Publication Database Joins E-Press

As of January 1st, LiU’s publication database joined E-Press. Johan Toll remains the main contact person, however, he now has a larger team to help with development work. Together with Anders Fäk and the library IT group, work is progressing at full speed to re-do the search interface. In line with the model that the publication database is to serve both internal and external users, users will first encounter a free-text search box and have the option of choosing a more advanced search window. It is anticipated that a test version of the new search interface will be online during week 12 or 13. Once the new search interface is completed, the data registration interface will also be improved. The overall objective is to create a publication and registration system for LiU (i.e. E-Press and publication database) that appears unified to users; where information in E-Press is automatically registered in the publication database and vice versa.

Parallel Publishing

We announced the possibilities for parallel publishing of research articles (i.e. taking articles published with traditional journals and making them available at E-Press as well) in the last issue of this newsletter. Interest in parallel publishing at LiU is gathering speed and we are now publishing several articles each week. Since the beginning of the year, we have been contacting authors of newly published articles to make them aware of the possibility of parallel publishing (it is as simple as signing an agreement with us and sending the article file).

We also make sure that the article is registered in the publication database, providing a link from the publication database to the parallel published version (we also check to make sure that all the details in the publication database are correct and add abstracts etc. as necessary).

2007 was a banner year for E-Press

Activity at E-Press reached record high levels over 2007. 90% of Ph.D. theses from LiU were published electronically; 8 conference proceedings were published; 4 new report series; 4 new historical databases; 2 issues from Hygica Internationalis and 1 from IJAL; 3 re-published textbooks from Lennart Norddenfelt; plus parallel published research articles.

Undergraduate theses: The Challenge for 2008

The formal decision from the Rektor in 2005 is that all undergraduate theses (exjobb, uppsatser) are to be published electronically at LiU E-Press. The graph to the left shows absolute values and a worrying trend. The fraction of theses published electronically shows the same trend and most departments lie around the 30% level. The objective is to double this at least. Study directors, heads of department and examiners need to be more active in informing students of the requirement/possibilities for electronic publishing. E-Press is also working on taking direct contact with students.

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Electronic Publication of Undergraduate Theses

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