



eLIFE – news on life at LIFE

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The next issue of eLIFE will be published on Thursday 20 May 2010.

Have a nice Ascension Day holiday!

Life at LIFE

Time for the Forge Party – the coolest LIFE party of the year

The Forge Party is held once a year in honour of the old forge that was torn down at Easter 1977 against the wishes of the students. The party is organised by student volunteers at LIFE and will take place this year on 21-22 May 2010.

The principal aim is to organise KU-LIFE's coolest party that brings all disciplines and classes at LIFE together. It is also to earn money to fund IVSA Denmark travel grants.

We are a flock of student volunteers who are responsible for getting everything ready for the party in the week up to the big day and for helping out during the festivities. We also have a great time together, and a lot of new friendships start here. We still need volunteers for this year's party, so if you are interested in helping to plan the Forge Party, write to sissenoergaard@dsr.life.ku.dk for more information.

The Forge Party starts on Friday afternoon with a sidewalk café serving grilled sausages and ice-cold draught beer and live music on the large lawn in front of the Anatomy building.

At 3 and 6 pm, the revue will perform their always entertaining theatre show at Gimle.

Afterwards, there will be live music in the riding school and in the large marquee on the lawn. The rest of the night, there will be a disco in the riding school.

Saturday evening starts with the revue at 6 pm, followed by cool bands, beer and a disco until the early morning.

This is the ultimate party for all you festive students here at LIFE.

This year, we are proud to present D-A-D, The Floor Is Made Of Lava, Lars Hansen & The Burgermeisters, The Taxmen and Martin Dale. See the entire programme, prices and sponsors on our beautiful Forge Party poster. And remember for next year that you could be the lucky winner of two tickets to the party by drawing the best Forge Party poster.

Ticket sales start on Thursday 18 May and continue until the party starts! You can also buy tickets by email to smediefest@gmail.com, but the deadline for paying is 17 May, so don't wait too long.

Come to the wildest party of the year and invite all your friends! And if you want, join the 'Smediefest 2010' Facebook group and find out who else will be at the party.

If you have any questions about the party, or if you want to be a volunteer, please contact the board at vmr@dsr.life.ku.dk or Forge Boss Sisse Clausen Nørgaard at sissenogaard@dsr.life.ku.dk

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Danish-Russian research and education environment

In connection with the Russian state visit in Denmark in the last week of April, Rector Ralf Hemmingsen and Rector Trubilin renewed the cooperation agreement between KU-LIFE and Kuban State Agrarian University in Krasnodar, Russia.

The agreement focuses on research, education and the demonstration of the production of foods, bioenergy and biomaterials and aims to help support a future sustainable agricultural production. The objective of the agreement is to match the already existing and future needs for increased food production with the need for sustainable resources, such as bioenergy and wood.

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Forest Day – The pure products of the forest

It's again time for Forest Day at Skovskolen in Nødebo. This year's theme is 'The pure product'. Every day, the Danish Forest and Nature Agency and Forestry & Landscape work with many of the forest's pure products, and we would like to present some of them to you at Forest Day on Sunday 9 May.

Come to Skovskolen, Nødebovej 77A, 3480 Fredensborg on 9 May between 10 am and 3 pm and taste them for yourself. Try your hand at swinging a scythe or carving things in wood, take a boat ride on Esrum Lake or try some of the other activities on offer. Everyone is welcome – and admission is free.

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Announcements

Room administration at LIFE

Campus Service has appointed a new room administrator.

Lise Haugaard Dupont can be contacted by email at lokadm@life.ku.dk or by phone on 353 32049, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-12 noon, and Friday, 10 am-12 noon.

The following conference rooms are still booked through GroupWise:

Kons Ø32, Bülowsvej 17
Kons Ø34, Bülowsvej 17
A143, Bülowsvej 17
D4, Nordre Sti 1
P11, Højbakkegård Allé 17
H60, Dyrslægevej 10

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University Post no. 4

Fresh news, features and profiles are out in the latest edition of the *University Post*.

Read about:

BAD ENGLISH – Students assess lecturers on their English skills, but their evaluations are flawed, says Polish lecturer.

NO WHEELCHAIRS PLEASE – For British exchange student Tumu, the University of Copenhagen is a maze of stairways with no wheelchair access.

These and other stories in the *University Post*: Find them on the reverse side of the Danish newspaper *Universitetsavisen*.

