Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

We are sure that spring will hit Copenhagen at some point. March has been as wintery as it can be, but during April you will have the opportunity to leave your house without meeting a snow storm 😊.

When the weather gets better, you need to visit either Bispebjerg cemetery, where the cherry blossoms will be in full bloom (more info in our 2017 newsletter), or Langelinie where many beautiful cherry trees are blooming.

Langelinie is also the place where the Copenhagen Sakura Festival takes place at the end of April.

This Japanese cultural event takes place while the 200 cherry blossom trees in the park will be bursting with pink. At the festival, you can dive into Japanese culture and art forms such as drum shows, folk dance and martial arts. You can test your skills with workshops, listen to lectures, or you can just have a cup of tea and admire the people dressed up in beautiful kimonos.

Outside Copenhagen, there are other exciting outside events to discover. The Odsherred Rally is a classic annual event in North West Seeland with participation of vintage cars and motorbikes. Kick off takes place in Højby at 9.00 am.

During the last week of April, more than 500 Vikings from all over Europe flock to Ribe Vikinge Center. The market atmosphere is authentic and intensive just like it would have been in Ribe1300 years ago. You will be able to experience, how the Vikings lived and worked and at the market place you can get traditional viking food and drinks.

For those who are looking for a job, we suggest you join our Spouse Lunch on the 26th of April, where you can meet Urtė Gudaitė, a recruiter who will explain more about how an HR professional works. She will also pay attention to your personal sales material (application / CV) and how to use LinkedIn in Denmark.

We hope to see you soon here in International House!

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

Today has been a day dropped out of June into April

L.M. Montgomery
Spotlight: Pursuing a career in industry!

François Redelsperger
From France
PhD in infectious diseases combined with a clinical research associate certification
Regulatory Affairs at Qmed Consulting

“Be proactive and don’t wait for the job to come to you!”

How long did it take for you to find a job in DK? It took me 9 months to find my current job. I found it listed on Jobindex.

What has been most challenging about your job search? The Danish language and my lack of experience in the pharmaceutical industry were the most challenging aspects in my job search. I received a lot of negative answers due to my level of Danish. I think it is very important for jobseekers to improve as fast as possible their level of Danish and to find skills that make their profile unique for recruiters.

What surprised you the most about networking in Denmark? I was very surprised about how networking is important for Danish people and how it can help to find a job. There are so many events, cafes, career fairs, where one has the opportunity expand their network. So, it is very important to have a good LinkedIn profile since it is the first tool to use to build your network.

How did you keep your motivation when things didn’t turn out the way you expected? To be honest, sometimes I lost my motivation. It is a very hard process to find a job and I was very lucky to get a lot of support from my family, my mentor from the Copenhagen Host Program and the Dual Career Services at the University of Copenhagen. I would like to thank them all! I was also working as a volunteer and I think it was really helpful sometimes to meet other people and to do other things. I had the feeling to be useful and stopped a couple of hours to think about my job search.

What are you most excited about doing in your new job? I am very excited to start my new job. Today I have the opportunity to join a fast growing company working in the industry of the medical device. I will have the opportunity to transfer my skills and experience in a new world and help small and medium companies to develop their own products with the aim of improving health.

What is your best advice to someone new who is job seeking? Try to list quickly the tools that will help you to find your next job. What are the different websites, events you can attend to expand your network and improve your chances to get a job. Follow carefully the advices given in the different workshops you have the opportunity to attend. They really know what they are talking about!

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 April
9:30 - 11:30 hrs.
Jobseekers Network: Tips and tricks on how to land your dream job! Meet Andreea Cotleanu Recruiter & Trainer in Recruiting Methodologies and get valuable input on how you can improve your performance and land your dream job!

For more information on how to register for the Jobseekers Network see attached invitation.

26 April
10:00 - 13:00 hrs.
Meeting and getting advice from an HR professional - Urtė Gudaïtė – HR Business Partner and Psychologist! How does a HR professional work and how to approach one in Denmark? What to pay particular attention to in your personal sales material (application / CV)? How to use LinkedIn? - Registration

23 May
10:00 - 13:00 hrs.
What to expect the first 100 days in your job? Does and don’ts! Get tips on inspiration on how you can make the most of the first 100 days in a new job! - Registration