

# The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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## Annual Report for the Academic Year 2011/2012

### Background

*The Swedish Research School of Management and IT (MIT) is one of 16 national research schools launched by the Swedish Government in the year 2000 with originally seven partners, of which Uppsala University was appointed host institution. Today MIT is a network research school comprising departments of management as well as informatics from the following 13 academic institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology; Gotland University; Jönköping International Business School; the IT University in Gothenburg; Karlstad University; Linköping University; Linnaeus University; Lund University; Mälardalen University College; Stockholm University, Umeå University, Uppsala University and Örebro University. (More detailed information about the Research School, including previous annual reports, can be found on the website [www.forskarskolan-mit.nu](http://www.forskarskolan-mit.nu).)*

### Theses Presented During the Academic Year

Eight doctoral theses and one licentiate thesis were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates so far to 42 doctors and 39 licentiates.

#### *Doctoral Theses*

35. **Wicander, Gudrun** (2011), *Mobile Supported e-Government Systems – Analysis of the Education Management Information System (EMIS) in Tanzania*. Karlstad University.
36. **Åkesson, Maria** (2011), *Role Constellations in Value Co-Creation. A Study of Resource Integration in an e-government Context*. Karlstad University.
37. **Nfuka, Edephone N.** (2012), *IT governance in Tanzanian public sector organisations*. Dept. of Computer and Systems Sciences, Stockholm University.
38. **Larsson, Anders Olof** (2012), *Doing Things in Relation to Machines: Studies on Online Interactivity*. Dept. of Informatics and Media, Uppsala University.
39. **Andersson, Bo** (2012), *Harnessing Handheld Computing: Framework, Toolkit and Design Propositions*. Informatics, Lund University.
40. **Erixon, Cecilia** (2012), *Information Systems Providers and Business Relationships. A Study on the Impact of Connections*. Mälardalen University College.
41. **Svensson, Martin** (2012), *Routes, Routines and Emotions in Decision Making of Emergency Call Takers*. Information Systems, Linköping University.
42. **Svensson, Ann** (2012), *Kunskapsintegrering med informationssystem i professionsorienterade praktiker*. Institutionen för tillämpad IT, Gothenburg University.

## *Licentiate Theses*

39. **Hansen, Therese** (2012), *Internet or Traditional Stores: Identifying Influences on Consumer's Mobile Phone Purchases*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.

## **Doctoral Candidates at the Research School**

The number of doctoral candidates admitted to the Research School in 2011/2012 was 11. Eight of these are funded entirely or partly by the School; the others are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than the Research School. Most of these doctoral candidates began their studies for the academic year 2011/2012 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2011.

Of the doctoral candidates admitted, 45 per cent are women and 55 per cent men. The enrolment of the new candidates by institution is as follows:

<i>Blekinge Institute of Technology</i>	Trudy-Ann Stone
<i>IT University in Gothenburg</i>	Fahd Omair Zaffar
<i>Jönköping International Business School</i>	Faustina Acheampoang
<i>Linköping University</i>	Imre Özgün
<i>Linnaeus University</i>	Olgerta Tona, Ia Williamson
<i>Lund University</i>	Erdelina Kurti
<i>Mälardalen University College</i>	Jens Eklinder-Frick, Annoch Hadjikhani
<i>Stockholm University</i>	Mohamed El-Mekawy
<i>Uppsala University</i>	Marcus Tirmén

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is now 158. In the spring of 2012 there were 73 doctoral candidates at the Research School. Of these, 55% were men and 45% women; 47% held doctoral positions financed entirely or partly by the Research School, and 53% were associates. All postgraduate students have prepared approved plans of study. 18 new doctoral candidates begin their studies at the School in the autumn of 2012.

## **Doctoral Courses**

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

<i>Perspectives on Science and Research</i> In charge: Professor Lars Engwall Location: Uppsala Time: September 2011 Number completing course: 5 doctoral candidates from MIT and 23 others	<i>Introduction to Multivariate Statistics</i> In charge: Associate Professor James Sallis Location: Uppsala Time: April–May 2012 Number completing course: 2 doctoral candidates from MIT and 4 others
<i>Seminars and Thesis Work</i> In charge: Professor Pär Ågerfalk Location: Uppsala Time: September–October 2011 Number completing course: 5 doctoral candidates from MIT and 1 additional	<i>Research in Management and Accounting</i> In charge: Professor Frank Hartmann, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University Location: Uppsala Time: May 2012 Number completing course: 7 doctoral candidates from MIT and 4 others

*Research in Information Systems and Informatics*

In charge: Professor Sven Carlsson

Location: Lund

Time: January-March 2012

Number completing course: 5 doctoral candidates from MIT and 1 additional

### **Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year**

Two seminars of three days each were held during the year with participation by the professors of the Executive Board. Additional supervisors from the various institutions were involved as well. The first seminar was held in Uppsala on September 21-23, 2011, and the second in Karlstad on March 12-14, 2012. At these seminars the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from pre-selected doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by professors and associate professors. There were also seminars conducted by guest speakers, all of which were well attended and appreciated.

In collaboration with the Department of Business Studies at Uppsala University, the Uppsala Lectures in Business 2011 were held on September 21-22. Professor Christine Musselin, Centre de Sociologie des Organisations (CSO), Paris, gave two lectures: “*European Universities’ Evolving Relationships: The State, the Universities, the Professoriate*” and “*Let’s Merge! How and Why Three French Universities Once Decided to Merge*”.

Collaboration with IMIT has continued. For example, MIT’s theses are presented continuously in the IMIT newsletter (see [www.imit.se](http://www.imit.se)).

Several doctoral candidates and all members of the Executive Board attended international conferences during the academic year. In addition, doctoral candidates and senior researchers have published results of their research in international journals.

### **MIT Grants for Postdoctoral Studies**

Doctoral graduates of MIT are eligible for grants from the Research School for continuing research. The principles governing these grants were established in 2008. Grants are to be provided on a nonrecurring basis; a second grant can be approved only in exceptional cases and under special circumstances. A grant constitutes a start-up financing and is expected to result in further work supported by other sources of financing (such as research councils, foundations or companies). The amount of a grant is SEK 500 000, to be disbursed in two payments a year to the institution concerned, which is required to ensure a good infrastructural support to the Ph.D.s receiving these grants.

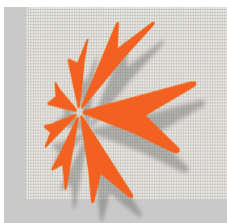
In the past academic year the following two doctoral candidates at MIT applied for and obtained grants to support their postdoctoral research: Elisabeth Frisk, Gothenburg University; and Maria Åkesson, Karlstad University.

## **External and Internal Home Pages of the Research School**

The Research School has an external website ([www.forskarskolan-mit.nu](http://www.forskarskolan-mit.nu)) at Uppsala University. Elisabeth Hallmén keeps it current, aided by those responsible for the websites of the various institutions.

## **The MIT Alumni Association**

Under the leadership of Dr. Christina Keller, the MIT Alumni Association now has 55 members. The annual meeting was held at Karlstad University, in conjunction with the MIT seminar in May. 14 alumni have jointly written the anthology Management and Information Technology – Challenges for the Modern Organization; editors Peter Ekman and Peter Dahlin, published by Routledge. The book is dedicated to Professor Birger Rapp, former Dean of the MIT Research School, and was released at a special event at the MIT seminar in Karlstad, May 2012.



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