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Danish research gets a breath of fresh air from abroad as the Danish National Research Foundation unveils six new Niels Bohr professors.

The Danish National Research Foundation has decided on the implementation of its *Niels Bohr Professorship* program. The Niels Bohr program has the distinct purpose of enriching Danish research communities with top-class researchers from abroad. This includes excellent international researchers, but the program is also an opportunity to "call" some of the outstanding Danish researchers who have chosen an academic career abroad home to Denmark, Klaus Bock, chairman of the board of the Danish National Research Foundation, said:

- With this program, we hope to strengthen the international dimension of several already very strong research environments and create an increased dynamic and interaction with international research environments. In this digital age, collaboration is possible with people and places anywhere in the world, but something especially fruitful comes out of working together personally and directly. This is precisely the possibility that we create with the Niels Bohr program.

The idea is that the Niels Bohr professors will spend between 50 and 100 percent of their time in Danish research environments over the next five years, and several of the professors will subsequently continue in permanent positions at the host institution. The foundation has decided to initiate contract negotiations to establish Niels Bohr Professorships for:

Professor **Lars Hesselholt**, University of Copenhagen, 30 M DKK
 Professor **Charles E. Leshner**, Aarhus University, 28 M DKK
 Professor **David Needham**, University of Southern Denmark, 29 M DKK
 Professor **Jaan Valsiner**, Aalborg University, 20 M DKK
 Professor **Subir Sarkar**, University of Copenhagen, 29 M DKK
 Professor **Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing**, Aarhus University, 29 M DKK

Thomas Sinkjær, director of the Danish National Research Foundation, is very pleased that the foundation was able to set up six new Niels Bohr Professorships; he said:

- We have received some remarkably qualified applications. Thanks to the new professors, new and exciting research will be generated. At the same time, the professors themselves represent an injection of international world-class researchers into the Danish research communities, and I am confident that they will become driving forces in those communities.

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