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ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION ON PLACES AND FESTIVALS TO VISIT

- [Amager Beach Park](#)
Sports events, festivals and concerts are held throughout the summer
- [Asian Culture Festival 3 – 4 June](#)
Asian street food, children's activities and music
- [Music festivals in Denmark](#)
2016 is full of music festivals for children and adults. Enjoy!

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Dual Career *Newsletter*



INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY

Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

The summer has come! How wonderful to see everybody sunbathing, barbecuing, plying and relaxing in the parks in Copenhagen. It seems that people even smile more to each other ☺.

This time of the year is also the time for outdoor festivals. On June 1-5 the [Distortion festival](#) hits Copenhagen. Distortion is an annual party-tsunami over Copenhagen, a week-long cavalcade of 100+ dance floors on beautiful squares and in ugly warehouses. It is a celebration of Copenhagen street life and international club culture. With an estimated 100.000 guests per day, it is one of the largest annual gatherings in Europe. Distortion is a mobile festival: the week starts in the streets of Copenhagen - in the Nørrebro and Vesterbro districts - and it ends in the

Final Party area, with 10-15 stages per day in the Copenhagen harbour.

Another important celebration during this month is for children having their last day in school before they move to another school. In many schools it is tradition that they throw caramels to the younger students and dress up in funny clothes.

If you are interested in hearing and talking more about Danish cultural habits, do sign up for our next [Spouse Lunch](#) and we also suggest you [sign up](#) for our next IDCN event at Dong Energy on Networking.

Enjoy the sun! We look forward to meeting you soon in International House.

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia



**NEW JOB
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Urte Gudaite

From Lithuanian, MA in Psychology
New Job: Head of Recruitment at [Nordic Guru ApS](#)

Lucas Grèze

From France, MA in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering
New Job: Associate Industrial Engineer at [FedEx](#)



Spotlight: Transitioning from Academia into Industry

Roberta Distante, from Italy with a PhD degree in Economics, shares her personal experiences

What does it take to transition from academia into industry? We met up with [Roberta Distante](#), who shares her interesting story and journey to her current job as an Economist at [Maersk Line](#).

What has been most challenging about your job search? The most challenging and important part of the process was learning how to create an effective CV and an excellent cover letter for any job application.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview? I was positively surprised to realize how the Danes are less focused on mere formalities, while being truly interested in your personal qualities at least as much as in your professional skills.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview? Always be the best of yourself, avoiding to act as the perfect candidate for the position you apply for. It is not about making up, rather about letting them know how valuable you could

be based on your most genuine characteristics. Before each interview, I repeated to myself that nothing had to be feared because I was going to simply express myself at best!

What kept you going – your motivation, when things didn't always turn out the way you expected? Where did you find support?

I have always believed in myself, even when things turned sour. It is part of the game! When embarking in the job seeking process, one has to be prepared for many unexpected events, both very positive and very negative. Frustration is just around the corner: accept it. Having the support of counsellors and relatives was important in those few days when I felt discouraged. They helped me to plod on despite feeling like I wanted to give up.

What are you most excited about doing in your new job? I

will join a company with a long history of success, the core values of which perfectly represent my ideal job environment. I will have the opportunity to learn and being challenged, and will be given a lot of responsibility early on in my career. This will provide

"It was crucial for me to have the support of expert counsellors, especially because this was my first job seeking experience outside Academia"

excellent opportunities for my professional and leadership development. Furthermore, the environment is one in which cultural diversity is highly valued. I feel very lucky to have such a great chance!

What advice do you have to give to other spouses? The best investment you can do is getting the support of career counsellors since the beginning, and trust them. I was lucky to meet Mary K. Kobia and Mark de Vos, who supported me both practically and psychologically in every step, with humbleness and professionalism. I really believe that this was my key to success.

WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Antton Alberdi Hungary
- Christian Hartvigsson Sweden
- Elena Karpova Russia
- Gabriel Pedersen Norway
- Reza Vatani Iran
- Marcela Quintero Peru
- Shengda Zhang China
- Sjoukje Visser the Netherlands

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY (ISM) - INTERNATIONAL CAREER SPOUSE LUNCH 10.00-13.00HRS

⇒ **June 8th** - Danish Working Culture - [Registration](#)

DUAL CAREER ~ SPOUSE JOB SEEKER'S NETWORK

⇒ **Every Thursday 10:30-12:30**

Are you currently looking for employment in Denmark? Would you like to share job search goals, overcome barriers and expand your network? Maybe this network is for you? - [Registration](#)

Please visit our website for more information on all events www.ism.ku.dk

INTERNATIONAL DUAL CAREER SPOUSE NETWORK (IDCN)

⇒ **June 17th 11:30—14:30**

Partner Event at [Dong Energy](#) - for more information visit the [IDCN website](#)



MAMA & PAPA CLUB

June 9th from 11:30-15:00

Picnic in the King's Garden and Marionette Theatre for children

June 26th from 11:30-14:00

Mama and Papa Sunday Brunch!

[Register using this link](#)