

## **UPSC signs an agreement with Center for Molecular Plant Physiology (PlaCe) at KVL in Copenhagen**

Umeå Plant Science Centre (UPSC) has signed a collaborative agreement with one of the strongest research environments for plant science in Scandinavia, the Center for Molecular Plant Physiology (PlaCe) at KVL in Copenhagen. The purpose of this agreement is to further strengthen plant science research in Scandinavia through promoting collaborative links between national centres of excellence.

PlaCe is part of Konglige Veterinær- of Landbohøjskole (KVL) in Frederiksberg, Copenhagen, equivalent to the Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences (SLU). The goal is to strengthen Scandinavian research in the fields of plant biochemistry, plant molecular biology and plant biotechnology. Collaborative research projects already exist between the two centres and these links developed into discussions of a deeper collaboration in the autumn of 2005. UPSC and PlaCe have complimentary technical and research profiles, particularly within the fields of photosynthesis, stress and plant cell wall biology. The collaboration will also strengthen both centres' teaching and outreach activities.

There are plans to extend the collaboration to other Scandinavian countries to create a Scandinavian "Centre of Excellence" in experimental plant science. To be among the international research elite in any field, it is not enough to provide research leadership on specific topics, it is necessary to have a network of collaboration with other strong research environments so that together you can provide international leadership for your research discipline, says Göran Samuelsson, UPSC.

Read more about PlaCe on <http://www.place.kvl.dk>

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