

Centre for Disability Research (CDR)

The Centre for Disability Research (CDR) was established in 1988 to coordinate disability issues in scientific fields represented at the faculties at Uppsala University and to interact with the wider community on issues relating to disability research. The Centre is placed at the Faculty of Medicine and administratively associated with the Department of Public Health and Caring Sciences.

In 2012 the CDR arranged a second conference *Forskning pågår* ("Research Underway") in collaboration with the Uppsala Regional Council. The 2012 theme was "Interaction for Inclusion". The conference brought together researchers from Uppsala University, practitioners, individuals with own experience of disability, interest groups, artists, etc. Besides lectures on topics representing all disciplinary domains at Uppsala University, there was an art exhibition with exhibitors from Uppsala County and Iran.

During 2012 an application for continued operations in the Swedish Network for Disability Research was submitted to and approved by the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS). The CDR will thereby be able to continue to function as coordinator of this network for the period 2012 – 2014. In the autumn the CDR hosted a network meeting. Thirty scientists from all over Sweden participated in the meeting, where important matters were discussed regarding the future of the network.

Within the framework of regular operations, eight lectures were arranged for the purpose of disseminating information about current research in the disability field at Uppsala University.

Four issues of the newsletter *Forskning om funktionshinder pågår* (Current Disability Research) have been published. The newsletter presents Swedish research on disabilities. Funding for 2013 – 2015 has been applied for and secured.

The CDR administers *Uppsala nätverket* (the Uppsala Network), which is an e-mail network for individuals with either a personal or a professional interest in research on disabilities. CDR sends out current information. Information reaching the CDR is forwarded to the ca. 450 recipients.

The CDR homepage (www.cff.uu.se) presents information about activities at CDR, its board members, lecture and course programmes, etc. The newsletter *Forskning om funktionshinder pågår* (Current Disability Research) is available in PDF format. All issues from the start in 1992 are now available.

The Board of the Centre for Disability Research consists of:

Professor Karin Sonnander, (Disciplinary domain of medicine and pharmacy)
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Agencies supporting CDR work/Funding (2012)

Funding has been received for 2012 for the newsletter *Forskning om funktionshinder pågår* (Current Disability Research). The financiers are:

Norrbacka-Eugenia Foundation	SEK 133 000
Sunnerdahl Handicap Fund Foundation	SEK 133 000
Sävstaholm Foundation	SEK 74 000
Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS)	SEK 250 000

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Conference

In 2012 CDR arranged a second *Forskning Pågår* ("Research Underway") conference in collaboration with the Uppsala Regional Council. The 2012 theme was "Interaction for Inclusion". The conference gathered some one hundred individuals.

Public outreach

The Uppsala Network

The Uppsala Network is an e-mail network for individuals with either a personal or a professional interest in research on disabilities. Information reaching the CDR is forwarded to the network's ca. 450 recipients. Recipients include researchers, representatives of care and social caring operations, personnel, relatives of individuals with disabilities, civil servants in county, municipal, or state administration, and other interested parties.

Homepage

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Lectures

Each semester, CDR arranges a number of *lectures* for the purpose of disseminating information about on-going research and making it available to individuals both at Uppsala University and in the wider community. In 2012 eight lectures were arranged, and we have seen an increase in the number of people in the audience. The media have contacted the CDR about recording some of the lectures (*UR Samtiden* (Swedish Educational Radio: Our Times) and National Assembly Television in South Korea).

The newsletter Forskning om funktionshinder pågår (Current Disability Research)

The launching of the newsletter was a way of meeting an expressed need from the Swedish disability organisations, who asked for easily accessible written information on current disability research. The newsletter is published by the CDR, Uppsala University. However, the content is not limited to research activities from Uppsala University but includes disability research from all over Sweden. As of a few years ago, the introduction of every article is written in easy-to-read Swedish. Every issue is available as a PDF document, to be found on the website of the Centre for Disability Research, Uppsala University. Those interested in a particular topic or looking for a special article can search all published issues on the website, using keywords (in Swedish). The current number of recipients is 3,900 (September 2012), 3150 of whom subscribe to a printed version and 750 subscribe to a PDF document distributed by e-mail. Many subscribers are workplaces, so there is reason to believe that the newsletter is made available to and is read by multiple individuals. The audience is varied and includes, besides a significant number of disability researchers, national, regional and local governmental agencies, universities and university colleges, libraries, schools, non-governmental organisations, workplaces and individual employees in local government organisations, persons with a personal interest in the field, national newspapers and media, etc. Most recipients are Swedish, although there are also subscribers in the Scandinavian countries.