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Dear readers,

Just before the year ends I would like to draw your attention to a workshop that takes place in Paris.

Lifetime and stability of hybrid and organic devices
April 21-22, 2016, UPMC, Paris. [Details on our homepage.](#)

Registration will open in January. It is meant to be especially for the students working in the field to exchange their knowledge and meet interesting scientists in the field.

Horst-Günter Rubahn, head of the Mads Clausen Institute, SDU, has been appointed honorary doctor at Kaunas University of Technology, which is the largest technical university in the Baltic countries. [Read more.](#)

Read also an introduction of Mehrad and a report of a secondment by Miles Rooney to give you an example of what it is like.

With this I would like to thank all of you for a nice and fruitful cooperation.

**Warmest thoughts and best wishes
for a wonderful holiday and a
very happy New Year.**

Yours,

Katharina



My name is Mehrad Ahmadpour and I was born in Iran. I enrolled in my bachelor from Tehran Polytechnic University in Electrical Engineering which provided me a broad vision not only in engineering field but also in various field including photonics which I have chosen to be my master degree field. By doing my master I gain a sound knowledge in the field of material science and nanotechnology. I dedicated my master thesis to investigation and fabrication of small molecule organic solar cell which end up with very alluring results reflected both in a publication and my master dissertation. Study in Denmark as a PhD student is a unique experience from both technical work and everyday life; to be in a country which hosts a very international community and to see people from all around the world are actually building a very successful country is amazing and pretty joyfull.



Myles at the Christmas Party with Danish "Øl"

I have recently spent a two month secondment at the University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg. Moving country and place of work for such a short time can be an uncomfortable experience but at SDU this was not the case.

I arrived to a warm welcome at the small seaside campus and was shown around the relatively new university building. The purpose of my visit here was to develop skills for fabrication of organic solar cells, the quality of equipment and fabrication experience found at SDU is exemplary, I have benefited greatly from the experience and look forward to bringing some of the experience back to the University of Milan Bicocca.

From start to finish I learned how to properly fabricate organic solar cells beginning with lithography and development of ITO substrates followed by Spin coating bilayer devices with materials I made in Milan. The Thin film cells were completed in the sophisticated evaporation cluster system which was very useful for optimising layer thicknesses.

Although Science was the main purpose for my visit to Denmark the strong social atmosphere at SDU showed through with weekly football tournaments between PhD students and supervisors alike, I was also lucky enough to witness the madness of a Danish Christmas party that involves a vicious game of snatching presents from your co-workers, fuelled of course by the Danish delicacy...schnapps.

Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my time at SDU, the experience I have gained has helped to progress my research as well as to extend my personal Network.



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