

## Joint Nordic Programme in Plant Pathology

NorPath is a new international MSc Programme in Plant Pathology offered by a consortium of 5 Nordic universities in Helsinki, Copenhagen, Reykjavik, Uppsala/Ultuna and Ås. The programme is a two year Mobility Programme equivalent to 120 ECTS. The Programme gives the student an opportunity to spend study time at two or more of the Nordic partner universities. All study activities are offered in English. The Mobility Programme starts by enrolling students at KU-LIFE (Copenhagen, Denmark) and UMB (Ås, Norway) in 2008.

In addition to core courses in plant pathology offered by the university partners, key elements are:

- An introductory two-week summer school course '[Plant Pathology in a changing world](#)'. The course is described in UMB's course catalog as [PLV320](#). The two-week course is mandatory and is common for all students enrolled in the programme. In 2008 it will be held in Denmark from 10<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Travel costs will be covered by NordPlus
- A common course in Molecular Plant Pathology planned in 2008-2009.
- The MSc thesis based on a research topic, which the student identifies in collaboration with a relevant supervisor. Students will have the opportunity to have their "hands on" laboratory or field based experiments, in close collaboration with ongoing research groups at the participating universities. The research topics are ranging from molecular and post-genomic studies of plant-microbe interactions, to epidemiology and disease management, through biological control and disease resistance. A third party, such as a public or private research organisation or company, may also be involved in the thesis work.

The programme will give students a unique opportunity to meet others who share the same interests and thereby build an international plant pathology network to solve problems for the future.

**Admission criteria:** A Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) in a relevant field. Good skills in English.

**Application deadline for Nordic and EU students:** 1 June 2008. Application form available at NorPath homepage.

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