Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network

As October is just around the corner, we have prepared yet another newsletter for you with information about what to do and experience in Copenhagen this month.

In Denmark, October is the month for fall vacation. Therefore, you will often see many fall-related events happening in the middle of October. This includes the annual Halloween decorations in Tivoli Gardens, where you are certain of feeling that fall is all around you. Tivoli arranges a pumpkin competition each year, where locals compete in having grown the largest pumpkin, as well as decorate the Garden in the most beautiful fall-decorations possible.

Other than Tivoli Gardens, Bakken and Copenhagen Zoo also have special events during the fall vacation. You can also visit Absalon, where you—among other things—can make your own lantern! In general, many of the museums in and around Copenhagen have special family-oriented events during the fall.

At ISM, we also have many interesting things happening. For example, we have a guided tour at Medical Museion. The museum is part of UCPH and focuses on the development of science and research within the medical world. Medical Museion is located in an old hospital, where surgeons received their training back in the days. The tour takes place on the 22nd of October, and we hope to see many of you there!

We also have some academic events planned for you for October. On the 12th and 13th of October, we have a two-day LinkedIn workshop, where you can learn more about how to use LinkedIn efficiently in your job search in Denmark.

If you are interested in learning more about the Danish culture, traditions, and history, we also have an event for that. On the 26th of October, we have a workshop, where we deep dive into the impact of some of the most legendary Danes to live, like H.C. Andersen. We hope to see you!

Kind regards,

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“I wish that every day was Saturday and every month was October.”
— Charmaine J. Forde
How long did it take for you to find a job in DK?

It is difficult for me to answer precisely how long did it took for me to find a job. I was looking for a job since 2017, but the truth is that I had periods of time when I was very engaged in job search, and periods when I was focusing on other activities.

How has IDCN helped you?

IDCN helped me a lot in my job search, in acquiring new skills and connections. But, the most amazing thing is that I could feel the constant encouragement and guidance from the IDCN’s facilitators – Mary Kagendo Kobia and Mark de Vos. Their energy and positivity helped me to keep going and trying new things. Through volunteering at IDCN, I received the opportunity to improve my ability to establish relationships and collaborate with colleagues.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview?

It surprised me that during the interview process there was a huge focus on personality. Danes are really looking for someone who can easily fit and adapt to the new team, tasks and environment.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview?

Be prepared for the interview, but not exhausted! You need to prepare yourself before you even receive an invitation to an interview.