

# The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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## Annual Report for the Academic Year 2016/2017

### 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](http://www.mit.uu.se)).

### Theses Presented During the Academic Year

7 doctoral theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates to 91 doctors and 45 licentiates.

#### *Doctoral Theses*

85. Salavati, Sadaf (2016): *Use of Digital Technologies in Education: The Complexity of Teachers' Everyday Practice*. Linnaeus University.
86. Pashkevich, Natallia (2016): *Information Worker Productivity Enabled by IT System Usage: A Complementary-Based Approach*. Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.
87. Stone, Trudy-Ann (2016): *Firms in Global Value Chains: An Analysis of the Determinants and Effects of the Changing Location of International Production*. Blekinge Institute of Technology.

88. Saarikko, Ted (2016): *En undersökning av digitala plattformars beskaffenhet och grundvalar (An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of Digital Platforms)*. Umeå University.
89. Tona, Olgerta (2017): *The Journey of Mobile Business Intelligence: From Vision to Use*. Lund University.
90. Fredin, Sabrina (2017): *History and Geography Matter: The Cultural Dimension of Entrepreneurship*. Blekinge Institute of Technology.
91. Giovacchini, Elia (2017): *Weaving the Symbiotic Relationship. A Longitudinal Study of a Firm-Sponsored Open Source Community Relationship Maintenance*. Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.

## Doctoral Candidates at the Research School

13 doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2016/2017 (eight male and five female). The Research School funds eight 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 2016/2017 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2016.

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

Blekinge Institute of Technology	Ola Olsson
University of Gothenburg/IT - Applied Information Technology	Michael Kizito Grace Kobusinge Hawa Nyende
Karlstad University	Tomas Gustavsson
LTH, Lund University	Emil Åkesson
Stockholm University	Anton Borell Johan Klaassen
Umeå University	Ott Velsberg
Uppsala University	Chelsey Jo Huisman Cristina Ghita
Örebro University	Andrea Geissinger Tanja Mäki-Runsas

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 217 (as of June, 2017). In the spring of 2017 there were 90 doctoral candidates at the Research School. 60 % of these were male and 40 % female. All postgraduate students have

prepared approved plans of study. 15 new doctoral candidates began their studies at the School in the autumn of 2017, five female and 10 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 2016

Number attending course: 30.

### *Research in Information Systems and Informatics*

In charge: Professor Sven Carlsson

Location: Lund

Time: January – February 2016

Number attending course: 13

### *Seminars and Thesis Work*

In charge: Professor Pär Ågerfalk

Location: Uppsala

Time: October 2016

Number attending course: 10.

### *Management, Organization and ICT*

In charge: Associate Professor Jan Lindvall

Location: Uppsala

Time: April – June 2017

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 3–5, 2016. 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 Karlskrona, BTH, March 13–15, 2017. 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 2016 were held on October 4-5, 2016. Professor Andrew Van de Ven, University of Minnesota, USA, gave two lectures: “Engaged Scholarship”, and “Managing Knowledge Integration Across Boundaries”.

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**

Since the launch of the research school website ([www.mit.uu.se](http://www.mit.uu.se)) in 2015, Carina Boson and Elisabeth Hallmén have worked hard to keep it current, aided by the contact persons in the participating universities and university colleges.

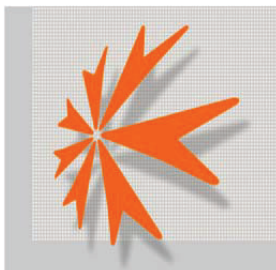
## **The MIT Alumni Association**

Under the leadership of Professor Christina Keller, the MIT Alumni Association had 103 members by the end of June 2017. Approximately 30 alumni attended MITAC 2016 and MITSC 2017 as senior faculty. An alumni meeting was held in March 2017 during the MITSC seminar at Blekinge Institute of Technology.

## **The Management of the Research School**

At the beginning of the academic year 2016/2017, Professor Lars Engwall left his position as chairman, which he had held since the start of the research school in 2000. Professor Fredrik Nilsson was appointed as chairman with Professor Fredrik Tell as deputy chairman.

Professor Pär Ågerfalk left his position as Dean of the research school on July 1, 2017, which he had held since 2010, and was succeeded by Professor Christina Keller.



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