



SDU International Club

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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February Calendar

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity”

Albert Einstein, German theoretical physicist (1879-1955)

February 4th: IC family time **Family meeting**

“MA-MA”, the SDU International Parents’ Group, is pleased to invite you and your family to our monthly family meeting.

It’s been a long time since we’ve seen each other, so it’s time to catch up with the other families of the group and welcome new members. Don’t miss this wonderful event. We’ll have a good time!

Please sign up at: cip@language.sdu.dk and we’ll let you know the time and venue.

February 8th @ 19.00 **Danish Table at “Alfred and Kamilla”** **Taler du Dansk?**

This activity will be held once a month, an opportunity to practise your Danish while you have fun over dinner at this nice restaurant, Rugårdsvej 103, 500 Odense C. We chat about spontaneous themes in Danish (your language level doesn’t matter) while we enjoy good food. It is a great way to communicate naturally in Danish.

In addition we offer:

Informal conversations with a Danish teacher
Preparation for an exam

Support in special tasks or specific situations where you find it difficult to express yourself

Help to find more information related to Danish culture or daily life in Denmark.

The instruction will be held at the University, at the teacher’s home or other venue.

If interested in any of the above proposals, please contact the Danish teacher Birgit Hjort at birgit-hjort@hotmail.com
You are welcome to contact her in English.

February 14th @ 19.30 **Opera “Don Giovanni”** **A different Valentine’s day!**

The Jyske (Jutland) Opera presents a great production:
Mozart’s Don Juan.

Don Juan is based on the legend of the adventurous man who dedicated his life to conquering women’s hearts by any kind of scrupulous means. The Opera achieved the highest status as a masterpiece of all time.

Musical performance: Odense symphony Orchestra
Odense Koncerthus, Claus Bergs Gade 9, 5000 Odense
Price: 340 kr.

There are limited places, so if interested sign up NOW at sgg@sdu.dk



by Eugenio del Nobile

On the edge

If You Forget Me

By Pablo Neruda

I want you to know one thing.

You know how this is: if I look
at the crystal moon, at the red branch
of the slow autumn at my window,
if I touch near the fire
the impalpable ash or the wrinkled body of the log,
everything carries me to you, as if everything that exists,
aromas, light, metals, were little boats
that sail toward those isles of yours that wait for me.

Well, now, if little by little you stop loving me
I shall stop loving you little by little.

If suddenly you forget me
do not look for me, for I shall already have forgotten you.

If you think it long and mad, the wind of banners
that passes through my life,
and you decide to leave me at the shore
of the heart where I have roots, remember that on that day,
at that hour, I shall lift my arms
and my roots will set off to seek another land.

But if each day, each hour,
you feel that you are destined for me
with implacable sweetness, if each day a flower
climbs up to your lips to seek me, ah my love, ah my own,
in me all that fire is repeated,
in me nothing is extinguished or forgotten,
my love feeds on your love, beloved,
and as long as you live it will be in your arms
without leaving mine

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February 15th @ 17.30

Art workshop

We are pleased to announce a series of free workshops: "The Art Workshop: getting in touch with your brain's right hemisphere". The course will be held at the university on Wednesdays, 5.30-7.00pm, usually every second week starting 1 February, 2012. Proposed dates are 1/2, 15/2, 29/2, 14/3, 29/3, 11/4, 5/5, 22/5.

Using a variety of materials, we will create works of art, exploring how we use colours and shapes to express ourselves.

So drop your inhibitions, if you have any, and come for the sheer pleasure of it. Course leader, Pauline Grolin, is a Canadian, a psychologist and an amateur artist. She enjoys painting with acrylics, drawing with pastels and doing "soul collage". If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandra Gonzalez at sgg@sdu.dk

February 16th @ 11.00

Children day at Løvens Hule (Edisonvej 9, 5000 Odense C)

"MA-MA", the SDU International Parents' Group, kindly invites you to join us for our next meeting. We'll meet at Løvens Hule, a wonderful place for our children to play and have fun. As usual, the aim of the meeting is to get together, have fun and share our experiences about maternity, children and family wellbeing. Pregnant spouses/partners and mums with small children are very welcome.

Please check this link: www.lovenshule.dk

Prices: 0-24 months FREE
2-99 years old 65 kr.

Please sign up at: cip@language.sdu.dk

February 23rd @ 19.00

Stammtisch

Gathering @ "La Piazza" Restaurant, Brandts Passage, 5000 Odense C
This is our regular international evening with Italian food, worldwide music and a table with guests from all around the world. It is a wonderful opportunity to enlarge your network and learn about other cultures!

Join us! Sign up at sgg@sdu.dk

February 24th @18.00

Girls' night out

Lights, camera, action!

"MA-MA", the SDU International Parents' Group, cordially invites all the mothers of the group to a night of fun because there is nothing quite like city lights, an incredible movie and the wonders of a Girls' Night Out.

Just remember our single rule... ladies only!

Please join us for a night at the movies at Café Biografen, Brands Passage 39.

Check this link: www.cafebio.dk

Please sign up at: cip@language.sdu.dk and you'll receive information about the exact time and the movie we'll see.

February 28th @ 11.00

SDU's International Spouses Forum

Let's get together and support each other!

While your partner is facing academic and research challenges, you are facing a somewhat different, but also very important challenge in adjusting your life to a new society.

The International Spouses Forum can be your first step in enriching your time here. We know about the significant changes in your life involved in moving here.

We want to help you to invest your time well while you search for a job by creating an interesting and satisfying life in Denmark.

Make use of the varied activities we prepare for you, take action according to your interests and circumstances and let's help each other build both our professional and social networks.

The International Staff Office invites you to a meeting / forum to explore possibilities and alternatives to assist each other in our current situations. Join us with ideas, suggestions and creativity to find a way to be proactive.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 28th February

Please confirm your attendance by e-mail: agnieszkasw@yahoo.com and you will be told the venue closer to the date.



by Evelina Kvirtunaite

They say that sometimes bad decisions make the most beautiful and amazing stories. I say, listen to your intuition. There is no bad and no good. There is no one else to live your life. Everything happens for a reason as if it was brought to your life, to your shores for a very good reason.

With time and with times we learn some of the reasons or answers, but the scariest part is to actually ignore the fear of the unknown and to go for what you really want.

Creative life belongs to those who know where the magic is. Creative life is for those who are not scared to let go of the comforts of the ordinary life and jump into something wonderful. Even if that jump must be a bungee-jump ☺.

They say the most beautiful stories are the ones that you can tell yourself, the stories of love. Therefore I wish that you may love life and tell your stories!

