

Towards quality controlled monographs in Sweden: exploring the possibilities for a consortium approach

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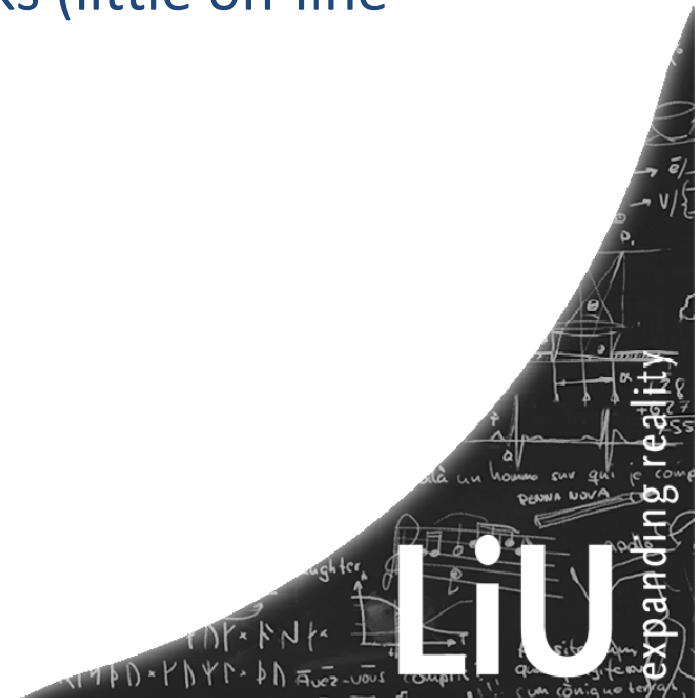
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Monographs: the current dilemma

- Seldomly: open access
- Frequently:
 - Smaller publishers
 - Non-optimized for academic books (little on-line visibility, no searchability...)
 - Distribution limited
 - 50 – 100 000 SEK for printing
 - Loss of copyright
 - Limited quality control



Monographs: the danger

- Ad hoc solutions by local universities
 - Informal approach: use local registration system
 - Formal approach: start local university press
 - In either case there will be little credibility
 - In most cases, unlikely to gain international recognition
 - From a national perspective, inefficient
- Status quo
 - Growing demands for open access



OA Monographs: the solution

- A collaborative (consortium) approach
- A national entity for quality control of monographs allowing subsequent publishing anywhere, preferably open access.
- Project aims to evaluate the possibilities for such an approach
- Funding agencies, publishers, researchers and universities will be contacted for input.

