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Title: Accessibility of theses and dissertation in long term. Swedish project SVEP

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Abstract: One of the objectives of the project funded by the Swedish Royal Library's department for National Co-ordination and Development (BIBSAM) and called SVEP (coordination of academic electronic publishing in Sweden) is to ensure the accessibility of theses and dissertations produced at Swedish universities in the long term.

The project deals with development and practical implementation of a generalized archiving workflow between a local repository and a national archive, focusing on the variety of publishing platforms and systems currently used by Swedish universities. This workflow is based on usage of URN:NBN as an unique identifier. Some other questions - for example: What is a minimal level of preservation metadata for theses and dissertations - are also explored.

As the start point for the project are solutions developed by DiVA project used. Because of a lack of practical examples of implementations of solutions supporting long term preservation and accessibility within the library community, we believe the project results will be broadly useful.

Title: Long-term Access of Theses and Dissertations: The SVEP Project in Sweden

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Abstract: The SVEP project, funded by the Swedish Royal Library's department for National Coordination and Development (BIBSAM), has as its overall mission the coordination of academic electronic publishing in Sweden.

One of the goals of the project is the development and practical implementation of a generalized archiving workflow between a local repository and a national archive. In doing this, we will attempt to accommodate the variety of publishing platforms and systems currently used by Swedish universities. This new workflow will be based on the use of URN:NBN as an unique identifier. We will also develop a basic technical infrastructure to support the transmission of dissemination and submission information packages (DIP/SIP in OAIS parlance) between university repositories and the National Library Archive.

A primary objective of SVEP is to ensure long-term access to theses and dissertations produced at Swedish universities. Therefore, we will also attempt to determine the minimum level of preservation metadata required to support archiving and subsequent discovery of these documents.