



## **International Student and Buddy Association (ISBA) at the Engineering College of Aarhus**

When an international student arrives to Engineering College of Aarhus they will be connected to a buddy, who is going to be helpful with the accommodation and establishment at the College.

The Buddies are Danish students at the Engineering College of Aarhus. The students receive only a limited amount of money from the Government (Education Support of the State), and are therefore financially restricted. With money from sponsors, the association can provide the Buddies and the International students an opportunity to travel around in the country and experience the Danish culture.

Sponsorships from companies will be given to the international students and their buddies who draw up a plan of the desired activities for the international students during their stay. The board of the association or the student representative needs to evaluate the plan before its acceptance. The plan is drawn up well ahead of time before the activities of the international student and the buddy. The plan has to include an outlined timetable and a budget. If there are questions during planning period regarding economy, companies or information regarding places these should be posed to a member of the board or to the student representative, who will be helpful finding answers. It is the duty of the buddy to communicate information and offer the international student a range of things to do which is of a cultural character, and it is his duty to point to Danish cultural experiences, such as monuments, nature resorts and Danish spare time- and industrial environment.

This is meant as a supplement to the offers from International Students Center, not as a competitive to it.

**Economy:**

Companies of relevance to students at Engineering College of Aarhus will be contacted with reference to network and economical support. Besides the support from companies, it will be possible to apply for grants from the municipality to the activities for the project. The municipality expresses in a brochure that internationalization is part of the plan for the future infrastructure of Aarhus.

**The start:**

The founder of the association, Stefan B. Dyrberg, has written the articles concerning the aim, policy and method of the association. The regulations describe the handling of the administration.

From the official start date, the association will consist of a board gathered by the founder, who will preside until the first coming general meeting.

The regulations are approved and passed by the board at the first official meeting.

**Premises:**

The association is located at Engineering College of Aarhus. Regarding the rearrangement of the employees at Engineering College of Aarhus, it has been possible to have office facilities, room 328.



### **Tasks:**

- The primary purpose of the association is to give as much support and counseling to the international students and their buddies as possible.
- In time a great deal of material will be gathered to serve as work of reference for future buddy teams. The material will contain practical information about relevant issues to help the members fast and efficiently.
- Concerning the economy the association will be the place for buddy teams to be fully or reimbursed for their costs regarding to places of interesting excursions.
- To participate in the recruitment of Danish Students who want to commit themselves to the task of being buddies to international students.
- The association will be represented by at least one member at the reception of new groups of international students.
- Always to be at service for the international students.

To be a catalyst for a smooth and good integration of the international students at Engineering College of Aarhus.