

Dual Career Newsletter

JUNE 2019

INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY



Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

UPCOMING EVENT (FREE OF CHARGE)

- [Leisure Guidance & Networking](#)
4 June
5:00-7:00 pm

WHERE TO GO:

- [The Harbour Circle route](#) (bike route)
- [Reffen](#) street food mekka

WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Amar Mehta
US
- Bora Baylan
Turkey
- Nina Beich-Frandsen
Germany
- Regina Groten
Germany
- Tamara Major
Serbia

Summertime, and the livin' is easy!

The Danish summer is (s)unpredictable. It can be nothing but burning sun and blue skies, or it can be never ending rain. We've experienced both types just in the last few years. If we're lucky, this summer will be a good mix of beach-weather and cozy rainy days. You know, the plants do need a bit of water now and then. And if you were here last summer, you will know that Denmark doesn't look its best after three months of drought.

Let's take a look at all the cool stuff Copenhagen has to offer in June.

On the 5th of June, it is Constitution day in Denmark. It's a public holiday which celebrates the introduction of the Danish Constitution in 1849. The Constitution was changed in 1915 when women's suffrage was introduced and also in 1953, but both on the 5th of June, so the date remains.

If you're into Latin American vibes and a color explosion of magic, glitter and samba rhythms, [Copenhagen Carnival](#) is the place to be on the 8th of June. There will be a big parade in Strøget and the festival continues throughout the weekend in Fælledparken. The festival is for both children and adults with a wide variety of stage shows, dance classes, workshops, kids carnival, shopping opportunities and food from all over the world. Definitely worth spending a day experiencing.

On Sunday, the 9th June, it is Pinse. Pinse, in English called Pentecost, marks the seventh Sunday after Easter. Because of this, we get Monday the 10th of June off, this day is called 2. Pinedag. As you may have noticed, we have a lot of public holidays in Denmark this time of year, so enjoy it while it lasts.

Another great event is Sankt Hans Aften, also known as Saint John's Eve, on June 23rd. Most people go to a public bonfire - these are often at one of the beaches around the country.

(Fun fact: Did you know that Denmark has over 7,000 km of coastline and that you'll never be more than 50 km from the sea).

Often there will be a "witch" burned at the stake to ensure protection from darker forces. Some of the best places to go to a bonfire is Frederiksberg Have, Amager Strand and Bakken.



Throughout the summer Tivoli is hosting [Friday Rock](#) every Friday. In June it will be all Danish artist:

- 7th: [Morten Breum](#), DJ and partymaker
- 14th: [Mads Langer](#), pop singer-songwriter
- 21st: [D-A-D](#), melodic hard rock
- 28th: [TV2](#), poetic and catchy pop in Danish

We hope you will enjoy all the opportunities Copenhagen has to offer this month and hopefully the weather will come through.

See you soon!

Mary K. Kobia and Mark de Vos

” June is the gateway to summer.
Jean Hersey

Spotlight: Let your personality show



Xi Chen

From China

Bachelor of Economics

Head of China Relations at Content People

How long did it take for you to find a job in DK? It's been 3 years since I moved to Denmark. While I was pregnant, I studied Danish and I took maternity leave before looking for a job full speed. So a little more than 1 year.

What has been most challenging about your job search? Not speaking Danish well enough to get a job in the Danish public sections that fits my previous experience.

How has IDCN helped you? [IDCN](#) not only helped me with specific methods in writing a CV, a cover letter, or doing an elevator pitch etc. Most importantly it enlarged my social network in Denmark. It was spirit lifting to get to know so many skilled and wonderful international expats in Denmark, as well as so many encouraging and inspiring professionals from different universities and companies, who are there to help. I am really, really grateful! I became friends with many of them and still see them even though some of us no longer work at IDCN.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview? Some of the companies have IQ tests before everything else. There are quite some rounds of interviews and very often for just one vacancy.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview? Relax and have a conversation as your authentic self. Pay attention to small details where your personality is shown.

What kept you going when things didn't turn out the way you expected? A small kid to feed and the will to be an independent and "fully functional" mother in Denmark. I got lots of support from my husband and his family in Denmark, my family in China, and from lots of friends, including the

ones from IDCN.

Reflecting back on your job seeking process and experiences in Denmark, what advice do you have to give to other spouses? Networking, networking, networking, as everyone says in Denmark. Learning Danish is also essential in getting to know the culture. Start from day one after moving to Denmark. Get a volunteer job or part time job to start with is better than sitting at home sending out CVs. There is a Chinese saying from Tao Te Ching, which says:

"After one comes two, after two comes three, and after three come all things."

What are you most excited about in your new job? The flexibility and opportunities to experiment with different ideas.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Information meeting vol. 1: for newly employed international researchers

12 June 9:00-12:00 am

The information meeting gives you important need-to-know about relevant topics related to living and working in Denmark, such as taxes, pension, salary and pay slip, health system, insurances and much more.

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