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Impressions from SND workshop on data management plans

Maggie Hellström and Monica Lassi visited the latest SND workshop in Göteborg 12 March. Theme for the workshop was data management plans. Here follow some of their impressions.

What are your general impressions of the workshop?

Maggie: The topic of DMPs is very active, with many different actors wanting to learn more and/or influence the future directions. This interest from a Swedish point of view was reflected by the large number of attendees from across the SND network partners.

Monica: DMPs are a hot topic in Sweden as shown by the many types of actors present, and that this network meeting had a record number of attendees.

What was the best at the workshop?

Maggie: I found two things very valuable: first, the overview of existing DMP tools that had been prepared by the SND Göteborg staff was very informative; second, the breakout group discussions were an excellent opportunity to learn more about how DMPs are seen by different staff categories (librarians, archivists, data managers) at other universities.

Monica: The presentations from a wide range of different actors (e.g. SNIC, the Swedish National Archives, and Swedish Research Council) and the discussions in smaller groups.

What do you bring home to your own department?

Maggie: The need to start a discussion on DMPs with researcher colleagues, as well as preparing good training materials at different levels of complexity.

Monica: That we need to work on developing DMP support locally, at the same time as we take part in the national developments.



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Anything else you would like share to Lund University?

Maggie: We need to define what we want to get out of DMPs – fostering better research practices, assisting in funding applications, or another “statistic” to collect for the administration? Probably all three, but the relative priorities and timelines need to be decided soon.

Monica: Swedish Research Council will require a DMP for all approved applications. This will be managed by the administrating organisation. More information will follow.

Interviewer: Thanks a lot sharing this with us, Maggie and Monica!

Maggie & Monica: You are welcome, for more information see:

<https://snd.gu.se/sv/nyheter/datahanteringsplaner-engagerar-pa-snds-senaste-natverkstraff>

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