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Electronic Publishing in 2006

Electronic Press has as its objective to publish at least 90% of the Ph.D. theses, licentiate theses and undergraduate theses that are produced at LiU. Figure 1 shows a steady growth in the percentage of LiU's Ph.D. theses that are electronically published at E-Press. However, the results for 2006 may be a little misleading since without a massive manual effort to follow up with those that did not publish electronically around the time of their defence, the numbers would be little different from 2005. Procedures at the Faculty level need to be examined to ensure that publication agreements are signed at or around “spikning”. Work is currently ongoing in this vein in order to make the system more manageable for 2007.

Fears about copyright issues preventing electronic thesis publication have proven virtually unfounded. Taking medical research as one example, we have obtained confirmation from the common major journals (Cell, Molecular Cell, Cancer Cell, Neuron, Structure, Chemistry & Biology, Immunity, Cell Metabolism, Current Biology, Developmental Cell, Cell Metabolism, Current Biology (i.e. all journals from Cell Press), Journal of Cell Biology, Nature, Molecular and Cellular Biology) that there is no problem with electronic publishing of theses, in terms of prior or subsequent publishing of articles.

In the spring, David Lawrence joined E-Press as Scientific Editor. Part of David’s role is to liaise with the Faculties, Institutions and research groups at LiU, in order to see that the Rektor’s desire that the productivity of LiU is easily accessible for the world. A key focus just now is to see that virtually all Ph.D., licentiate and undergraduate theses are published on the internet through E-Press. The current strategy is to increase awareness of E-Press and to streamline procedures at the Faculty and Institution level, to ensure that theses flow automatically to E-Press.

E-Press Gets a New Scientific Editor

David completed his Ph.D. at Cambridge University (Chemical Engineering) after which he worked as an Assistant Professor at Queen’s University (Canada) for six years and was Director of the Centre for Advanced Gas Combustion Technology for the last two of those. In 1999, David joined IFM, teaching in the Chemical Engineering programme and qualified as Docent in 2000.

Theses at LiU E-Press: Progress

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New Journal: Journal of Ageing and Later Life Publishes its First Issue

In June of this year, the International Journal of Ageing and Later Life (IJAL) published its first semi-annual issue. Headed up by Chief Editor Lars Andersson (ISV) and the rest of his editorial staff, Håkan Jönson, Sandra Torres and Karin Lövgren, IJAL attracted submissions from Europe, America, Africa and Australia.

IJAL is published under the Open Access concept, i.e. articles are available at no cost to anyone with internet access. Readers are free to distribute articles as they wish as long as they give proper credit to the authors.

IJAL serves an audience interested in the social and cultural aspects of ageing and later life development. The title of the journal reflects an attempt to broaden the field of ageing studies. IJAL also welcomes contributions focusing on adult ageing as well as relations among generations. In addition to articles, book reviews are also included.

The next issue, with four articles, will be published in December. The Journal can be visited at:  
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New Issue for Hygiea in November

Hygiea Internationalis (www.ep.liu.se/ej/hygiea/) is about to publish an new issue in November. Volume 5, Issue 1, 2006 is a special issue with the title “ Provision and Access to Health Care in a Historical Perspective” and contains 6 articles including the introduction.

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