Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network

Welcome to the month of March and welcome to warmer days here in Copenhagen!

A lot is happening in Copenhagen this March. Among other things, the film festival CPH:DOX returns for another year with a full week of exceptional movies. The festival is back with a physical festival with +600 film screenings in movie theatres around Copenhagen and lots of exciting debates, talks, events and parties. You can read more about when and where the festival is happening, as well as which movies and documentaries will be shown this year, on their website here.

Another sign that Summer is getting closer is the opening of Tivoli for the Summer season. The garden will open again on March 22nd, and it will stay open all Summer long.

The Spring also means that Easter is near, as Easter Sunday falls on Sunday the 31st of March this year. Easter in Denmark is a big celebration, where families and friends come together at Easter Lunches. At an Easter Lunch, you will find a wide selection of fish, ranging from shrimps and eggs to herring marinated in curry, and of course a selection of Easter beers!

At ISM, we also have new events happening.

On the 15th of March we have another Career Development Workshop, where you can learn about alternative job search methods. As an accompanying spouse pursuing a career in Denmark, you have the possibility to apply for measures promoting employment. These measures are known as internships (4-13 weeks) or employment with salary subsidy (3-6 months) - løntilskud in Danish. Come and get more information about these alternative job search methods and how they work! Join this informal and cosy event where you will also get the opportunity to network with other like-minded professionals and enjoy a nice lunch! You can sign up for the workshop on our website here!

Kind regards,
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"March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong to set right some wintry wrong"

— Caroline May
How long have you been looking for a job in DK?
It took me 19 months.

What has been most challenging about your job search?
The most challenging part was that they asked me about the Danish language.

How has IDCN helped you?
IDCN helped me to keep up my motivation and not give up.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview?
That it is friendly and easy—but mainly for the first interview.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview?
Be yourself, know what you want, come prepared and learn about the company’s abilities as well as the position.

What kept you going – your motivation, when things didn’t always turn out the way you expected?
Honestly, I decided to find job here, and it was the main reason that I never gave up.

What are you most excited about doing in your new job?
That it is challenging and includes calculations.

Reflecting back on your job-seeking process and experiences in DK, what advice do you have to give to other spouses?
Learn Danish and focus a lot on the job search!