Welcome to join us for an exciting fall!

CHILD Agenda

September 15th, 1-3 pm
CHILD-seminar in Ha208 at School of Education and Communication on Anna Karin Axelsson's article.

September 21st, All day
Day of Science at School of Health Sciences
See the programme.

September 28th, 1.30 pm
Margareta Adolfsson nails her doctoral thesis in Disability Research to the wall, in the foyer of School of Education and Communication

September 29th, 1-3 pm
CHILD-seminar in Gc509 at School of Health Sciences.
More info on the program to come.

October 7th, 10 am
Public defence of doctoral thesis by Maria Harder at Karolinska Institutet

October 13th, 1-3 pm
CHILD-seminar on Ylva Ståhl's article in Ha 208 at School of Education and Communication

October 20th, 1-3 pm
Final seminar for Marie Golsäter in Gc509 at School of Health Sciences

October 21st, 1.15 pm
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CHILD's research is focused on every-day functioning in children and young people in need of special support and their immediate environments. We who work within the research environment CHILD are back at our workplaces after the summer - and we enjoy being back and have an exciting fall ahead of us! We enjoy doing research on important things (for the benefit of CHILDREN) and we would like to invite you to take part in what happens. You are welcome to contact the researchers you read about, perhaps you would like some more information about our research or to come and visit us? The 15th of November we give a conference on 'Participation in Family Activities for Children with Multiple Disabilities' (Barnet i familjen - Delaktighet i familjeaktiviteter). Press 'Läs' and read professor Mats Granlund's continued introduction to the research fall of 2011!

Karin Enskär appointed Professor
Margareta Adolfsson defends her doctoral thesis in Hb116 at School of Education and Communication

**October 27th, 1-3 pm**
CHILD-seminar in Gc509 at School of Health Sciences

**November 10th, 1-3 pm**
CHILD-seminar: What is Quality of Life, Well Being, Participation and Everyday Functioning? In Gc509 at School of Health Sciences

**November 24th, 1-3 pm**
CHILD-seminar on Anne-Sofi Strand's article in Gc509 at School of Health Sciences

**December 8th, 9-11 am**
CHILD-seminar on 'How to Invole Children in Research Work' in Ha208 at School of Education and Communication

**December 15th, 3-5 pm**
Final seminar for Ylva Ståhl in Gc509 at School of Health Sciences

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**Academic Achievements**

**Helene Lidström** who is a part of the CHILD Network successfully defended her doctoral thesis **ICT and Participation in School and Outside School Activities - for Children and Youths with Physical Disabilities** at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.

**Gunilla Ljusegren** at School of Health Sciences successfully defended her licentiate thesis **Nurses’ Competence in Pain Management in Children.**

**Agneta Lutropp** at Mälardalens Högskola successfully defended her licentiate thesis in Special Education called **'Närhet - samspel och delaktighet i förskolan för barn med utvecklingsstörning'** at Stockholm University.

**Berit Björkman**, a doctoral student at School of Health
All about the money

This fall's lunch seminar program at Jönköping International Business School is all about how to find money for your research. CHILD has received 45 million SEK between 2006-2010 but we can't settle with that - do go and get inspired!

Ritsa Mallous is a GEDS-scholar from Chapel Hill-North Carolina who will spend four months doing research in Early Childhood Intervention at Jönköping University (within the CHILD-research environment). She arrived in late August and already speaks a little Swedish. Read her own introduction letter...

Sign up for 'Participation in Family Activities'

CHILD at Jönköping University, JAG, Furuboda and Lund’s University give a conference in Jönköping on 'Participation in Family Activities' on November 15, 2011. Three projects, all sponsored by Allmänna Arvsfonden, will present their work. Families and professionals are welcome! To the Invitation.

International and national appearances

Ann Simmeborn Fleischer, Marita Falkmer and Ann-Katrin Swärd participated in the Asia Pacific Autism Conference 8 – 10 September 2011 in Australia.


The 3rd conference of the International Society on Early Intervention was held in New York City. Press 'Läs' and take part of professor Rune J Simeonsson's...

Anne-Sofie Strand and Elisabet Cedersund participated in 'Understanding the other' on August 15-19, 2011 in Kokkola, Finland, which was a Nordic-Baltic doctoral student's conference within the field of Social work.

