



# Vetschool News

Newsletter for the veterinary departments  
IKV & IVH



21-06-2019

## News from the School Director

Dear All,

The interviews for the veterinary program (Kvote II-interviews) this year were interesting – again. It is so good to meet many eager, young applicants interested in animals and aimed at making a difference. However, it is also a bit annoying sometimes to meet the same persons having applied a number of years in a row and obviously they have missed the opportunity an equal number of times. To my mind the sound advice to applicants is really to make sure that you have a solid plan B in stead of putting yourself in an interim position for years.

And further to issues related to the admission of new students I think that there is a need for us to make it absolutely clear for new students that the veterinary curriculum is more or less fully mandatory. Even if you have very strong views on animal rights or use of animals and animal products you must go through the whole curriculum to be eligible for a license to practice veterinary medicine. Basically the right to practice veterinary medicine is an exclusive right to treat other persons' animals and the curriculum at the university is aimed at fulfilling the minimum requirements. And with that in hand you are also eligible to work as veterinarian in all the other EU member countries.

With respect to animal science we do have some challenges right now and in the years to come. Mainly because the number of bachelor students is quite low. Which in just a few years may create a serious lack of highly qualified experts to support the Danish and international agrobusiness in general and also more specifically a lack of experts with evidence based knowledge to take a lead in our society in a new era of environmental perception and solution to complicated and often man-made problems.

30 March – 3 April 2020 – don't forget these dates. This week our veterinary curriculum will go through a full international accreditation performed by EAEVE.

EAEVE is the European accrediting organisation for veterinary schools within the European Union. The accreditation is based on an EU-directive detailing all the subjects necessary to graduate as a veterinarian. And let me add that EAEVE is by far the largest organisation in the world accrediting veterinary schools.

More information will be given throughout the fall semester.

But for now summer is here already – enjoy your holiday,

Hans Henrik Dietz

## News from IKV management



Kære IKV'ere

Nu kan vi ane Juli måned og dermed sommerferieperioden forude. Jeg tror, at det er et tiltrængt lyspunkt for os alle, for der har været ganske mange ting, der har påvirket det daglige arbejde.

Vi har gennemført Arbejdspladsvurdering (APV). På den positive side kan vi glæde os over en meget høj jobtilfredshed, meningsfulde arbejdsopgaver, og at ens evner og viden bringes i spil. Desværre var der også nogle problemområder såsom ubalance, stress og forskellige følger heraf. Ligeledes har vi en udfordring med ergonomi og sygefravær som følge af belastning. Jeg tager problemerne meget alvorligt, og vi er allerede i gang med at arbejde os ind på forskellige løsningsmuligheder.

Vi har også en udfordring med den fysiske undervisningsinfrastruktur, hvor mange apparater og udstyr er på ønskelisten over emner, der skal udskiftes. Det er en meget stor udfordring, ikke mindst i lyset af de betydelige indeklima og skimmelsvampeproblemer i vore bygninger på Frederiksberg. Indeklimaudfordringerne ser desværre ud til at være mere omfattende end først antaget, og det påvirker os alle. Ikke blot på grund af de evindelige flytninger og rokader til mere eller mindre hensigtsmæssige placeringer, men også på grund af uvisheden om, hvad der kommer til at ske. Heldigvis har vi god opbakning fra fakultetet og CampusService SUND.

Vi har dog mange gode oplevelser, som f.eks. undervisningsprisen Saly's Hest, der denne gang kom til Taastrup, hvor den nu pryder i det fine udstillingsskab. Vi kunne også glæde os over, at flere fik Diplomate-grader, så vi nu er oppe på 16. Og så glæder vi os alle, når vore studerende består deres eksaminer, og vi skal vinke dem afsted til et nyt kapitel i deres arbejdsliv.

Her op til sommerferien er vi også ved at færdiggøre IKV's Mål- og Handleplan for 2020-2023, og det er klart, at fokus er på at skabe så gode rammer for vores arbejde som muligt.

