JOB SEARCH TIPS

ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR EASTER HOLIDAY IN DENMARK

- Easter Visitcopenhagen
- Easter AOK
- Easter for Children (in danish)

Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

Easter will be early this year. Hopefully a nice and sunny spring will also soon follow 😊.

To get in the Danish Easter spirit, we suggest you already start making gækkebreve (teaser letters).

You can also, like many Danes, decorate your home for Easter in green and yellow, especially with new-leaved branches and daffodils. The main symbol of Easter is still the egg. The eggs used for decoration may be ordinary hen’s eggs which have been blown out and coloured or they may be imitation eggs or various kinds of sugar and chocolate eggs. Other decorations include small artificial hens and chickens and gradually also the Easter hare, which formerly was almost exclusively common in the areas by the German border.

Easter Lunch, which is enjoyed both with family and friends, is an ordinary Danish lunch with herrings and other kinds of fish, small hot dishes, sliced meats and cheese. With it, most people drink beer and schnapps. Breweries make a special Easter brew, which is stronger and therefore tastier than ordinary beer.

If you are looking for a job we suggest to join our Spouse Career Lunch to hear more about LinkedIn and read this months Spotlight were April shares here experiences.

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

NEW JOB

CONGRATULATIONS!

April Koskinen
From US, Master's Degree in Physiotherapy
New Job: Physiotherapist at Vesterbro Træningscenter

Roberta Distante
From Italy, PhD in Economics
New Job: Economist in the division of Market Analysis & Forecasting at Maersk Line

Yulia Nemchenko
From Russia, Master of Philological Education
New Job: Administrative Personnel at the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Copenhagen
Spotlight: Getting a job in Denmark

April Koskinen, an American physiotherapist, shares her personal experiences.

I had to be almost done with 2 years of Danish courses in order to get a job relevant to my physiotherapy career.

**What kept you going?** My 3 year old son is my biggest motivation. Everyday since he has been born, he has been learning and trying new things like running, biking etc. His persistence has paid off. I thought to my self, if he can do all that in just 3 years, I would look quite foolish not being able to get a job here wouldn't I?

I hope when he is older and can look back on our transition to Denmark, he can appreciate the persistence and hard work that I put into our new life here.

**What are you most excited about doing in your new job?** One of my favorite things about my physiotherapy career is being able to help others. I am also excited to hear my Danish improve and am proud that I can help other people in a new language.

**What advice do you have to give to other spouses?**

“Danes are not only interested in your educational and career background, but also your family and personal interests.”

The first surprise was how important a network is in finding a job. In the US, job vacancies (in my field of physiotherapy) are published online and you simply call or send in your CV. It seems to me that job vacancies in Denmark are not advertised as openly; you need to know someone (or a career search group) who has heard about that job opening.

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