Roland S Persson has been invited by the International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence (IRATDE) as a key note speaker at Second International Conference for Talent Development and Excellence, 26-29 November in Saudi Arabia.

Margareta Adolfsson and Mia Pless will conduct a full-day training at the National Physiotherapy Conference at Stockholm International Fair on September 16. The topic will be 'To use the ICF and ICF-CY in physiotherapy'.

Welcome to CHILD - New Ph.D. Students

Anna Karin Axelsson

Emma Carlsson

Eva-Lena Einberg

Johanna Norderyd
Published Articles 2011


Persson, R. (2011). Ability climates in Europe as socially
represented notability: *High Ability Studies*: 22(1), 79-101
London: Routledge


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**Don't miss out on...**

The first ever **World report on disability**, produced jointly by WHO and the World Bank, suggests that more than a billion people in the world today experience disability. Read the report.

Örebrokonferensen HAB2012, 17-19 april 2012. The topic is 'Catching the Future - Possibilities and Obstacles for increased activity and participation.

Article in Högskriften about CHILD (Swedish only)

ICF-CY - ett gemensamt språk för arbete med barn inom vård-skola-omsorg Mats Granlund, CHILD, in an article in Tal & Språk. (Swedish only)

Read CHILD-researcher Sara Hvit's participation 'De yngsta greppar IT' in the Magazine Modern Barn from Reggio Emilia Institutet, 3/2011. (Swedish Only)

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CHILD NEWSLETTER #3 2011
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Editor: Cecilia Allegrind
September ... and things are getting back to “normal” again. That is, a lot of things to do whereof most are fun. This fall is exciting for CHILD, we change both in terms of quantity and quality. The network of researchers around the core CHILD group is growing. The number of doctoral students in Jönköping is now up to 25. We have also had qualitative changes, Karin Enskär has been promoted to professor, two licentiates and one doctor this year so far and we expect three more doctors within the next six months. Next one up for public defence is Maria Harder (‘Barn inom Barnhälsovård. Studier om HUR barn gör sig delaktiga vid hälso- och sjukvård’) and Margareta Adolfsson (‘Applying the ICF-CY to identify everyday life situations of children and youth with disabilities’).

Jenny Wilder and Anna Karin Axelsson received an additional 1,4 million SEK for their family project and we expect to receive more funding later in the year. Because of a Swedish Research Council (VR) survey of care sciences (yes, that is what they call it) we have reviewed CHILD work since 2006. It turns out that we have published somewhere in between 100 and 150 articles in peer reviewed journals and received more than 45 million SEK in external funding during this period. We have to work hard to maintain that standard. Regarding this Newsletter we plan to start having special topics for each issue. Our next issue will be about 'Involving children as active participants in the research process', followed by 'Participation and family involvement'. Another plan is to become more actively involved in SIDR (Swedish Institute for Disability Research). We have suggested that we become responsible for coordinating research regarding children in need of special support (disability, long term conditions and children at risk) at SIDR. Jönköping University will financially support Stefan Nilsson and Gregor Maxwell to work with surveying research within this area. We will try to come up with suggestions for activities for the network and with ideas for larger program applications. As a part of the assignment we will have access to a data register containing information about all published research within disability research since 2006. The wide definition of children in need of special support means that many members of the CHILD group will be involved.

The 15th of November we give a conference on ‘Participation in Family Activities for Children with multiple disabilities’ (Barnet i familjen, Delaktighet i familjeaktiviteter). We have already been asked to tour around Sweden with this popular concept! We are not sure to what extent this will be possible so do not miss out on November 15 and the conference in Jönköping! See you then!

Mats Granlund, mats.granlund@hhj.hj.se
professor in Disability Research at Jönköping University

The research environment CHILD at Jönköping University has got a new Professor. Karin Enskär, former Associate Professor in Nursing Science at School of Health Sciences was in the end of August appointed Professor in Nursing Science.

Karin Enskär is Professor at the Department of Nursing Science. The department has undergraduate programmes leading to a BSc in Nursing or a Diploma in Specialist Nursing. Karin Enskär’s teaching concerns children's and young people's health, nursing of sick children and research methodology, and she does supervision of papers and dissertations. The Swedish Children’s Cancer Foundation has an ongoing project including a new, advanced course of education in Paediatric Oncology Nursing for which she is responsible.

