either a TOEFL 550 (PBT) level English certificate or a Level 2 certificate of the 'Japanese Proficiency Test'.

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### **FN's e-newsletter for March 2008**

We hope that you have had a pleasant return to LIFE after a great Easter break.

Here is the latest [newsletter, hot off the press](#).

Frederik Clauson-Kaas, on behalf of FN

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### **Passion and commitment can send entrepreneurial students to Spain – enter the competition**

With the right application to the Øresund Entrepreneurship Academy, students can win a trip to San Sebastián in northern Spain – [read more here](#)

To enter the competition, visit [www.oecademy.org](http://www.oecademy.org)

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## **Staff news**

### **Professor Ylva Ardö honoured as the “best cheese scientist worldwide”**

Professor Ylva Ardö, from the Department of Food Science, received the Swiss Cheese Award for “Best Cheese Scientist Worldwide” in Bern, Switzerland.

[Read more here](#)

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### **Niels Strange appointed Professor of Management Planning of Forest and Nature at Forest & Landscape**

As of 1 February, Niels Strange has been appointed Professor in Management Planning of Forest and Nature at Forest & Landscape.

Read more at the Forest & Landscape website

[http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/Nyheder/PM\\_Niels\\_Strange\\_Professor\\_liwa140308.aspx](http://www.sl.life.ku.dk/Nyheder/PM_Niels_Strange_Professor_liwa140308.aspx) (in Danish)

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# Research

## **Nomination Invitation - The Bertebos Prize - SEK 300,000 to the appropriate person - before 15 May 2008**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry has, for the seventh time, the privilege of inviting prominent persons and organisations to propose candidates for The Biannual Bertebos Prize of the Academy.

The prizewinner, who may be found in any country, should have carried out research of distinguished quality and (expected) practical use within the areas of Food, Agriculture, Ecology or Animal Health. Without limiting any suggestion, this year we want to explain the area 'food' as 'food distribution and trade, from the consumer's perspective'.

The prize consists of SEK 300,000 and a diploma and will be presented at the Commemorative Meeting of the Academy, 28 January 2009.

The following year - 2010 – the awarded theme will be the subject of a two-day symposium, where the prizewinner and his/her research will be given a prominent role.

Nomination(s) for a prizewinner, including motivation, CV and references of up to five scientific papers elucidating the research, should be submitted to the Prize Selection Committee and reach the Academy no later than 15 May 2008.

Previous nominations of candidates can be reconsidered. Please just refer to that nomination and include an updated CV of the candidate.

Enquiries concerning the Prize and nomination can be forwarded to the Academy by telephone, fax or email.

For further information about the Bertebos Foundation, please visit [www.berte.se](http://www.berte.se); for further details about the prize and the Bertebos Conference, please visit [www.ksla.se/dir/bertebos](http://www.ksla.se/dir/bertebos)

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**Call for papers: NJF seminar 411 - ICT in Agriculture - 4-5 June in Finland**

Seminar no. 411 - ICT in Agriculture

Topics

- Data-flow analysis and information modelling
- Data acquisition, transfer and mining
- Wireless network and data transmission
- Usability and acceptability
- Data standards

Keynote speakers

Professor Simon Blackmore from the University of Thessaly is a key figure in the development of Precision Farming and Phytotechnology with a worldwide reputation. Simon is now Visiting Professor at the University of Thessaly, Greece. His specialisations are precision farming, management information systems and robotics.

Professor Leena Norros from VTT - Technical Research Centre of Finland. Professor Norros has a background in psychology and she heads the systems usability research group at VTT.

Nyle Wollenhaupt from AGCO will give a keynote talk on the industry's opinions and views on ICT development and needs in the area of ICT in Agriculture.

Call for papers and posters

Please submit a 1-2 page abstract for oral presentations and 0.5-1 page for posters.

The seminar language is English. All abstracts and presentations shall be prepared and presented in English.

The authors themselves are responsible for the content and the scientific and language quality of the articles.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to select oral or poster presentations from among the submitted titles, if necessary.

See: [www.njf.nu](http://www.njf.nu) and <http://www.njf.nu/site/seminarRedirect.asp?intSeminarID=411&p=1004>

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### **Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation – two scholarships**

On 7 March 2008, the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation posted a [call for applications for co-financed scholarships](#) and a [call for applications for international scholarships](#) on its website: [www.fi.dk](http://www.fi.dk)

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## Grants

### **'Forsøgsleder R. Nørtoft Thomsens legat til fremme af dansk husdyrvidenskab' – deadline for applications: Tuesday, 1 April 2008**

A grant of DKK 50,000 from 'Forsøgsleder R. Nørtoft Thomsens legat til fremme af dansk husdyrvidenskab' is available for distribution in July 2008.

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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, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, by 1 April 2008. Applications lacking relevant enclosures or applications received after the stated deadline will not be considered.

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