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○ APRIL

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ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION TO HELP AND INSPIRE YOU IN YOUR STAY IN DENMARK

► [Housing Fair - 4th April 17:00-19:00](#)

Are you looking for a place to live in Greater Copenhagen? Join us at the Housing Fair and get a chance to know more!

► [Easter Fun - Gæk gæk gæk - 10th April 17:00-19:00](#)

Do you know how the Danes celebrate Easter? Bring your family, friends and colleagues to our fun Easter event and find out!

# Dual Career *Newsletter*



INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY

## Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,



**Y**es! The sun shines, Crocuses are everywhere in the parks, Easter lilies are on the tables on the outside terraces: it's April ☺

Very soon, most people in Denmark celebrate Easter with yellow decorations, plenty of (chocolate) eggs, Easter beer, and *gækkebreve*. For more information about Danish Easter traditions, we suggest you read our [2015](#) & [2016](#) newsletters.

We also suggest you go out, enjoy the nice weather and encounter the specific April experiences in and around Copenhagen. Do visit [Kongens have](#) or the Ørestadspark which are covered by thousands of amazing crocuses.

More parts of Copenhagen are very beautiful right now, after emerging from its

long winter slumber. Both Copenhageners and tourists spend time at Bispebjerg Cemetery, where the cherry blossoms are in full bloom. Another place, where you can spot cherry blossoms is at *Langelinie*. *Langelinie* is a pier, promenade and park in central Copenhagen, and home of the statue of The Little Mermaid. Most cruise ships arriving in Copenhagen also berth here. And be quick, because before you know it, the blossoming period is over.

You can combine a visit to *Langelinie* with one of our excursions. On the 23rd of April we take you to [kastellet](#), one of Europe's best preserved fortress. Of course we also organise a [påskefrokost](#) for grown ups - a traditional Danish Easter Lunch including herring, snaps, and fun activities. We are looking forward to meeting you soon, either inside in International House or outside enjoying the nice weather.

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia



Any human anywhere will blossom in a hundred unexpected talents and capacities simply by being given the opportunity to do so.

*Doris Lessing*



## Spotlight: My story can be yours!

Previously quality engineer for the aerospace industry, my challenge was also to identify all the transferable skills that I can use to fit to the Danish job market.

volunteering activities, attending all the events organised by the University of Copenhagen as well as going to various job fairs.

**W**hat does it take to follow your passion and pursue a career in Denmark? [Lucas Greze](#), now working for [FedEx](#), shares his personal story.

**How was it to find a job in Denmark?** I arrived in Denmark in November 2015. It took me about 6 months to find my current job as associate industrial engineer. The first challenge when I arrived was to understand how the Danish job market is organised and what is expected of you.

I have experienced that it is all about networking and that your personality is at least as important as your previous experiences/diploma. It was a huge challenge to adapt my CV and cover letter according to these "rules".

### What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview?

I have done 3 different interviews. All were different depending of the team leaders but it was always informal and it was highly focused on my personality and my ability to work with others.

**What kept you going when things didn't always turn out the way you expected?** I tried to organise my weeks as if I was working and to go to the library and write my applications.

I also made a to-do-list focusing on future things to do. It was really important for me to keep motivated and get energy from others e.g. by

### What are you most excited about doing in your new job?

I am really looking forward to meet my colleagues and discover a new industry and to experience the famous Danish work-life balance.

### What advice do you have to give to other spouses?

My advice is try to list all your transferable skills and identify jobs you could apply for without any restrictions. Be curious and open minded about new opportunities. By experience, I have gotten more feedback on my applications that I have written based on my transferable skills than the ones only focusing on my past position experience.

*The Dual Career services are quite impressive and crucial for spouses and one's job search in Denmark. Thank you so much for providing this support!*

## WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Anne Collins  
UK
- Christine Jost  
Sweden
- François Redelsperger  
France
- Huixin Jiang  
China
- Ludovic Orlando  
France
- Saulo Martins  
Brazil
- Xiaohua Shi  
China

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- ⇒ **April 4th** - What is your STAR-quality? Get introduced to the STAR-method that helps you analyse your cores skills and results - [Registration](#)
- ⇒ **May 10th** - Networking: Coffee 2 go or stay? Tips on how to book a coffee meeting [Registration](#)
- ⇒ **June 14th** - Hands-on approach to LinkedIn - [Registration](#)

### DUAL CAREER ~ SPOUSE JOB SEEKER'S NETWORK

Are you currently looking for employment in Denmark? Would you like to share job search goals, overcome barriers and expand your network? Then don't miss out on the Jobseeker's Network, which is an initiative ran by volunteers of KU-spouses. Upcoming events:

- ◆ **April 20th** Transition from academia to industry - Facilitator: [Diana Lucatero](#)  
For more info on how to register [click on this link.](#)

Please visit our website for more information on [upcoming events for 2017](#) [www.ism.ku.dk](http://www.ism.ku.dk)



### KID'S EVENTS

#### FAMILY RHYTHMICS

**April 2nd**  
**12:30-15:00 hrs.**

We continue the previous success with our amazing music teacher Pernille who is back for a day of fun activities with music and dance at the International House. What better way to enjoy a lovely spring Sunday than by singing and dancing with your family?

[Registration](#)