

**Linköping University  
Electronic Press**

**Activity Summary, 2006**

**February, 2007**

## 1. Organization

During 2006, E-Press comprised Erik Sandewall, Director (10%), and Peter Berkesand, Publishing Editor (100%). David Lawrence joined as Scientific Editor (75%) in April, while Anki Rune (administration) and Daniel Bergström (computer support) finished in December and October, respectively.

The Board for E-Press comprised Inger Rosdahl (chairperson), Bengt-Erik Eriksson (vice chairperson), Henrik Eriksson (Education Faculty), Per Hultman (Medical Faculty), Mark Ollila who was replaced by Ulf Nilsson in November (Technical Faculty), Marianne Nordlander (Library), Rut Jonsson (Secretary), Arvid Karsvall (StuFF) and Hanna Noppa (LinTek).

Additionally, 2006, saw the formation of an Advisory Board, consisting of Bo Bergström, Trygve Carlsson, Kajsa Ellegård, Urban Forsum, Reiner Lenz and Jonas Löwgren

## 2. Publications

Beginning in May, a significant effort was made by E-Press to manually enter the metadata for all Ph.D. theses that were not electronically published. Subsequently the authors were contacted, where possible, and encouraged to complete the publishing agreement so that the pdf file of their thesis could be obtained from LiU Tryck and published. The result of this was that the abstracts for 100% of all Ph.D. theses produced at LiU are Google searchable and that for 73% of all Ph.D. theses produced in 2006, the full text can be downloaded. This corresponds to 118 theses fully electronically published in 2006. Breaking this down by faculty, 63% of Faculty of Arts and Sciences Ph.D. theses were electronically published, 80% from the Faculty of Health Sciences, 72% from the Institute of Technology and 100% from the Faculty of Educational Sciences. Relative to 2005, these numbers represent roughly a doubling in the electronic publishing rate. To ensure that for 2007 and beyond the publishing rate continues to be high, routines were set up, to begin in 2007, in the faculties to make electronic publishing an automatic part of the Ph.D. (and Licentiate) examination process. The details vary a little from faculty to faculty, but in general they entail the faculties collecting the publishing agreement from the Ph.D. candidate about two months prior to the examination date. The candidate then enters their metadata just prior to "Spikning" and E-Press obtains the pdf file of the thesis from LiU Tryck and publishes the thesis. Students choosing not to publish electronically will have their motivation checked by the faculty. It is hoped that these procedures will result in the electronic publication of at least 95% of LiU Ph.D. and Licentiate theses.

Furthermore, 40 Licentiate theses were electronically published from a total of 74, or about 54%. Additionally, 576 undergraduate reports were electronically published. The result is that LiU E-Press now has a collection of 3500 undergraduate reports, 293 Ph.D. theses and 122 Licentiate theses.

Beyond theses, LiU E-Press also publishes Journals, Conference Proceedings and Series. In 2006, two Journals, Hygeia and IJAL produced new issues (IJAL, had two, while Hygeia had one) and both of these will have further issues in 2007. 2006 saw the publication of four new conference proceedings. Three new Series were started in 2006: Centrum för utbildning och lärande (CUL) started a new series for its reports, CUL Reports; the Institute of Health and Society started the series, IHS Reports; Centrum för utvärdering av medicinsk teknologi (CMT) started a series for its reports CMT Reports. Furthermore new material was published in the following existing series: Electronic Articles in Computer and Information Science, Linköping Studies in Identity and Pluralism, Linköping Studies in Mathematics,

Linköping University Interdisciplinary Studies, Tema V Report and Hälsouniversitetets rapportserie (the Medical Faculty's Report series).

LiU E-Press has continued to be active in the publication of historical databases. There are currently 10 databases transcribed by ArkivData that are ready to be published. Work has gone on in 2006, with the help of the library, to develop a model database publishing structure that can be used to publish each of the ArkivData databases.

### 3. Visitor Figures for 2006

Unique visitors ( <i>i.e.</i> coming from different I.P. addresses):	425 000
Number of visits ( <i>i.e.</i> including multiple visits from the same I.P. address):	560 000
Thesis downloads (Ph.D., Licentiate and undergraduate):	380 000
Visits to report series:	270 000
Visits to Journals:	105 000

65% of visitors from outside Sweden; 56% *via* Google.

Top series: CUL reports, Interdisciplinary studies, Economics, Göta Canal, Identity and Pluralism, Academic Policies and Trends.

Other pages generating significant interest: helpfiles, the databases page, various templates and our contact page.

### 4. Internal Activities

In the Spring of 2006, E-Press moved from E-huset to D-huset, to what is hopefully to be its permanent location. Together with this move and changes in personnel, the administration of the E-Press computer systems (local network and office computers, website server, a second server and a database computer) was transferred to the Library.

Work continued on Madame, a manuscript development tool for research groups, with Jonas Lundberg and Lars Hult developing an overview for the functionality for the software package. By the end of the year, Madame was at a stage where programming needed to begin. At the same point funding ran out. During 2006, an application was made to Bibsam, under their Open Access programme, to obtain funding to continue the Madame project. However, this was unsuccessful.

A second application to Bibsam was successful and 260 000 SEK was obtained to explore the possibilities of implementing a Journal Publication Service at Linköping E-Press.

A meeting of the Advisory Board in the Spring and a whole-day meeting of the E-Press Board in the Fall provided the foundation for a sub-committee (Bengt-Erik Eriksson, David Lawrence, Ulf Nilsson and Erik Sandewall) to develop a Strategic Plan for E-Press for 2007-2009.

### 5. External Activities

LiU E-Press has been active in the development of DiVA2. Peter Berkesand led a working group commissioned to do the planning for the search functions in the new version of DiVA. E-Press has also actively participated in the semi-annual user meetings for DiVA and an extra two-day planning meeting for DiVA2.

In the Autumn, work began to get IJAL and Hygiea indexed by various international databases. The objective is to increase the visibility of the journals as well as the University

and E-Press but making published articles easier to search for and to increase the impact factor of the journals. IJAL and Hygiea are already listed with DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org)), Karolinska Institutets MIKS (<http://search.kib.ki.se/miks/>) and the subject portal RASK (<http://rask.uu.se/>). Further, IJAL is listed with the Institute of Aging, IOA, (<http://www.aging.unc.edu/>). Work is currently on going with the following indexes:

CSA Pro Quest (<http://www.csa.com/>);

EBSCO Information Service (<http://www.ebsco.com/home/>);

ISI Web of Knowledge (<http://portal.isiknowledge.com/>);

Scopus (<http://www.scopus.com/scopus/home.url>).

Personnel from E-Press have been active in participating in national and international meetings and conferences: "Critical issues for the preservation of datasets" (Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet, Uppsala April 26, 27; *Open Scholarship 2006: New Challenges for Open Access Repositories* (Glasgow, October 18-20), *Legal Issues Around Electronic Publishing* (Stockholm, November 6).

Peter Berkesand gave a seminar in Malmö: *Hur man etablerar en elektronisk tidskrift* and both PB and DL gave various general lectures on electronic publishing to HU, IFM, CUL and IDA. On August 21-22, 2006 the SURF foundation, Netherlands, organized a workshop on electronic theses at Utrecht, inviting participants from Sweden (DL attended from LiU) and the United Kingdom. The overall objective was to share experiences in the different countries and to explore the possibilities for future collaboration.