Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

November is also known as **Movember**. The entire month of November, moustaches are grown to bring awareness of the health problems of men. Movember is a contraction of the words moustache and November and the foundations motto is “Change the face of men’s health”, which literally is what a lot of men do by growing a moustache.

The first weekend of November is dedicated to all the veggie-lovers. **VeggieWorld**
Copenhagen will provide the attendees with the opportunity to discover products that are not available in the supermarket and get to know vegan pleasure and get enriched with tips and tricks from creators, producers, chefs and faces of the scene. VeggieWorld takes place on November 2nd and 3rd 10 am - 6pm in Øksnehallen located near Halmtorvet in the Vesterbro district of Copenhagen.

On the 10th of November we celebrate **Mortens Aften** (Morten’s evening), which is an old Christian tradition held the night before Saint Martin’s Day. The origin of this celebration dates back to 300 AD, and revolves around Martin of Tours. Martin cared about the poor and was able to heal the sick and awaken the dead.

The people of Tours wanted him to be the Bishop because of all the good he did, but he didn't want that. They then chased him around and he hid amongst the geese. This wasn't the best hiding spot, because the geese cackled and made a fuzz which revealed his presence. For that reason it is a tradition to eat goose (or duck) on Mortens Aften, as a sort of revenge for revealing him. Most people do eat duck now a days and have it with potatoes, gravy and pickled red cabbage - a very traditional Danish dish.

On the 18th of November, Denmark will play Ireland in the European Championship Qualification in soccer.

On November 18th to 20th **GOTO Copenhagen** will take place at the Bella Center in Amager. GOTO is a enterprise software development conference designed for team leads, architects, and project management and is organized for developers, by developers. There will be many interesting speakers, including Steve Wozniak.

November is usually gloomy and wet and the average temperature is at 1.7°C, so it’s a pretty cold month. Be sure to cover up in scarfs and gloves and enjoy all the small moments Copenhagen can provide.

We wish you an enlightened month of November and good luck growing them mustaches.

See you soon!

Mary K. Kobia and Mark de Vos

In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures. The bed is white and silent, and much life can hide beneath its blankets.

*Cynthia Rylant*
How long did it take for you to find a job in Denmark? My husband was formally offered a position at UCPH in November 2018, at the time I was still employed at Flinders University in Adelaide. I contacted colleagues at Flinders to ask if they knew who to contact in Denmark regarding potential positions. Luckily one of my supervisors could immediately provide recommended contacts. So I sent an exploratory email in January 2019 introducing myself and letting them know that I was coming to Denmark in May 2019. The response was positive and my email was forwarded to others in the same field. The lead investigator on a project at GEUS suggested I applied to a two-year postdoc position. So I did. Applications closed at the end of February 2019. I was invited to an interview as late as the end of April, and then quickly afterwards for a second interview. I was offered the position on the same day as the second interview. So it took me about 5 months to find a job. But the wait between applying and getting the first interview was longer than I’m used to.

What has been most challenging about your job search? Waiting to see if there is anything available. There were not many jobs advertised in my field and I got lucky with the timing.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview? Take advantage of all the support that ISM provided by ISM, I found the discussion and resources really useful for the interview. Denmark has a slightly different culture and focus for interviews so any information you can get hold of beforehand will help.

What are you most excited about doing in your new job? I am now in a new city where I know no-one, so this job is important for a number of reasons not just because it will provide me with new contacts and potential friends. I am really looking forward to the job itself, the project is interesting and challenging which make for a pretty good combination! The job will help to supplement my partner’s income which in Denmark is important because everything costs more (except beer) compared to Adelaide.

Spotlight: Patience is key when looking for a job in DK!

Saskia Noorduijn
From Britain

Education: PhD in hydrogeology
Current job title: Post-Doctoral Fellow
Current workplace: GEUS

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Reflecting back in your job seeking process and experiences in Denmark, what advise would you give to other spouses? Network, send out emails and talk to colleagues and friends. It’s a small world, someone is bound to know someone here! With any move to a new city or country, your need to put yourself out there and let people know you are available.

Upcoming events

International Spouse Career Lunch - Job interview workshop - 13th of November 10 am - 1 pm

Congratulations! You have been invited for a job interview but would like some assistance in improving your verbal and nonverbal communication. Or you might like to learn some skills to overcome nervousness and stress before and during an interview.

Don’t miss out on this interactive session, which breaks down the process of the job interview and provides you with great tips on dos and don’ts when going for an interview.

Register here
Facilitator: Mary K. Kobia – Dual Career Consultant International Staff Mobility
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