Sommerperioden er jo ofte lig med sommerferie, men hos os er der jo gang i det hele året rundt – også om sommeren, hvor der er sommerskoler, patienter og klienter. Det kræver en betydelig koordination og stor samarbejdsvilje for at få alle de underliggende kabaler til at gå op. Det kommer ikke bare af sig selv, så derfor skal der lyde en meget stor tak til alle for at hjælpe med at få det hele til at gå op.

De bedste hilsner og god sommer  
Asger Lundorff Jensen  
Institutleder, IKV

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## News from IVH management



During the first half year of 2019, we have had several fruitful discussions in the IVH occupational health and safety committee (LAMU) and in the IVH collaboration committee (LSU). This week we had a joint meeting in these committee's and discussed the results of the IVH workplace assessment (WPA) which showed challenges with especially appropriate balance between working hours and workload, stress and in several sections also confidence in daily management. During the next months, dialogue meetings will be held in all sections in order to follow up with appropriate actions aiming at improving the well-being among staff. In the autumn LAMU/LSU will discuss the sections initiatives. Also LSU/LAMU found it appropriate at the department level to take initiatives to ensure good leadership including aligned communication from the different leadership levels (department head, section heads and research group leaders) to all staff. The physical working environment is hampered by several problems with the indoor climate and we need to continue reporting this to Campus Service and at the same time identify local remedial measures.

During the first half year we have also been busy with preparing and implementing the Veterinary contingency (see also update below). The work has included dialogue with the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and we have started the preparation of the 2020 work program including both research, monitoring and advisory service. It is really an exciting task but also challenging to prioritize new initiatives across various focus areas and disciplines and to ensure optimal balance between and within the sections which are most heavily involved in the contingency. From first of July, we will welcome new staff from Lindholm and in addition, we will advertise several other new positions in the autumn in order to be ready and fully up running from first of January 2020. Finally yet importantly, you have all been very busy with our core activities teaching, research and knowledge dissemination and I want to thank all of you for the huge effort and wish you a nice summer and a well-deserved summer holiday.

### Update on the Veterinary contingency

IVH took over the responsibility for the majority of necropsies associated with the Danish surveillance and preparedness for notifiable diseases March 2019. Four pathologists at Section for Pathobiology are responsible for handling incoming cases. It has been an overall positive experience, though almost all standard operation procedures have been in use and 143 case submissions, including more than 1174 cadavers and organs, was handled at IVH during the first four months. The submissions have included organs and cadavers for influenza, tuberculosis, brucellosis, rabbit hemorrhagic disease, avian influenza, Newcastle disease and scrapie analysis. The new BSL3 necropsy is used on a regular basis and functioning well. Also a new hatch for deliveries of cadavers outside working hours is now helping with the package logistics. The pathologists are now preparing to receive new types of BSL3 submissions, including animals suspected of having rabies, when the laboratories at Lindholm is closed down in July.

Best wishes and a nice Summer to all.  
Birgit Nørrung



The hatch for the receiving of packages outside Institute opening hours is located at Dyr lægevej 98



Handling of a swan in the BSL3 facility

19-06-2019

**Australien: Introduktion til Modelling of Disease Spread and Control - særudgave 2019**

Den 21. juni rejser Tariq Halasa og Carsten Thure Kirkeby til Sydney for at undervise 23 studerende i simuleringmodeller på kurset "Introduction to Modelling of Disease Spread and Control - Special course 2019".

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19-06-2019

**IDF Mastitis- konference afviklet med stor succes i København**

Stor iDF Mastitis-konference blev afholdt med succes den 14. - 16. maj i DGI-Byen i København.

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14-06-2019

**Dr Phan Thi Van to receive the Danida Alumni Prize 2019**

Danida Fellowship Centre has decided to award the Danida Alumni Prize 2019 to Dr Phan Thi Van, Director of the Research Institute of Aquaculture No 1 in Vietnam.

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20-06-2019

**Welcome to new colleagues at IVH**

New colleagues at IVH before the holidays.

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## Events

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Forsvar | 27-06-2019 kl. 13:00 - 16:00

**PhD defence: Elin Jørgensen**

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Forsvar | 28-06-2019 kl. 13:00 - 16:00

**PhD defence: Maria Søndergaard Thøfner**

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Reception | 28-06-2019 kl. 14:00 - 16:00

**Invitation til reception: Rikke Corth**

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