

**Linköping University
Electronic Press**

Activity Summary, 2007

January, 2008

1. Organization

In March of 2007, Erik Sandewall, E-Press' director, resigned in order to take up a position at the Royal Institute in Stockholm. Between then and October, David Lawrence was acting Director. In October, Bengt-Erik Eriksson was appointed temporary Director for the remainder of the year, by which point a permanent solution was found as part of a larger restructuring of LiU E-Press. As of September 1st, the Board of Directors for E-Press (Inger Rosdahl (chairperson), Bengt-Erik Eriksson (vice chairperson), Henrik Eriksson (Faculty of Education), Per Hultman (Faculty of Health Sciences), Ulf Nilsson (Institute of Technology), Marianne Hällgren (Library), Rut Jonsson (Secretary), Arvid Karsvall (StuFF) and Hanna Noppa (LinTek)) was disbanded and E-Press moved wholly into the jurisdiction of LiU library, falling under the Board of Directors for the library. At the same time a steering group for LiU E-Press was formed, with Johan Fornäs (Faculty of Arts and Sciences) as its chairperson. As of the end of the year, the following people had been appointed: Henrik Eriksson (Faculty of Education), Bertil Kågedal (Faculty of Health Sciences), Liselott Thornell (Library). A representative from the Institute of Technology is still under consideration. Further, David Lawrence and Marianne Hällgren have been appointed to participate in steering group meetings. The plan is that the steering group will meet roughly bi-monthly with one meeting per term also including members of an external Advisory Board. A sum of approximately 100 000 SEK has been allocated for use by the steering group for travel and small projects.

It proved to be impossible to find a replacement for Erik Sandewall as director of E-Press, there being no one of equivalent experience and having a suitable contact network, and hence it was decided to include in the duties of the Head Librarian, some of the duties of Director of LiU E-Press and to transfer some of the duties of the Director to the Scientific Editor.

In December, Linköping's Publication Database (Pub Dbase) was moved into LiU E-Press with the web interfaces related to Pub Dbase. With this transfer, Johan Toll's position, as responsible person for Pub Dbase has been moved into E-Press and increased to 100% (from 50% previously). Additionally, Anders Fåk and the Library IT group will have an increased role in E-Press.

The computer resources for E-Press moved into the library at the beginning of 2007 and server control and updating now lies with the Library IT group. This has allowed E-Press to make significant changes to its web pages during 2007 (*e.g.* change of layout to the current LiU style, implementation of search capability for material retained on computers in Linköping (as opposed to material in DiVA), layout and publication of a number of historical databases,...).

E-Press changed location one further time at the end of 2007, moving into the Humanities Library and giving closer proximity to the library IT group and others who can contribute to E-Press activities.

2. Publications

Theses

In January 2007, LiU E-Press stopped contacting Ph.D. students who had failed to published their theses electronically and has relied upon new routines implemented in each of the

faculties to ensure that as many Ph.D. theses as possible were published electronically. The result has been that (as of January, 2008) the percentage of theses produced in each faculty that were electronically published is 86%, Faculty of Arts and Science, 85%, Institute of Technology, 81% Faculty of Health Sciences and 44%, Education Faculty, giving an overall average across the university of 82% (from a total of 187 theses). These figures represent an increase from 2006 (an overall average of 75%), however are not as high as is desired. The figure for the Faculty of Arts and Science is a limit since the theses not published at E-Press were published with an external, commercial publisher. Experience shows that it is expected that over the first quarter of 2008 the number of theses defended in 2007 and published electronically will increase several percent. However, to improve the situation somewhat, in late November implementation began for electronic thesis registration (a process in which a Ph.D. candidate enters the metadata for their thesis prior to “spikning” and the “spikblad” is then generated automatically from the metadata). Students currently have to create their own “spikblad” and enter their data at LiU E-Press separately. By combining these two processes it is envisaged that the metadata for all theses will be collected at E-Press and that the subsequent electronic publication rate will be increased (students only need to fill in and sign a publication agreement to complete the process).

Beyond Ph.D. theses, 32 Licentiate theses (of 64 in total) were published electronically and 544 undergraduate theses were published electronically. These raised the total publications at LiU E-Press to 480, 160 and 4110 Ph.D., Licentiate and Undergraduate theses, respectively.

