

## ▶ JOB SEARCH TIPS

ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION TO HELP AND INSPIRE YOU IN YOUR JOB SEARCH AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAY

▶ [Writing CV, Cover letter, LinkedIn](#)

▶ [International House](#)

▶ [Workindenmark spouse programme](#)

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# Dual Career Newsletter



INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY

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

**W**elcome back after the summer holidays!

We hope you had a great summer with a lot of sun, family visits, exciting travels, exploring Denmark and just having time of with your family.

A new school year starts with hopefully exciting and interesting things to do. Those looking for jobs need to start networking, phoning, writing and searching again. Not an easy task and therefore we asked Line Rauf from Workindenmark to share some of her tips in this month's Spotlight.

Normally we highlight a Danish cultural event. This time it will be turning 30. Being on holiday in Denmark, we realised seeing these huge, mostly black structures with "30" written on them. This very Danish tradition needs some explanation.

On their birthdays, unmarried 30-year-olds may wake up to find giant pepper mills made out of decorated oil drums in their yards. These drums are usually spray painted with "30", along with crude phrases reminding the birthday boys and girls that they're still single and possibly going to die alone (happy birthday ☺).

The tradition comes out of the etymology of bachelor, which traces back to 16th-century unmarried traders who specialised in selling spices and pepper. Hence, the original literal meaning of bachelor in Denmark was pepper man (*pebersvend*). Then in the 18th century, unmarried "pepper maids," or spinsters, got their spicy designation with *pebermø*.

If you are interested in hearing more about Danish culture, please [sign up](#) for our next spouse lunch on September 9<sup>th</sup>!

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia



**NEW JOB  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **ANA MORAIS**

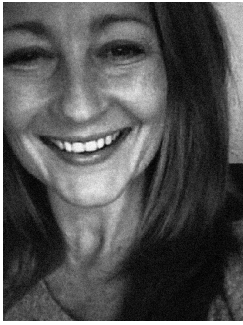
From Portugal, HVAC engineer

New Job: HVAC engineer, [ISC - Innovative engineering](#)

### **FREDERICK LUK**

From Australia, PhD in Philosophy (Medicine)

New Job: Center Lab Manager, Center for Chromosome Stability, [University of Copenhagen](#)



## Spotlight: Workindenmark's Spouse Programme

*How to get extra help and advice specifically for spouses to international employees working in Denmark?*

Besides assisting companies in Denmark with international recruitment, Workindenmark also helps international self-supporting spouses who are accompanying international profiles. Line Rauff is responsible for this programme.

*How can Workindenmark assist spouses in their job search?*

We offer a free of charge, 6 months spouse programme which consists of a job search course, workshops on Danish workplace culture, internships, LinkedIn and job interviews in Denmark – combined with company visits and individual coaching by one of our consultants.

During the programme, spouses

will get tips on how to target their materials to the Danish job market and to companies within specific fields of work. We do individual, hands-on work with CVs, application letters and strategies for job search.

Spouses get help to identify job vacancies that match their profile

and to learn how they successfully can approach a company (solicited and unsolicited), with a strong focus on making a personal contact.

Furthermore, spouses learn how to create a network on LinkedIn, how to use a network actively in searching

for a job in Denmark and how to succeed in a Danish job interview.

*Do you have any good job search tips after a nice and relaxed summer holiday?*

*"Find events on the website of International House such as 'Talking clubs to practice your Danish' or 'the Expat Fair' "*

LINE RAUFF

I think most important is to start realising that it is time to **get back in the habit!** Get up in the morning and log your actions, keep up with your to do list. Make sure that you tick off the things you get done and give yourself credit for making an effort.

Remember to update your LinkedIn profile and start contacting hiring managers.

## WELCOME TO NEW SPOUSES



- Sarah Louise Houston  
Australia
- Anita Martinez Pérez  
Spain
- Agnieszka Mlicka  
Poland / the Netherlands
- Nudrat UI Ain  
Pakistan
- Christiaan Greeff  
South Africa
- Roberta Distante  
Italy
- Poonam Nasipuri  
India

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- ⇒ **September 9th** - Working culture & Denmark. What to be aware of?
- ⇒ **October 14th** - Unsolicited job search. How do you personalise your unsolicited application? Does & Don'ts
- ⇒ **November 11th** - Mock Interview & Elevator Pitch. How to improve your personal performance at a job interview?
- ⇒ **December 9th** - Applying JTI: What's your type and preference?

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



### SPOUSE WITH KIDS MEETUP

The meetup is for parents with children (babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers); pregnant spouses and everybody in our network who would like to join a parents' spouse group. This initiative is run by volunteers of KU-spouses headed by Ines Mosler, who is a Swiss Child Psychologist. Meetings will be held every 2nd week on weekdays from 13-15hrs. at International House, 6th floor.

[Please register here.](#)