Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

Spring started! But the weather doesn’t realise it yet. It has not been so cold during the winter as it has been on the first day of spring.

But don’t worry, soon it will become warmer and warmer and you will see the **Vintergækker** (snowdrops) and **Erantis** (winter aconites) in the parks in Copenhagen.

Since it is still very cold outside. We would like to give you some useful stay-inside-ideas about what to do this month.

At 9-10 March **Esrum Abbey** opens its doors for its beer festival. You can taste your way through a world of beer, as they for the third year in a row organise a magnificent and award-winning event. Here, even the most discerning beer enthusiast will return home with tonnes of new taste sensations and their bags full of historical beer, abbey beer, home-brew, microbrew and local brew.

You can also consider visiting **CPH:DOX**, Scandinavians largest international documentary film festival in Copenhagen. The festival aims to present a programme that ranges from the works of major international directors to new talent, from large-scale theatrical releases to films and formats that do not reach cinema and TV screens. The programme goes beyond traditional boundaries between disciplines and media, offering perspectives on creative crossovers between cinema, television and media art.

At the end of this month, Copenhagen Games organises a huge eSport event in Bella Center where you (and your children) can play and see some of the best players in the world competing in for example FIFA or Starcraft.

You are of course always welcome to join us in International House at one of our events. At the next Spouse career Lunch, **Marie Sorivelle** - Consultant at [Danish Technological Institute](https://www.dst.dk) - is sharing her experiences and giving advise on job search in Denmark.

See you soon!

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

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Spring is nature’s way of saying, ”Let’s party!”

*Robin Williams*
How long did it take for you to find a job in DK? I have been living in Denmark since August 2015 and it took me about 15 months to find a job.

What has been most challenging about your job search? Because it was such a long time being unemployed, it was hard keeping my motivation up. I had two crises in that time: The first in January 2017 - I think the Danish winter was also not helpful! The second one was in June 2017 due to very few job interviews.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview? The many different types of questions - both personal and professional. Most interviews were different in style because of the interviewers. Some were actually fun! The first round was often only with the hiring manager and optionally a colleague, rarely a HR manager. That is quite different in Germany.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview? Preparation is key, on every level: Professionally and personally. Prepare for the hard HR questions (e.g. strengths/weaknesses, motivation, etc.) but also for the position itself. Update your knowledge on technical relevant stuff. And bonus: Find out what you additionally can bring to the table, for example a skill that could be relevant.

After the interview, remember to follow up with a thank you email, no later than 24 hours, preferably picking up info of the interview. In one of my interviews, we talked about a software they were using but I didn’t know, so I researched it afterwards, saw that it is based upon a software that I have worked with, so I dropped that valuable information in the thank you email!

How has IDCN helped you? My IDCN team is mentored by Lia, a Novo Nordisk employee, who wrote an awesome email to my future boss introducing me. That was very helpful!

What are you most excited about doing in your new job? Working on exciting, new technology in a very fun team!

What advice do you have to give to other spouses? Hang in there and use every (networking) opportunity you can! And take vitamin D in the Danish winter!

"IDCN volunteering is great, because you work (and party) with highly motivated and very professional people from all over the world and make great new friends. You expand your network and support each other in the whole job search process."

KATHARINA LANG
From Germany
PhD in Bioengineering
Scientist at Novo Nordisk

Spotlight: Pursuing a career in industry!

UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ 21 March
10:00 - 13:00 hrs.

My story can be yours! Input on how to network and find a job in Denmark from a KU-spouse. Meet Marie Sorivelle who shares her personal story living and working in Denmark.

Registration

⇒ 18 April
10:00 - 13:00 hrs.

Meeting and getting advice from an HR professional! 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