Conference Proceedings and Series

LiU E-Press continued to be active in publishing conference proceedings, series and journals. Eight conference proceedings were published in 2007 and four new series were approved: [Rapport från Institutionen för Samhälls och välfärdsstudier](#), [Studier av vuxenutbildning, folkbildning och högre utbildning](#), [Technical reports in Computer and Information Science](#) and [Kinda Canal Research at Linköping University](#). New material was also published in the existing series: [Linköping Studies in Identity and Pluralism](#), [Linköping University Interdisciplinary Studies](#), [Tema V Report](#) and [Hälsouniversitetets rapportserie](#) (the Medical Faculty’s Report series), [CMT Reports](#), [CUL Reports](#), and [Reports from the Department of Social and Welfare Studies](#).

Journals

One new international journal was approved: Service Design Journal, although its first issued has not been published yet. [Hygiea Internationalis](#) and [International Journal of Ageing and Later Life published](#) 2 and 1 new issues, respectively. During 2007, these journals began being indexed by [Scopus](#), [CSA](#) and [EBSCO](#). Additionally, E-Press joined [CrossRef](#), which allows all journal articles to be assigned a permanent DOI (digital object identifier) and allows cross-linking of reference lists.

Historical Databases

In addition to the above, five historical databases were published during 2007. These databases are so-called longitudinal databases containing mainly historical archive material for research: [Database of Fines, Linköping and Norrköping](#), [Hospital Records for the County Hospital of Östergötland](#), [Norrköping's Police Authority Database](#), [Prison Records of Linköping's Remand Prison](#), [Norrköping's Prison and Spinning House](#). All transcription was

done directly from the originals and the [Regional Archives in Vadstena](#), Sweden, supplied all the registers. [ArkivData](#) in Norrköping have carried out digitalization of the originals.

Parallel Publishing

At the very end of 2007, E-Press began a new initiative: encouraging parallel publishing of research articles. Over the last two years the commercial publishers have begun to recognize the growing momentum behind the Open Access movement (all publicly funded research should be freely available, without subscription) and now allow (in many cases) authors of research articles to make the text of their articles available on institutional servers (*e.g.* E-Press). E-Press began an active information campaign, late in the fall of 2007 to inform researchers of the possibilities and advantages of parallel publishing. Simultaneously, E-Press now contacts an author for newly published articles that are indexed in Scopus to offer them the potential to parallel publish the article. Over the last couple of weeks of 2007, 20 articles were parallel published. As these have been published, LiU's publication database was updated (if the article was not already registered there it was added, if it was, a link to the full-text at LiU E-Press was added and any missing data was added (*e.g.* abstract, DOI, *etc.*).

3. Visitor Figures

2007 saw a significant increase in the traffic to E-Press web site:

Unique visitors:	531 700
Thesis downloads:	1 055 000
Visits to report series:	380 000
Visits to Journals:	200 000

75% from outside Sweden; 71% *via* Google.

4. External Activities

E-Press continues to take an active roll in the development of DiVA. Peter Berkesand headed up a group studying searching and other functionality for implementation in the new version of DiVA, DiVA2. The final report from the group was presented to DiVA in the Spring. Peter also participated in a group looking at the registration of documents, with a particular interest in scientific articles. Additionally, E-Press has participated in both semi-annual DiVA users meetings.

E-Press was granted money from the Royal Library's Open Access programme to explore the possibility of offering a journal publication service. LiU E-Press developed a journal editorial support system (JARSS) a number of years ago which has been in use with Elsevier's Artificial Intelligence Journal. The objective with the current project was to offer JARSS to others wishing to test it possibilities. After making presentations about JARSS' capabilities in the Spring, interest picked up significantly by the end of 2007, with the result that some 10 groups either had test installations of JARSS or were working with E-Press to explore the possibilities of starting a new journal. An interim report was submitted to the

Royal Library at the end of the year and final reporting is to be done before the summer, 2008.

LiU E-Press joined the project *Aiding Scientific Journals Towards Open Access Publishing*. The first meeting was held in Lund, 28th to 29th August. The purpose of this project addresses Open Access from the point of view of the publication of Open Access journals, including both the transition of existing journals to Open Access mode, and supporting leading scientists in our universities that wish to create new journals in Open Access mode. Our primary purpose is to provide information and tools for those university-based organisations that serve as publishers for these Open Access journals, including University libraries, university (electronic) presses, and others like them. The project is organised as six work groups that address different aspects of the overall topic of the project.

Presentations were made at five conferences: [Mötesplats Open Access](#), [Policymaking workshop on Open Access](#), [HSS 07](#), [IATUL 2007 Global Access to Science. Scientific Publishing for the Future](#), and [10th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations](#).

Numerous presentations were made to the departments and institutions around LiU, including a status report for LiU's leadership in December.