



## 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  
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**The next issue of eLIFE will be published on Thursday 8 April  
2010.**

**Happy Easter!**

## Life at LIFE

### **Café Væksthuset opens**

Spring is around the corner and Café Væksthuset is opening for the season.

On Friday, 26 March from 12 noon to 2 pm the café will open with music, speeches and flower sales.

Opening hours this year:

Monday-Friday, 8.30 am – 2 pm

Saturday and Sunday closed.

See the Café Væksthuset website at: <http://www.life.ku.dk/sitecore/content/Units/Vaeksthuset.aspx>.

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# Announcements

## Are you getting the right transport allowance from SKAT?

SKAT automatically calculates your transport allowance on the basis of your work address which is registered in your SKAT tax folder.

Due to an error at the Danish Agency for Governmental Management (*Økonomistyrelsen*), many employees at LIFE have been registered with an incorrect work address (the so-called P number). This can have a bearing on the transport allowance calculated for your preliminary income assessment (*forskudsopgørelsen*) for 2010.

**If you are NOT entitled to a transport allowance, you don't need to do anything.**

**HOWEVER, if you are entitled to a transport allowance, you need to do something about it now:**

In your SKAT tax folder, check whether it states the correct address for your place of work. This is relevant with regard to the automatic calculation of your transport allowance.

If your place of work address is incorrectly listed, you must correct the **transport allowance** (*befordringsfradraget*) in your SKAT tax folder so the allowance is correct on your preliminary income assessment (*forskudsopgørelsen*) for 2010.

SKAT is unable to correct your work address – it has to be supplied by the University of Copenhagen's payroll system. The University of Copenhagen's central Payroll Department is therefore working to correct all existing work addresses to ensure that they are correctly registered with SKAT for 2011. Likewise, the work addresses will be correct in the case of newly employed staff.

If you have any questions, please contact the Payroll Department (*Lønsektion*):

[OKO-Lon-grp1@adm.ku.dk](mailto:OKO-Lon-grp1@adm.ku.dk)

[OKO-Lon-grp2@adm.ku.dk](mailto:OKO-Lon-grp2@adm.ku.dk)

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## Cycling to work

The cycling to work campaign is being run again this year on 3-31 May.

Most departments and centres at LIFE already have team captains who are gathering keen cyclists into smaller groups with imaginative names, but in the unlikely event that you have not been contacted internally and you would like to participate, contact [ycta@adm.ku.dk](mailto:ycta@adm.ku.dk) to find out how to register your group.

Finally – remember the DHL relay race on 30 August 2010.

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**LIFE Art Association: The 'Science and Art' exhibition is being extended until 15 April**

Employees and students still have a chance to see the LIFE Art Association's exhibition 'Science and Art'. The exhibition has just been extended until 15 April. The exhibition comprises works by LIFE's own employees and depicts beauty as visualised in the research conducted at the faculty. The exhibition is in the Library on the first floor.

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## Education

### Remember the Brain for a Night 2010 competition on Thursday 22 April

Who's going to be this year's LIFE Brains?

Come and hear the selected BSc, thesis and PhD students compete on academic knowledge and communication in auditorium 3-01 on 22 April at 5.45 pm, immediately following tapas and the concert with the university symphony orchestra (SymfUni). Everyone is welcome.

**Jette Fugl, BVFB, [jfu@life.ku.dk](mailto:jfu@life.ku.dk)**

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### Venture Cup Startup Competition

Do you have a good idea? The Venture Cup Startup Competition awards DKK 50,000 to the best business idea in each of five categories!

#### SERVICES

Marketing, retail, finance, hospitality, education, fashion etc.

#### SOFTWARE

Web & mobile applications, digital & social media, etc.

#### CLEANTECH

Energy efficiency, pollution reduction, recycling, etc

#### APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Hardware, electronics, construction, telecommunications, etc.

#### LIFE SCIENCE & MEDTECH

Biotech, healthcare, diagnostics, therapeutics, medicine, etc.

The five winning teams will compete for an additional DKK 200,000 to take home a total prize of DKK 250,000. You can participate by submitting a business plan of 10 - 20 pages about your idea by 3 May 2010.

#### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- Win cash prizes to kick-start your project
- Get feedback on your ideas from business people, entrepreneurs and investors
- Get practical entrepreneurial skills and boost your academic competencies

- Gain a valuable network of experienced individuals who can help you succeed
- Learn how to pitch your idea and get your message through

Read more about the competition at [www.venturecup.dk](http://www.venturecup.dk) <http://www.venturecup.dk/composite-601.htm>

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## Staff news

### **Head of Department Lars Moe, IMHS – reception on Wednesday 14 April**

To mark Lars Moe's appointment as Head of the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences on 1 April 2010, you are hereby invited to a reception on:

Wednesday 14 April 2010, 3-5 pm  
Dyrlægevej 34 th. in the corridor

Everyone is welcome.  
Annemarie T. Kristensen  
Acting head of department

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### **New professor in disease modelling will promote animal welfare**

Søren Saxmose Nielsen has just taken up his position as professor with special responsibilities in disease modelling at LIFE – Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Copenhagen. On the basis of existing disease and health data, Søren S. Nielsen will develop new systems that can predict the development of chronic diseases before they start affecting animals' health and well-being.

