In Denmark we have a public school holiday in week 42. The kids are off from school and maybe its your chance to spend some time together. There are so many fun things to do in Copenhagen this time of year, especially for children.

A great excursion is **Experimentarium**. Located in Hellerup north of Copenhagen, the world class science center offers fun and learning for the whole family. Until November the famous and groundbreaking exhibition Body Worlds is on display here and there are definitely a lot to learn about the human body!

For a fun day for both families and grownups **DGI-BYEN** near Hovedbanegården (Main Station) is the place to go. They have a big waterpark with swimming and spa facilities and space to just hang out and have fun. Bowling is also an option here. It’s open every day of the year!

On October 27th it’s the end of Daylight Saving Time and we have to turn our clocks backward 1 hour. Be sure to remember, or else you’ll be an hour late for everything!

Do check out our Workshop on the 10th of October (see event on the next page), where Niels Glæsner will inspire you to pursue a career outside academia as a PhD.

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**Upcoming Events (Free of Charge)**

- **Working life in Denmark**
  2 October
  16:00 - 18:00

- **Daily Banking**
  7 October
  16:30 - 17:30

- **Rentals & Cooperative Housing**
  7 October
  17:30 - 19:00

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**Welcome to New Spouses**

- **Iona Anca Lymperopoulou**
  Greece

- **Kenia Rodriguez**
  US

- **Maria-Jose Charneca-Fernandez**
  Spain

- **Sandra Lucia Almeyda Zambrano**
  Spain

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**Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter.**

*Carol Bishop Hipps*
How long have you been living in Denmark? I have just arrived in Denmark for the second time — this was about a year ago. I have lived in Denmark before — for 7 years before.

How long did it take you to find a job? I started applying in March and got my job offer at the end of May — so it took me around 3 months.

What was most challenging about your job search? Most challenging about my job search was making personal phone calls to the responsible recruiting staff. It was uncomfortable but it had to be done.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview? There were 5 people, who all took their time to get to know me and the atmosphere was very relaxed and positive.

What is your best networking tip? People are usually very happy to help, so don’t be afraid to reach out. And it’s the only way to meet new people.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview? It helped me a lot to feel well prepared — being self-conscious about my competences and at the same time showing my personality.

What kept you going — your motivation, when things didn’t always turn out the way you expected? Where did you find support? Realizing, that I am not the only one who is struggling to find a job, helped me a lot. Coming from another country and competing with the Danish applicants is definitely an extra challenge. I tried to focus on my aims and how I would be able to achieve them. At the same time I would save at least 2 days a week for doing something nice — not thinking about job search at all! Other than that I experienced the ISMs Dual Career Service as extraordinary supporting and motivating—the large amount of new input on the Danish applying process helped me practically and the individual and personal meetings gave me positive feedback and drive.

What are you most excited about doing in your new job? I am most excited about trying new interactive teaching methods.

Reflecting back on your job seeking process and experiences in Denmark, what advice do you have to give to other spouses? In my experience, the Danish society is based on trust and good will - having this in mind; it makes it easier to approach people that might be able to help.

Nicole Verbeeten
From Germany

Education: Social worker
Current job title: German teacher
Current workplace: St. Magleby School

St. Magleby School is a public primary school located on Amager. It goes from kindergarten to 9th grade. The total amount of pupils is 738.

10th of October 10 am - 1 pm: International Spouse Career Lunch

Workshop: Career Opportunities for PhD´s outside academia
Niels Glæsner has a PhD in educational science. He will talk about:

- How to frame and apply your research skills
- Give you an overlook of current labor market patterns for PhD´s

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