

▶ JOB SEARCH TIPS

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

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Dual Career Newsletter



INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY

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).

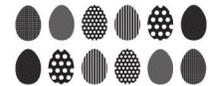
You can also, like many Danes, decorate your home for Easter in green and yellow, especially with new-leaved branches and daffodils. The main symbol of Easter is still the egg. The eggs used for decoration may be ordinary hen's eggs which have been blown out and coloured or they may be imitation eggs 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

What does it take to follow your passion and find a job in Denmark? I met up with April Koskinen from the US, who shares her incredible story.

What surprised you most about job search in DK? 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.

The second surprise is how much personal information is included in a CV and in a job interview.

What has been the most challenging thing about your job search?

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?

Celebrate the small victories. When you FINALLY get through on a phone call or get a response to an email, even if you didn't end up with a job it was another step on the ladder completed. Go treat yourself to a glass of wine or a delicious Danish pastry, you deserve it. Second, go to Danish class! There are some jobs in English, but not enough, so start Danish classes now.

Third, take advantage of all of the resources that Copenhagen has to offer!

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

WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Akiko Shiraishi
Japan
- Cong Liu
China
- Katarína Gajdošová
Czech Republic
- Krishna Reddy Modugula
India
- Marie Kerjean
France
- Mehreen Anjum
Pakistan
- Seyed N. Mousavi
Iran

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- ⇒ **March 9th** - Hands-on approach to LinkedIn - [Registration](#)
- ⇒ **April 13th** - Networking: Tips on how to book a coffee meeting - [Registration](#)
- ⇒ **May 11th** - Meeting and getting advice from an HR professional - [Registration](#)
- ⇒ **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



KID'S EVENTS

We are pleased to invite you for enjoyable and informal meet-ups where you are welcome to bring your children! For more information and how to sign up see below links.

[Mama & Papa Club](#)

Every 2nd Thursday
13:00-15:00

[Kids Dance Event](#)

8th April -10:00-13:00