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SEEKING A CAREER WITHIN THE LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY? ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION TO HELP AND INSPIRE YOU IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

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# Dual Career Newsletter



INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY

## Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

**D**uring the next weeks, workplaces and schools will be closed several days scattered around the month of May. These public holidays are called *helligdage* and include *1st of May*, *Store Bededag* (Great Prayer Day), *Kristi Himmelfart* (Ascension Day) and *Pinse* (Pentecost).

For most people this means more time together with family, some even take the opportunity to go on a short holiday. For jobseekers amongst you, please also remember to take time off in your job seeking. However, we would like to give you some good job seeking advice via our Spotlight, this time through Biogens Recruiting Partner: [Eva Op De Beeck](#).

Now some more background information about *Store Bededag*, which this year falls on the 1st of May, the same day as the International Workers' Day or Labour Day. *Store Bededag*, translated literally as Great Prayer Day, is a Danish holiday

celebrated on the 4th Friday after Easter. It is a collection of minor Christian holy days consolidated into one day. The day was introduced in the Church of Denmark in 1686 by King Christian V. Bells in every church announce the eve of *Store Bededag*.

The evening before the holiday, it was customary to buy and eat *varme hveder*, a traditional bread, because bakers were closed on holidays and people bought bread for the following day. It is more common, also outside Copenhagen, to still buy and eat *varme hveder*.

We would like to wish you an enjoyable time off during the public holidays and maybe it is interesting to start the month of May with a visit to the Copenhagen park *Fælledparken* to experience thousands of people celebrating the International Workers' Day.

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia



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*We must use time wisely and forever realise that the time is always ripe to do right.*

*Nelson Mandela*



## Spotlight: Meeting and getting advice from a Recruiting Partner

*What does a recruiter, who has an international background, find important in job search in Denmark?*

With over 10 years of recruitment, headhunting and career counseling experience, [Eva Op De Beeck](#), Recruiting Partner at Biogen, is the right person to ask for tips how to look for a job in Denmark.

*What is the best advice you can give international spouses who are looking for a job in Denmark?*

Many vacancies are filled through networking so this should be your main focus while finding a job here. Maintain your existing network and create a new one in Denmark both with Danes and internationals. Networking happens through personal relations, both private and professionally, but also through social media such as LinkedIn.

This is one of the main recruitment tools headhunters and recruiters use. A good LinkedIn profile increases your chance to be contacted directly by headhunters and recruiters.

*"Networking and use of LinkedIn are key in finding a job in Denmark"*

EVA OP DE BEECK

*In connection to Biogen, what kind of profiles are you looking for?*

Biogen is a biotechnology company that discovers, develops and delivers therapies for patients with neurodegenerative diseases, hematologic conditions and autoimmune diseases. Our headquarters, home to research operations, are in Cambridge, USA. In Denmark

we have a modern manufacturing site in Hillerød which employs over 600 people. We are looking for professionals interested in working with manufacturing. This includes e.g. QA & QC professionals, science and engineering graduates, automation engineers, and laboratory technicians.

If you are interested in meeting Eva to hear more about job search in Denmark, get job advise or learn more about Biogen, please sign up for the Spouse Career Lunch on the 10th of June.

## WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Gemma Buron Moles Spain
- Lela Shepherd USA
- Minakshi Thanki India
- Murilo Afonso Vieira Brazil
- Pierre Herman France
- Sophie Seidenbecher Germany
- Sylvia Namukasa Zimbabwe

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- ⇒ **May 13th** - Meeting and getting advice from an HR professional - [Please register here](#)
- ⇒ **June 10th** - Company presentation: BIOGEN IDEC - [Please register here](#)

### SPECIAL EVENT: CROSS-CULTURAL MOBILITY & COPING STRATEGIES 17.00-20.00HRS

- ⇒ **May 28th** - Experiencing culture shock moving to Denmark? How do you deal with this? Feel free to attend this informal meet-up and be inspired on how you can make your transition in Denmark easier - [Please register here](#)

### ISM'S PARTNERS

- ⇒ **10th May - 10.00-14.00 - Family Tour "The Edible Oasis"** - [Please register here](#)  
Organised by Leisure Guides
- ⇒ **19th May - 10.00-12.30** - Information meeting to accompanying spouses pursuing a career in Denmark - [Please register here](#)  
Organised by Copenhagen Career Program
- ⇒ **DTU Spouse Network Book Club** - Looking to meet others interested in literature? See attached document for more information on how to register

Please visit our website for more information on all events [www.ism.ku.dk](http://www.ism.ku.dk)