Reopening in sight – but hold on!

A year of lockdowns, partial reopening’s and new lockdowns will hopefully be over soon. While the authorities and the population are struggling to keep Covid-19 at bay, management at UCPH and DTU have made plans for how the next and hopefully last, corona reopening will proceed when students return to the UCPH and DTU campuses.

Both UCPH and DTU are still closed and will likely be closed until 1st of September, but with partial reopening from April. Read more of UCPH here and DTU here.

All travelling abroad is subject to approval by a faculty director prior to departure. Restrictions on teaching and exams apply until 1st of September 2021.

However, when UCPH and DTU gradually open up, the plan for reopen will follow this order and prioritized as follows:

1. Study places
2. On-site teaching
3. On-site exams
4. Academic events
5. Social events and student cafés

Employees and faculty-staff are not included in the above order for now. You can read more via this link.
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**BIRTHDAYS 🎂**
Next month we will celebrate Iary’s birthday at DAWN!

![Iary Davidzon]

**WELCOME ☀️**
Welcome to Kasper E. Heintz!

Kasper is currently a Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Iceland and also a DAWN associate as of 1 March. He works mainly on the interstellar medium of high-redshift galaxies, with focus on the chemical evolution through cosmic time, and in general on astronomical transients (FRBs, GRBs and GW events).

**UPCOMING EVENTS 🌩️**

- **Holiday/Easter Break:** 1 April - 5 April
- **Holiday/Prayers Day:** Friday 30 April

**Reminder:** Your ‘last special-holidays’ must be reported before 30 April. If you have not signed-up, then these days will automatically be allocated for the 29 March to 7 April.

- **DG Annual Report Deadline:** 26 March
- **ISM (International Staff Mobility) Tax Course:** 8 April
  - [Link and sign-up](#) (it’s free but you need to register)
- **ISM Danish Workplace Culture Webinar:** 26 April
- **The DTU Annual Party 2021 (Virtual):** 23 April at 17:00. You need to [sign-up before here](#)
- **“Quantifying and Managing Uncertainty”**
  - Dr Richard Scalzo (DARE, University of Sydney)
  - 29 April: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM AEST
- **ISM (Virtual from Beirut) 11-14 May 2021:**
  - [Structure, Characteristic scales and star formation](#)
- **DG Annual Meeting:** 17 May
- **“Exploring the Universe Without Costing the Earth”**
  - Dr Natasha Hurley-Walker (Curtin University)
  - 27 May 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM AEST
- **Webinar: Where the Earth Meets the Sky 27-28 May**
  - Deadline 15 May: Registration Workshop. Contact Iary Davidzon iary.davidzon@nbi.ku.dk for more information and questions.
- **DAWN Summer Program 7 June – 20 August 2021:**
  - [SURF@DAWN: TBD](#)
  - [DAWN IRES Summer Program: TBD](#)

**ZOOM WEBINARS ONBOARD!**

Do you want to set-up a Webinar for your next activity? UCPH-IT has a limited number of free licenses for webinars in Zoom every month.

We must book the live event at least **one week** in advance through KU-IT System (Helena Baungaard can help with this).

The basic info needed before submitting:

- Event title
- The date of the event and the exact starting and finishing time;
- Name, email and UCPH username of the host(s) (who will be "producers" and “presenters”)
- Expected number of participants
- A brief description of the event (not mandatory)

[Link for more info right here](#) or contact Section Secretary Helena Baungaard, helena.baungaard@nbi.ku.dk for more guidance.
What are *Gækkebreve*?

‘Gække’, translated to English, is a combination of ‘teasing’ and to ‘guess’. Creating and sending these “snowdrop letters” is a unique Danish tradition. In the weeks before Easter, children cut out elaborate shapes on paper, then write a “teaser poem.” The letter is anonymous but signed with a number of dots corresponding to the number of letters in the sender’s name. If the recipient can guess who the *gækkebreve* is from, the sender owes the recipient an egg. If he/she cannot, they owe the sender an (chocolate)-egg. The letter is often accompanied by a *vintergække* (snowdrop flowers), which is considered the first flower of the year. Watch and be inspired by this short YouTube tutorial.

Cherry Blossom Trees and Sakura in Copenhagen! In locations around Copenhagen there are many of the beautiful pink and white Cherry Blossoms Trees planted and they usually blossom in April. The trees are beautiful and they only blossom for a short time once a year. A must see!

There are traditional and open spots at e.g. Kastellet/Langelinie at Østerbro to view the trees. Find more about locations here and read more about Copenhagen Sakura Festival (online due to Covid) here.