

**Linköping University
Electronic Press**

Activity Summary, 2008

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1. Organization

2008 was the first full year for E-Press under its new organizational structure (fully within the library and combined with PubDb), with its own Steering Group. The Steering Group comprised Johan Fornäs (Faculty of Arts and Sciences, chairperson), Henrik Eriksson (Faculty of Education), Bertil Kågedal (Faculty of Health Sciences), Reiner Lenz (Institute of Technology) and Liselott Thornell (Library). Further, David Lawrence and Marianne Hällgren have been appointed to participate in steering group meetings. The Steering group met four times. In addition, E-Press' advisory group was resurrected, however, it was decided that it would comprise only external members. One combined meeting of E-Press' Steering Group and the Advisory Group was held in September. At that point the Advisory Group comprised, Bo Bergström, Trygve Carlsson and Jonas Löwgren. It was decided by the Steering Group and approved by the Library board that the number of Advisors would be increased by two. Two names have been proposed but as of writing have not been approached.

A new strategic plan (2009-2011) was developed for the combined activities of E-Press and PubDb. The main focus of activities is to be on increasing content, mainly through parallel publishing of research articles.

2. Publications

In the beginning of September a new version of the E-Press publishing system, DiVA was released by Uppsala University. It was released prematurely and much of the Autumn was required to correct bugs and implement all the functionality. By the end of September, the new system is working well and in the end of 2008 with new functions such as import from PubMed. The new system will allow more local services to be developed, such as creation of publication lists for grant applications and personal web pages.

Theses

The routines in the Faculties that were implemented in 2006/2007 for Ph.D. theses continued to work well. In the end, some 95% of theses from 2007 have been published in full text (with full bibliographical records for the remaining). Half of those that were not published at E-Press were published commercially. At this point, 86% of 201 from 2008 theses have been published in full text. It is expected that this will rise by some 10% through the Spring of 2009 as those students who choose to publish after their defence do so.

Beyond Ph.D. theses, 41 Licentiate theses (of 61 in total) were published electronically and 597 undergraduate theses were published electronically. These raised the total publications at LiU E-Press to 640, 208 and 4794 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. Five conference proceedings were published in 2008 and one new series was started: [Linköpings universitet, Institutionen för beteendevetenskap och lärande](#). New material was published in many of the existing series.

Journals

Two new international journals were approved: [Culture Unbound](#) and [Northern European Journal of Language Technology](#). [Hygiea Internationalis](#) and [International Journal of Ageing and Later Life](#) published one new issue each.

The Library Board decided in 2008 that external journals (i.e. those for which the editorial staff has no connection with LiU) could be hosted at E-Press. Furthermore, it was decided that this service would be offered at no cost.

Parallel Publishing

A major focus in 2008 was put on parallel publishing of research articles. Initially Scopus was used as a source of information for new publications from LiU researchers. Late in 2008 this was switched to ISI Web of Science. Authors from new articles for which there was a possibility for parallel publishing were emailed to notify them of the opportunity. In November work began on a system to automate much of this process, so that by the end of the year, the contact with authors was mainly automatic and included a partially filled in publishing agreement; authors are asked to send their last draft of an article (in most cases) and return the signed publishing agreement. The result of these initiatives and an information campaign was that some 180 articles were parallel published.

3. Visitor Figures

2008 again saw an increase in the traffic to E-Press web site:

Unique visitors:	670 000
Thesis downloads:	1 300 000
Visits to report series:	350 000
Visits to Journals:	200 000
Visits to Conference Proceedings:	175 000

75% from outside Sweden; 60% *via* Google.

4. Publication Database

Much of 2008 was spent in planning the transfer of material from PubDb to DiVA. Because of the complexities of having both LiU and Landstinget i Östergötland (LiO) publications to register, solutions to a number of problems arising from this had to be found. Extensive meetings were held with key people from LiU and LiO and a detailed plan for the transfer of material through the Spring of 2009 was developed and approved by the Library Board. As part of the transfer, errors in the articles registered will also be corrected.

A key issue with PubDb has been the timely and accurate registration of articles. Often articles were only registered at the end of each calendar year and the absolute minimum of information registered. Since the long-term vision is to have a database that highlights the research activities of LiU (this requires full abstracts for all articles, a link to

the article itself and ideally an open access version of the text), an automatic registration system was developed at the end of 2008. The internet is used to track new publications from LiU and LiO and the bibliographical information is registered in DiVA shortly after publication. This is proving to be successful for articles in Science, Technology and Medicine but, as yet, few Social Science or Humanities articles are registered in this way.

5. External Activities

An important activity for E-Press is to continue to stay abreast of developments in electronic publishing. Several conferences were attended: ETD 2008, Peter in Malmö, EIPub 2008, Open Access 2008, Vetenskapsrådets meeting for journal editors.

E-Press continues to take an active roll in the development of DiVA. Peter Berkesand is involved in the DiVA specialists group set up to provide feedback to the development group on new or improved functionality. Additionally, E-Press continues to actively participate in DiVA users meetings.

LiU E-Press continues to participate in the Nordbib project, *Aiding Scientific Journals Towards Open Access Publishing*. E-Press is active in the subgroups for editorial support systems, print-on-demand and business models.

Numerous presentations were made to the departments and institutions around LiU.