Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

Welcome back from your holidays!

No matter if you were abroad where the sun was constantly shining or you stayed in Denmark where the sun hardly appeared, it must be great being back in Copenhagen and experience everything this great city has to offer!

During the last years, September has been a month with great weather and plenty of interesting things to do. Also this year, Copenhagen has something to offer for everybody.

First of all we are all going to celebrate that Copenhagen turns 850 years! Join the birthday bash on 2 September, and choose among the 250 citywide events.

The Copenhagen Celebration takes place at Slotsholmen, the island home to Christiansborg Palace, to mark the day 850 years ago when Absalon is said to have founded Copenhagen.

Besides being a day packed with music, 1167 free Carlsbergs, coffee and ice creams, a pool party, concerts and much, much more, Københavnerfejringen kicks off this year’s 16 days Golden Days Festival, under the name ‘København 850’.

If you like music you also need to checkout Fredagsrock at Plænen in Tivoli. This is one of Denmark’s most popular venue for open-air concerts. It starts every Friday at 22:00 and you only pay Tivoli’s entrance fee. In September you can see Karl William + Saveus, TV-2, the Savage Rose & Tivoli Copenhagen Phil, Nik & Jay.

Another recommendation for September is to be part of the CPH Artweek, which is Copenhagen’s yearly art event dedicated exclusively to contemporary art.

We are of course also looking forward to seeing you at one of our ISM events 😊

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

We know that in September, we will wander through the warm winds of summer’s wreckage. We will welcome summer’s ghost.

Henry Rollins
Spotlight: Finding my dream job in Academia

and based on this experience I found it extremely informal. Another thing I found challenging was understanding what value I can have at the local job market and where I fit exactly.

What kept you going? I found support at ISM through their Dual Career ~ Spouse Network and also volunteering for IDCN Copenhagen.

At ISM Mary Kobia was very supportive in helping me to network. She gave me the initial connection to the university for a salary subsidy role as a research coordinator for six months.

Unfortunately, Frederiksberg Kommune only offer a very limited amount of salary subsidies per year and I did not qualify at that point. Luckily though, I later found this other position which was then on a regular full-time basis.

What advice can you give to other spouses?

1) First is networking. It is really important here!
2) Be active and broaden your knowledge by talking to people and try new things!
3) Don’t be afraid - learn, learn and learn!
4) Don’t lose hope - it will all come together eventually!

We met up with Anna Khodosevich Krauss from Germany, who has a PhD in Molecular Biology. She shares her personal story of finding a job in Denmark.

Where are you working today? I am a scientist by training and worked as a researcher before, but decided to make a switch here in Copenhagen. I am now a personal assistant & research administrator at the Copenhagen University. It took me almost 9 months to get my current job.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview? I’ve only had two job interviews WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES

• Asha Recino
  UK

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  Pakistan

• Beáta Vrana
  Hungary

• Chiara Nitride
  Italy

• David Duarte
  Portugal

• Gregorio Barba Espín
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