Introducing Evidence Based Library and Information Practice in Sweden

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Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP)

‘... an approach to information science that promotes the collection, interpretation and integration of valid, important and applicable user-reported, librarian-observed, and research-derived evidence. The best available evidence, moderated by user needs and preferences, is applied to improve the quality of professional judgements’.

(Booth & Brice 2004)
Activities at Karolinska Institutet University Library (1:4)

The Journal club
- Started in October 2004
- Every 6 weeks
- Appr. 6 – 14 staff at each one hour meeting
- Two hours during working hours to study article
- One article is appraised according to templates (eg. CRiSTAL)
Activities at Karolinska Institutet University Library (2:4)

The Palpus program

- To find out about customer needs concerning library services, and changes to these needs
- To get ideas for continuous development of library operations
- To increase user knowledge and use of the full range of library competencies

Palpus?
"examine (a body part) by palpation"
"pedipalps"
Activities at Karolinska Institutet University Library (3:4)

General support areas
- word processing
- information retrieval
- reference management
- making figures
- language correction
- writing the English summary
- help with publication process

Specialist support areas
- mapping examinations against the SOLO taxonomy
- getting feedback on the content of the text
Activities at Karolinska Institutet University Library (4:4)

- Short presentation for all staff
- Theme meeting for management group
- Departmental presentations & discussions
- Participation in EBLIP workshop series
- Local Organising Committee for EBLIP5
Introducing EBLIP in Swedish Libraries

- **Marketing activities**
  - Important national organisation & libraries
  - Library directors in Stockholm area
  - Articles & conference presentations
  - Promotional video on YouTube

- **CPD workshops**
  - EBLIP – evidence base your work
  - Definitely maybe, or Do the right thing

- **Local Organising Committee for EBLIP5**
  - Participants from six libraries
## Results (1:2)

### EBLIP5 Conference in Stockholm June 29th – July 3rd

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Results (2:2)

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Conclusion
Thank you for your attention!

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