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### **Affiliation: Niels Vrang, IGM**

The Rector has appointed Niels Vrang, MD, PhD, Affiliated Professor at the Department of Basic Sciences and Environment within the area of Bioorganic Chemistry.

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## Research

### **Beyond Obesity: Local fat, weight maintenance and chronic caloric restriction**

Special Lecture by Dr Anthony R. Leeds, Monday 12 April at 7 pm: Beyond Obesity: Local fat, weight maintenance and chronic caloric restriction in auditorium 1-01, LIFE.

Developing ideas about the role of localised deposits of fat in disease causation, the therapeutic challenge of

maintaining body weight after weight loss, and how and why weight maintenance methods could be applied to chronic caloric restriction.

Dr Anthony R. Leeds

Department of Human Nutrition, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen;

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey, England;

Physician, Whittington and Central Middlesex Hospitals, London, England;

Medical Director, Cambridge Weight Plan.

Chair: Arne Astrup

Professor, Director, Department of Human Nutrition, Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen.

Director, Nordea Foundation, OPUS Research Centre.

Auditorium 1-01, Bülowsvej 17, Frederiksberg Campus, University of Copenhagen

Refreshments will be served in the adjacent committee room, (Kons Ø34) Bülowsvej 17, Frederiksberg Campus, University of Copenhagen, between 4 pm and 5 pm [1600-1700h]

All are welcome. No registration required.

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## Grants

### **A new CHANCE at LIFE: six PhD scholarships**

CHemometric ANALysis Centre (CHANCE) is a new centre at LIFE with the overall aim of disseminating new statistical and mathematical tools throughout the entire faculty. Anyone working with large data sets may benefit from the facilities and competencies provided by the centre by applying for the PhD scholarships mentioned below.

### **Six 2/3 PhD stipends available for all departments at LIFE**

Do you have a PhD project planned with data analysis/statistical analyses that would benefit from a multivariate approach? Then consider applying for two thirds co-financing from CHANCE in 2010.

### **What are the advantages?**

You will have a chemometrician or a statistician as a co-supervisor on the project.

The student will be part of a group of PhD students in CHANCE providing a platform for informal discussions of data analysis methods.

The student will be educated in multivariate chemometric and statistical data analysis at a user level, in parallel with the main scientific studies under your supervision.

Up to two thirds financing of the PhD project.

### **What are the requirements?**

The project must be suitable. Data analysis is not the main purpose of the PhD study but must be included as a method in the project. Data must be of sufficiently complex/multivariate character (though well-structured), and the scientific benefit of a multivariate analysis of data must be apparent.

The student is obliged to participate in courses, CHANCE project meetings, etc. – including meetings and

discussions regarding other PhD projects within the CHANCE network. The focus of the PhD project is expected to be two thirds on the 'scientific' part and one third on the 'chemometric/statistics' part.

The student is expected to show interest in the chemometric/statistical methods, though user level interest is fine.

The last one third of financing. This cannot be financed by the faculty.

The senior researcher must have an agreement with the KU-LIFE department where the project or research activity is expected to be based, and in formal terms the department receives the grant.

### **Deadlines for applications**

Continuously in 2010 until all stipends have been granted. However, no stipends are given until applications that are handed in before 15 April have been processed. It is possible to apply for pre-approval of the two thirds.

### **How to apply**

Applications may be written in Danish or English; please use the CHANCE application form and send the application to the CHANCE secretariat by email to Ditte Carlsen via the CHANCE email [chance@life.ku.dk](mailto:chance@life.ku.dk). You can find the application form on our webpage [www.chance.ku.life.dk](http://www.chance.ku.life.dk).

### **Criteria**

- Suitability of the project
- Spread on departments and areas of research
- The suitability of potential candidates for the project, once this has been evaluated as a suitable project by the steering committee

### **The process of allocating stipends**

The steering committee will treat incoming applications within two months of the application being submitted. Well-suited projects will be approved; unsuitable projects will be rejected, while potentially suited projects will be processed at the end of each quarter.

When all stipends have been granted the process will stop, but it will still be possible to have projects associated with CHANCE upon agreement.

### **Contact**

For more information about CHANCE and the possibilities of applying for funding of PhD projects, please contact Professor Rasmus Bro ( [rb@life.ku.dk](mailto:rb@life.ku.dk)) or the secretariat ( [chance@life.ku.dk](mailto:chance@life.ku.dk)) or visit our website [www.chance.life.ku.dk](http://www.chance.life.ku.dk).

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## **Research funds etc.**

See the updated information on the Research & Information website.