

## LMC News



### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?

.....the LMC-secretariat wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### Network for a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) - FOOD

LMC and Øresund Food Network (ØFN, the applicant) have received a 2M DKK funding from the Danish Council for Strategic Research to be used for the establishment of a network. The Swedish counterpart - Vinnova – is expected to support the initiative with the same amount. The aim of the network is to get the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) to launch a call for a KIC within the area of food science.

To fulfil the aims of the network, a secretariat will be established. The secretariat will be linked directly to ØFN, LMC and Skåne Food Innovation Network. Moreover LMC will be represented in the steering committee of the network.

The former chairman of the LMC board, Bent Claudi Lassen, has accepted to work as a lobbyist for the network.



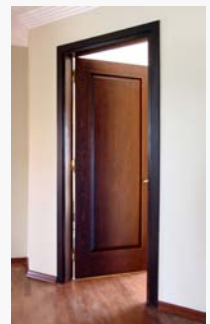
### LMC Unique – a reality – as a pilot project

For about a year, LMC has worked and advocated for the allocation of a core pot of money through a public-private partnership (government, industry and universities) - also called the LMC Unique.

The last details are not yet decided, but food science and energy are the two research fields selected for being launched as pilot projects, i.e. centres will be established within these fields. The Danish Council for Strategic Research and The Danish Council for Technology and Innovation have together allocated 60M for the project and the ambition is a total amount of 100M - the remaining funding to be covered by private and public co-financing.

In the year to come, LMC will support the interest and collaboration for this unique opportunity. The launch of the pilot project will be advertised in the beginning of January 2010 with expected calls in May.

In the long run the vision is to replace the pilot project with a larger and prolonged pot of money inspired from e.g. the Top Institutes in the Netherland and the American CITRIS model.



### LMC – now 5 universities

From 2010 Aalborg University (AAU) will be a partner within the LMC as they have entered into an agreement similar to AU, SDU, KU and DTU.

The Committees within LMC is therefore expanded with the following persons from AAU:

*Board of Directors:* Vice Dean Lene Lange  
*Executive Committee:* Head of Department Karl Brian Nielsen  
*FOKO:* Professor Bent Egberg Mikkelsen  
*Board of Food Denmark:* Professor Niels Heine Kristensen

