

The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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Annual Report for the Academic Year 2015/2016

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 13 Swedish tertiary institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Chalmers University 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

Ten doctoral theses and two licentiate theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates to 84 doctors and 45 licentiates.

Doctoral Theses

75. Chowdhury, Soumitra (2015). *Service Logic in Digitalized Product Platforms: A Study of Digital Service Innovation in the Vehicle Industry*. Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg.
76. Jogmark, Marina (2015). *Den regionala transformationsprocessens sociala dimension: Karlskrona 1989-2002*. Blekinge Institute of Technology.
77. Sundström, Angelina (2015). *Old Swedish Business in New International Clothes: Case Studies on the Management of Strategic Resources in Foreign-Acquired Swedish R&D Firms*. Mälardalen University College.
78. Öbrand, Lars (2015). *Information Infrastructure Risk: Perspectives, Practices & Technologies*. Umeå University.

79. Brozović, Danilo (2016). *Service Provider Flexibility: A Strategic Perspective*. Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.
80. Siegert, Steffi (2016). *Enacting Boundaries through Social Technologies: The Dance between Work and Private Life*. Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.
81. Linton, Gabriel (2016). *Entrepreneurial Orientation: Reflections from a Contingency Perspective*. Örebro University.
82. Akram, Asif (2016). *Value Network Transformation: Digital Service Innovation in the Vehicle Industry*. Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg.
83. Hadjikhani, Annoch (2016). *Executive Expectation in the Internationalization Process of Banks: The Study of Two Swedish Banks' Foreign Activities*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
84. El-Mekawy, Mohamed (2016). *From Theory to Practice of Business-IT Alignment: Barriers, an Evaluation Framework and Relationships with Organisational Culture*. Department of Computer and Systems Sciences, Stockholm University.

Licentiate Theses

44. Lagin, Madelen (2015). *Assumptions of Retail Price Strategy and Price Tactic Decisions*. Örebro University.
45. Aasi, Parisa (2016). *Organizational Culture and Structure Influence on Information Technology Governance*. Department of Computer and Systems Sciences, Stockholm University.

Doctoral Candidates at the Research School

Eleven doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2015/2016 (eight male and three female). The School funds six of these entirely or partly; the remaining five are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than MIT. The majority of these candidates began their studies for the academic year 2015/2016 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2015.

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

Blekinge Institute of Technology	Shujun Wang
Jönköping International Business School	Mirfa Manzoor
Karlstad University	Jasenko Arsenovic Sebastian Dehling Josina Vink

Linnaeus University

Fakhreddin Fakhrai Rad

Lund University

Imad Bani-Hani

Stockholm University

Peter Markowski

Uppsala University

Thomas Ejnefjäll

Andreas Hedrén

Martin Stojanov

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 211 (as of June, 2016). In the spring of 2016 there were 84 doctoral candidates at the Research School. 60 % of these were male and 40 % female. Currently, 60 % hold doctoral positions funded entirely or partly by the Research School. All postgraduate students have prepared approved plans of study. 12 new doctoral candidates began their studies at the School in the autumn of 2016, five female and seven male.

Doctoral Courses

During the academic year four 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.

Perspectives on Science and Research

In charge: Professor Lars Engwall

Location: Uppsala

Time: September 2015

Number attending course: 30.

Research in Information Systems and Informatics

In charge: Professor Sven Carlsson

Location: Lund

Time: January – February 2015

Number attending course: 6.

Seminars and Thesis Work

In charge: Professor Pär Ågerfalk

Location: Uppsala

Time: October 2015

Number attending course: 8.

Introduction to Multivariate Statistics

In charge: Professor James Sallis

Location: Uppsala

Time: February – March 2015

Number attending course: 18.

Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year

Two seminars 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 seminar was held in Uppsala on October 5–7, 2015. This seminar was modelled on the annual Information Systems Research in Scandinavia Seminar (IRIS) and consisted of working groups in which doctoral candidates presented and discussed their on-going work

with senior faculty. A submission and peer-review process that allowed for feedback and preparation for the seminar preceded the event.

The second seminar was held in Gothenburg on March 14–16, 2016. 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 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 2015 were held on May 21–22, 2016. Professor Robert S. Kaplan, Harvard Business School, gave two lectures: “Transforming Health Care Delivery with Improved Measurements and Management Accounting”, and “Risk Management in a Dynamic, Volatile and Unpredictable World”.

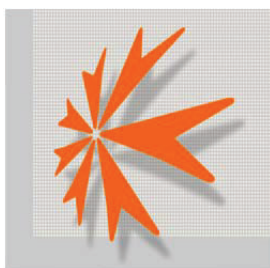
Several doctoral candidates and senior faculty members attended international conferences published results of their research in various international journals during the academic year.

The Website of the Research School

In the spring of 2015, the Research School launched its new website (www.mit.uu.se). Over the past year, Carina Boson and Elisabeth Hallmén have worked hard to keep it current, aided by those responsible for the websites of the different participating institutions.

The MIT Alumni Association

Under the leadership of Professor Christina Keller, the MIT Alumni Association had 95 members by the end of June 2016. The annual meeting was held at Uppsala University, in conjunction with the MIT seminar in September.



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