

LiU E-Press Newsletter  
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<http://www.ep.liu.se/>

**More information about  
bibliometrics, parallel pub-  
lishing, Open Access,  
copyright...?**

More and more, publication of articles is requiring more thought and consideration than in the past. Visibility, ease of access, citation potential are all important to think about. With all the changes in recent times, the situation may seem confusing. LiU E-Press together with the Library's Bibliometrics Group would be more than happy to give your group (anything from research group to faculty meeting) a presentation of the new concepts: Open Access, Parallel Publishing, Bibliometrics... Contact us and explain your needs: [ep@ep.liu.se](mailto:ep@ep.liu.se)

**New Department  
at the library:  
Publishing Infrastructure**

With the rapid changes in academic publishing, a new department has been started within the library to provide a central, cohesive resource for researchers and leadership. The department will be responsible for:

E-Press, bibliometrics, open access, copyright, plagiarism, referencing systems... For more information, contact [David Lawrence](#)

**Involved in organizing a  
conference?**

E-Press can not only publish the articles, but can also offer an article submission system and even possibilities for video recording and displaying the presentations.

## Publication Database Merges with LiU E-Press

It is becoming increasingly important to have an accurate, reliable, high-quality record of the publications that are produced at LiU. A number of years ago LiU's publication database (PubDb) was started to meet this need. At a similar time a separate electronic publishing system was developed and implemented. With the desire from both researchers and the University to have as much full-text of articles freely available, it has become obvious that having separate systems for publication registration and electronic publication is undesirable. With this in mind, the decision was taken in 2008 to merge the articles in PubDb into E-Press. **As of April 29th, it will not be possible to register articles in PubDb.**

**Instead all articles will be registered at E-Press:**

<https://liu.diva-portal.org/dream/login.jsf>

The data currently in PubDb will be accessible *via* PubDb as usual until the end of 2009. In the mean time, preparations are underway to import all PubDb material into the E-Press system. The plan is that this will be completed by the summer. At that point, all searching will be done via:

<http://liu.diva-portal.org/smash/search.jsf>

The resulting record will become the basis for quality analyses of the research that is conducted at LiU (e.g. bibliometrics) and will be a showcase for the external world of LiU's achievements.

## Automatic Publication Registration

In order to reduce the load on researchers and administrators, E-Press has implemented a system in which articles are registered in the E-Press system on a weekly basis, using ISI as a source. Since the beginning of the year, some 300 articles for 2009 have been registered (you can check whether your new articles have been registered yet by searching at [www.ep.liu.se](http://www.ep.liu.se), using your LiU ID). Periodically (2 or 3 times a year), PubMed and Scopus will also

be scanned for articles that are not covered by ISI. It is anticipated that some 80% of articles will be registered in this fashion, removing the need for researchers or departments to do this. Researchers will only need to register those articles not covered by ISI, PubMed or Scopus. The most serious caveat is that within the humanities and social sciences the coverage is anticipated to be very low and manual registration will have to continue as in the past.

## The Growing Role of Bibliometrics

From the government down right down to faculties at universities, there is a growing demand for the use of bibliometrics for the evaluation of research and for the allocation of funding resources. There are different models for accomplishing this but in Sweden, it appears as though a citation-based technique will be used. Details have not been finalized but typically citations (most likely from ISI) for articles originating from a given unit will be tallied and compared with average values for a sub-

ject area. Units that have above-average citation are likely to attract a greater share of research funding. As an author it is important to publish where one's visibility and exposure is highest. Accessibility is also important: it is beneficial if there is a freely available (no subscription required) version of your article. A simple test is to Google the title of an article: you should get a very high hit and it is desirable if there is a free version also in the first page of hits.

## New Functionality at E-Press

In the latest months, we have introduced some new services at [www.ep.liu.se](http://www.ep.liu.se). From the right hand menu you can choose to see recently published and most downloaded Ph.D. theses. New is the option to choose a list of newly registered journal articles and also a list of highly cited articles from LiU. For those of you who have web pages for your own research results, you may be interested in trying the automatically updating publication lists for researchers. If you link from your page to:

<http://www2.ep.liu.se/PubList/Default.aspx?userid=ollin59>

but replace "ollin59" with your own LiU ID, you

will get your up-to-date publication list (the list is currently based on what is in the E-Press system, but once PubDb is merged, then those articles will also be included in the lists). Authors' names are clickable so that one can quickly move to another publication list. Publication titles are clickable so that one can get more information about the article and, where available, the number of citations in ISI is given and this number is clickable giving a list of citing articles.

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