The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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Annual Report for the Academic Year 2019/2020

Background

The Swedish Research School of Management and IT (MIT) is a national research school launched by the Swedish Government in the year 2000 with Uppsala University as host institution. Today, MIT is a networked research school comprising management and IT related departments at 12 Swedish tertiary institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Gothenburg University, Jönköping International Business School, Karlstad University, Linköping University, Linnaeus University, Lund University, Mälardalen University College, Stockholm University, Umeå University, Uppsala University and Örebro University. Further details, including previous annual reports, can be found on the MIT website (www.mit.uu.se).

Theses Presented During the Academic Year

Eight doctoral theses and two licentiate theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates to 119 doctors and 53 licentiates.

Doctoral Theses

113. **Muhic, Mirella (2019)**, *Transition to Cloud Sourcing – Innovation and Competitive Advantage*. Design Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Lund University.
114. **Mankevich, Vasili (2019)**, *Digital Innovation Management: Investigating Digital Trace Data in Online Communities*, Umeå University.
116[1]. **Bäckström, Izabelle (2019)**, *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Who's the Innovator After All? An Explorative Study of a Management-initiated employee innovation process*. Department of Design Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Lund University.
117. **Bani-Hani, Imad (2020)**, *Self-Service Business Analytics and the Path to Insights: Integrating Resources for Generating Insights,* Department of Informatics, School of Economics and Management, Lund University.
118. **Kashyap, Shruti Rangan (2020)**, *Monsoon Paper Dragons: Transparency, Accountability, Risk, and Compliance in Banking Regulation and Practice*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
119. **Havemo, Emelie (2020)**, *Den visuella bilden av organisationen: Perspektiv på visualitet i accounting*, Institutionen för ekonomisk och industriell utveckling, Linköpings universitet.

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[1] Doctoral Thesis Defence No. 115 was in June 2019 and was mentioned in the Annual Report for the Academic Year 2018/2019

Licentiate Theses

50. Panahi, Parisa (2019), *The Role of Information Technology in Supporting Management Control Systems for Corporate Social Responsibility,* The Department of Business Administration, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg.
51. Lindeberg, Fredrik (2019), *Coordinating the Internet,* Licentiate Thesis, Department of Management and Engineering (IEI), Linköping University.
52. Jonathan, Gideon Mekonnen (2020), *Information Technology Alignment: The Role of Organisational Structure*, Licentiate Thesis, Department of Computer and Systems Sciences, Stockholm University.
53. Hönel, Sebastian (2020), *Efficient Automatic Change Detection in Software Maintenance and Evolutionary Processes*, Licentiate Thesis, Department of Computer Science and Media Technology, Linnaeus University.

Doctoral Candidates at the Research School

Fourteen doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2019/2020 (seven female and seven male). The Research School funds 8 of these partly; the remaining 6 are associated doc- toral candidates with funding directly from sources other than MIT. The majority of these candidates began their studies in the academic year 2019/2020 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2019.

The enrolment of the new candidates by institution is as follows:

Jönköping International Business School	Mats Jadeskär
Karlstad University	Kristin Svärd
Lund University	Fanny Wahlström
Mälardalen University College	Karin Ahlström, Magnus Berglind, Todd Drennan
Stockholm University	Ebba Heselius, Rahmat Mulyana
University of Gothenburg	Nadia Ruiz Bravo
Uppsala University	Sandra Bergman, Soraya Hossain, Phub Namgay, Shweta Premanandan, Jakob Westergren

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 263 (as of June 2020). In the spring of 2020 there were 83 doctoral candidates at the Research School. 55 % of these were male and 45 % female. Currently, 59 % hold doctoral positions funded entirely or partly by the Research School.

Doctoral Courses

During the academic year four mandatory doctoral courses were held at Uppsala and Lund. A number of doctoral students not affiliated with MIT requested and obtained permission to enroll in particular courses. Each fully approved course accounts for 7.5 credits.

Perspectives on Science and Research
Course director: Professor Fredrik Tell
Location: Uppsala
Time: August – September 2018
Number attending course: 33

Research in Information Systems and Informatics
Course director: Professor Pär Ågerfalk
Location: Uppsala, Lund, Online
Time: February – May 2020
Number attending course: 9

Seminars and Thesis Work
Course director: Professor Christina Keller
Location: Uppsala
Time: February – March 2020
Number attending course: 12

Management, Organization and ICT
The course was cancelled due to the pandemic
Course director: Associate Professor Jan Lindvall (UU), Professor Jan Löwstedt (SU),
Location: Uppsala, Stockholm

Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year

Two conferences of three days each were held during the academic year with participation by the professors of the Executive Board and additional supervisors from the various institutions. The first conference, MITAC 2019, was held in Uppsala at Uppsala University on October 21-23, 2019. At this seminar the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by senior faculty members. A key-note speech was given by Professor Robin Teigland, Chalmers.

The second seminar, MITSC 2020, was held at Mälardalen University College March 18-19, 2020. It was planned to be given in Västerås 18-20 March, but due to the pandemic it was on short notice moved online and shortened one day to 18-19 March. At this seminar the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by senior faculty members.

Several doctoral candidates and senior faculty members attended international conferences and published results of their research in various international journals during the academic year.
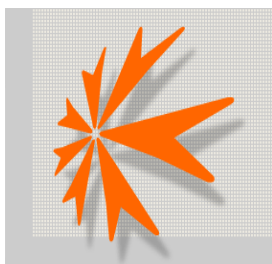
The Website of the Research School

During this academic year the research school's website (www.mit.uu.se), has been continuously updated by Golondrian Janke and Carina Boson, aided by the contact persons in the participating universities and university colleges.

The MIT Alumni Association

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Peter Ekman, the MIT Alumni Association had 131 members by the end of June 2020. Approximately 15 alumni attended MITAC 2019 and MITSC 2020 as senior faculty. During 2019/2020, the fourth and fifth issue of the MIT Alumni Letter, which is a newsletter created and edited by Peter Ekman, was sent out to the alumni of the research school.

The Management of the Research School

During 2019/2020 the management of the Research School consisted of Dean, Professor Christina Keller, Deputy Dean, Associate Professor Peter Ekman, Chair, Professor Fredrik Nilsson, and Deputy Chair, Professor Fredrik Tell.

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