LATEST ONLINE

SURGE IN FULL-DEGREE STUDENTS TO COPENHAGEN

The number of international full-degree students at the University of Copenhagen has almost doubled in five years

<http://universitypost.dk/article/surge-full-degree-students-copenhagen>

ORCHESTRA TUNES UP FOR BIG CONCERT

We dropped in to the rehearsals. The university orchestra has a big day, 8 May, coming up

<http://universitypost.dk/article/orchestra-tunes-big-concert>

COPENHAGEN THROUGH A CANADIAN LENS

In her project, she takes a photograph every day

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Conference: 'As Found' – World in Denmark 2010

This year's World in Denmark conference, with the theme 'As Found', features a variety of interesting lecturers: German Günther Vogt, who is working on the Carlsberg district; American Andrea Kahn, who writes about site re-representation; Portuguese João Nunes, who works with transformations; Norwegian Tone Lindheim, who works with the transformation of urban landscapes, and finally French Alexandre Chemetoff, who seeks to enhance the qualities that are already present according to the motto 'more with less'.

It is possible to only attend the lectures taking place on the first day of the conference. However, as a new initiative, it is now also possible to attend presentations and discussions by practitioners and researchers of projects and papers on the second day of the conference and/or participate in trips on the third day of the conference. There is still time to register!

For more information and to register, visit www.WinDK2010.dk and the [Forest & Landscape website](#).

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Education

LIFE student had coffee with the Prime Minister

The Danish Prime Minister invited international students who received the so-called COP15 scholarships to his office for coffee. Among them were LIFE student Denisa Cupi from the US who was impressed with the informality of the Prime Minister and his office.

On Friday 23 April, a group of international students from all over world, including LIFE student Denisa Cupi from the US, met for a special appointment with the Danish Prime Minister. Smartly dressed and full of expectations, they waited in the elegant surroundings outside the Prime Minister's office at Christiansborg Castle.

After a short, and slightly tense, wait, they were received by Lars Løkke Rasmussen who invited them into his office and served coffee. The slightly formal atmosphere, however, quickly dissolved into smiles and talk, and several of the students remarked afterwards that the meeting had been relaxed and friendly.

Denisa Cupi, a student of Environmental Chemistry and Health at LIFE, said:
"Mr. Rasmussen asked us about our studies and experiences in Denmark, including social life with the Danes. The conversation was so laid back that I even forgot I was in the Prime Minister's office. This is something leaders from other countries should learn from."

The meeting between the students and the Prime Minister was arranged as a result of a letter from Komal Habib, a student at Aalborg University, who wanted to express his appreciation of the scholarship.

The students were generally surprised by the, in their view, rather modest surroundings of the Prime Minister's office.

In the words of Denisa Cupi:

"I must admit, this is the most humble Prime Minister's office I have ever seen. The table, chairs and everything else were very simple. The most expensive piece must be the China set from which we had tea and coffee.



The COP15 students together with the Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen. Denisa Cupi is standing on the far left.

Denisa's accounts of her experiences in Denmark can be followed on [her blog](#) and those of the other [COP15 students](#) at my.studyindenmark.dk.

[Read more about Denisa](#), her studies on the Environmental Chemistry and Health programme and what she thinks about student life at LIFE.

Facts about the COP15 Scholarships:

In line with the overall aim of securing an environmentally friendly Climate Change Conference, [COP15](#), in December 2009, the Danish Government decided not to give any gifts or conference kits to COP15 participants. The approx. DKK 4 million saved were instead used to create the 'COP15 Climate Scholarship', which has given 11 international students the opportunity to pursue an MSc in climate change studies at a university in Denmark. The students will study in Denmark for two years.

Staff news

Professorship: Anne Raben, IHE

The dean has decided to appoint Anne Raben Professor of Prevention and Treatment of Obesity at the Department of Human Nutrition as of 1 August 2010.
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40th anniversary: Joanna Møller, Laboratory Technician, S&L

On 1 June 2010, Laboratory Technician Joanna Møller Nielsen can celebrate 40 years with Forest & Landscape.

A reception will be held for Joanna on Tuesday 1 June, 2 pm, Forest & Landscape, Rolighedsvej 23, 1st floor – in the lunch room.

Everyone is welcome.

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Research

Leading international climate experts met in Nairobi

As the global population continues to grow, food production needs to be increased significantly over the next decades – without increasing its impact on the climate. At the same time, hundreds of millions of people in developing countries are dependent on small-scale farming, which is increasingly threatened by rising temperatures and failing harvests. On Wednesday 4 May 2010, leading climate and agricultural researchers, decision-makers, NGOs and farmers from all over the world met to discuss how we can ensure a stable and sustainable food production for the many farms in developing countries that are already experiencing failing food supplies due to climate change.

[Read the entire press release](#) (in Danish)
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New research-based knowledge centre for animal welfare established in Denmark

As of this autumn, a new knowledge centre for animal welfare will collect data on the state of animal welfare in all of Denmark in order to obtain a complete overview of where there is a need for new initiatives and research projects for the benefit of the welfare of Danish domestic animals. The data will be combined with the latest research in animal welfare, with the centre involving efficient collaboration between leading researchers and experts from KU-LIFE, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at Aarhus University, the Danish Ministry of Justice and the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration. The centre will receive an annual grant of DKK 5 million from the National Budget until 2012.

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