Open Access in Sweden and the programme OpenAccess.se

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A tripod of duties

• Research library for the humanities
• Preservation of the Swedish cultural heritage
  – 1661- legal deposit of print material
  – 2009- recorded sound and moving images
  – 2013- mandated deposit of e-publications?
• Coordination of research libraries and public libraries
  – National catalogue LIBRIS
  – License consortia for journals and databases
  – Development and projects
The programme OpenAccess.se

Mission
• Promote free access to works produced by Swedish researchers, teachers and students by supporting Open Access publishing
• OA repositories and OA journals at Swedish higher education institutions (HEI's)

Support
• Association of Swedish Higher Education, Swedish Research Council, Royal Swedish Academy of the Sciences, Swedish Knowledge Foundation, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond

Organisation
• Steering committee – two working groups – one secretariat
• Project 2006-2009 – permanent programme from 2010

OpenAccess.se – results so far

• Yearly meetings and conferences – Librarians and researchers
• Seminars and information to researchers
• Web site openaccess.se and blog openaccess.kb.se
• DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals
• The search system SwePub and an infrastructure for university publication databases
• OA mandates from research funders and HEI's
• Member of EU project OpenAIRE
Research funding agencies with OA mandates

Government funding councils
• The Swedish Research Council, 2010
• Formas, 2010
  – Sustainable development
• FAS, 2011
  – Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research

Foundations
• Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, 2010
  – Social Science and Humanities
• Knut & Alice Wallenberg Foundation, 2010
  – Technical, natural sciences and biomedical fields
• The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies, 2011

Higher education institutions with OA mandates

Mandates
• BTH (technical university college)
• Chalmers (technical university)
• Malmö University College
• Umeå University

Recommendations – 12 HEI’s
• University Colleges: Borås, GIH, Gotland, Halmstad, Jönköping, Kristianstad, Univ. West
A Swedish National Open Access policy?

- Vague promise from the Ministry of Education in 2009
- Formal address from the steering committee of OpenAccess.se in 2011
  - A clear goal in research policy to support a transition to OA
  - Relate to other goals in the national research policy
- Proposal integrated in the work with the national Research Bill, coming autumn 2012

OpenAccess.se: “… a national policy would increase the coordination, strength and pace of the process”

Swedish institutional repository systems

- All major Swedish HEI's have publication databases and OA repositories
- DiVA – a shared system used by 29 organisations
  - Run by the Uppsala University
- DSpace – used by 4
- Custom built – used by 3
- Eprints – used by 2
- PURE – Danish system used by 1
The SwePub search system

- The national library harvests records from HEI repositories using OAI-PMH
  - Merging duplicates
- SwePub gives access to metadata and publications in OA repositories from all HEI's
  - 480 000 publication records
- Persistent links to documents by URN service
- SwePub data may be used for statistics in the future
  - Swedish Research Council is investigating

Thanks for your attention!
Questions?

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