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ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION TO HELP AND INSPIRE YOU IN YOUR JOB SEARCH AND LEISURE TIME DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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Dual Career Newsletter



INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY

Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

Summer is just around the corner! The weather in Denmark, might not show it yet, but soon we are all able to spend time sunbathing on the beach in and around Copenhagen. Don't be surprised if you also meet people in beach wear lying around at grave yards. Especially *Assistens Kirkegaarden* at *Nørrebro* is a popular spot for Copenhagen sunbathers.

Two days are particularly important next month: the 5th and the 18th of June.

On the 5th, Denmark celebrates *Grundlovsdag*, the anniversary of the signing of the Danish constitution in 1849, which established Denmark as a constitutional monarchy, and honors the constitution of 1953, which was adopted on the same date. Most workplaces and shops are closed at noon and political rallies and meetings are

traditionally held. Moreover it is also Father's Day.

On the 18th, the next Danish general elections will be held. During the coming weeks politicians will be knocking on doors, handing out leaflets, debating on television and doing lots more to attract the voters attention. In three weeks, we will know if Helle Thorning-Schmidt can continue as Prime Minister or Lars Løkke Rasmussen will be her successor. It is going to be an exciting period for Denmark and the elections will be the main topic of discussions at home, in the office and in the media.

We will take a summer break and the next newsletter will be out in September.

Have a great summer!

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia



**NEW JOB
CONGRATULATIONS!**

IRENE TROTT

From Canada, MBA

New Job: Project Manager, Nordic Underwriting, [Codan](#)

LIUBOV MITCOVA

From Moldavia, PhD in Organic Chemistry

New Job: Department of Chemistry, [University of Copenhagen](#)

ROMAN SARAQVASA

From Estonia, Master of Science in Physics

New Job: Software Developer, [Altapay](#)



Spotlight: Is it Pointless being Job Seeking during the Holidays?

How to go about it, and what is especially important to focus on?

A question I've often gotten over the years as a Career Consultant is: "Why job seeking during the holidays? Isn't it pointless?"

We all know that the holiday season is approaching. HR people are taking time off and the number of vacancies are decreasing. Finally - a time to relax together with the family and enjoy a well-earned break!

If you are job seeking you may think it makes no sense to keep searching for work during the holidays. After all, work slows down and everyone has taken the time off. That means that no one will be in the office to interview or make a decision about your application. Wrong! In fact, the holiday season can be a good time to look for jobs and especially network. Certainly, not everyone is at work, but the managers who are, probably have more time to

to talk with job applicants which they do not normally have during the rest of the year. Furthermore, there is less competition from other job seekers.

In many work places employees take time off, while managers are in the office.

So how do you make most out of your holiday job search? Here are my best job search tips for you:

Identify the non-advertised positions. You get most out of contacting small and medium-sized companies. Large companies have personnel departments and procedures, which they do not necessary change because you are calling them. But if you call small and medium-sized companies, there is a good chance that you will be able to directly contact the director or department head

who has time to talk, because everyone else is on vacation.

Show energy. By calling relevant decision makers in companies you show initiative and enthusiasm. If the right

"The holidays are a prime networking time!"

MARY K. KOBIA
Dual Career Consultant

person happens to come by, many companies will be happy to drop the process of 100 applications and have an employee who can start immediately.

Remember to Relax and Enjoy. During this time of the year, it's also important to take some time for yourself and your family. Do remember to relax and don't forget to enjoy the Danish summer. That's important too, for all of us, whether we are job seeking, or not.

Good luck with your job search during the holidays!

WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Alexandra Rouillard
Canada
- Ebtisam Abdlkader Ali
Ethiopia
- Sheeva Bhattarai
Nepal
- Yuki Inaba
Japan
- Vincent Collin
France

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- ⇒ **September 9th** - Working culture & Denmark. What to be aware of?
- ⇒ **October 14th** - Unsolicited job search. How do you personalise your unsolicited application? Does & Don'ts
- ⇒ **November 11th** - Mock Interview & Elevator Pitch. How to improve your personal performance at a job interview?
- ⇒ **December 9th** - Applying JTI: What's your type and preference?

Please visit our website for more information on all events www.ism.ku.dk



SPOUSE WITH KIDS MEETUP

The meetup is for parents with children (babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers); pregnant spouses and everybody in our network who would like to join a parents' spouse group. This initiative is run by volunteers of KU-spouses headed by Ines Mosler, who is a Swiss Child Psychotherapist. Meetings will be held every 2nd week on weekdays from 13-15hrs. at International House, 6th floor. [Please register here.](#)