Karin Enskär’s doctoral dissertation, presented at Linköping University in 1997, concerned the experience of life situation in children and adolescents with cancer and their families. Her present research mainly concerns different aspects of nursing of children with cancer and their families. She is responsible, together with researchers from the UK, South Africa and Sweden, for the study “Nursing Care of Pain and Pain Management, in Children with Cancer”. She is also supervising colleagues and postgraduate students in other studies, such as “Family Participation in the Care of Children with Cancer”, “Transcultural Nursing in Swedish Pediatric Oncology Care”, “Siblings of Brothers and Sisters with Cancer”, “Senses to Reduce Stress and Pain During Medical Procedures for Children”, “Risk Factors for Overweight and Obesity in Childhood” and “The Use of the Health Cure as a Preventive Method in Child and Youth Health”. Karin Enskär is often engaged as reviewer for pre-reviewed journals and on examination boards and the boards of foundations. Karin Enskär will also work part of her time for Skövde university.

Would you like to find out more about Karin Enskär's research? You are welcome to contact her directly: karin.enskar@hhj.hj.se
Nyheter

**Helene Lidström** who is a part of CHILD Mälardalen successfully defended her doctoral thesis *ICT and Participation in School and Outside School Activities - for Children and Youths with Physical Disabilities* the 17th of June 2011 at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm. The general aim was to investigate the use of Information and Communication (ICT) and participation in computer activities in school and outside school among children and youth with physical disabilities (age 8-19 years), in comparison to children and youth in general. In particular the aim was to gain knowledge about the use of and satisfaction with computer-based assistive technology devices (ATDs) in school and outside school among children with physical disabilities. In conclusion, the activity pattern outside school in children with physical disabilities is more varied than earlier research studying ICT-activities has shown. Digital skills developed outside school engage children with disabilities, giving them increased access to social interactions, and for educational purposes. Therefore, it is discouraging when schools do not provide children with disabilities with opportunities to fully exploit their digital skills in school, when these children participate in less diverse range of computer activities in comparison with children in general.

Read Helene Lidström's latest article 'Use of ICT in school: a comparison between students with and without physical disabilities' published in *European Journal of Special Needs*. 

Tillbaka
Gunilla Ljusegren at School of Health Sciences successfully defended her licentiate thesis on the 27th of May. Gunilla Ljusegren has worked in the field of children and pain since 1978. The last 4 years she has been doing research on the subject and the 27th of May she successfully defended her licentiate thesis *Nurses’ Competence in Pain Management in Children*. All present at the public defense received inspiration and new knowledge within the area. A lesson to be learned for the Health Care system and nurses in general is that children’s expression of pain should be considered seriously and not be taken lightly.
Agneta Luttropp at Mälardalens Högskola successfully defended her licentiate thesis in Special Education called 'Närhet - samspel och delaktighet i förskolan för barn med utvecklingsstörning' at Stockholm University the 27th of May. The main purpose of the thesis was to study if children with intellectual disability interact or participate differently with preschool staff and peers compared to their non-disabled peers and how preschool teachers experience interaction and participation for children with intellectual disability and children with typical development. Agneta Luttrop's studies shows that there are more similarities than differences between the groups and that participation differed in structured and unstructured situations even if it is not significant. The child with intellectual disability was less involved in his/her life situation in unstructured situations. Goals and methods about communication were more common as a goal than interaction even if the teachers expressed that interaction is the child's main problem.
Berit Björkman, a doctoral student at School of Health Sciences, successfully passed her part time on the 25th of May 2011. The main purpose of Berit Björkman’s research is to study children’s and radiographer’s perspective on acute radiographic examinations being performed with children in a Radiology Department. Children’s experience of going through a radiographic examination is rather unexplored, although most radiographers examine and interact with children on a daily basis. In order to provide high quality care that meets the needs of the patient, it is important to perform research focused upon the patient’s experience of radiographic practice. The research is based on interviews and video observations, and the main focus is on pain, anxiety and the interaction between the children and radiographers.

Would you like to learn more about Berit Björkman’s research? Contact berit.bjorkman@hhj.hj.se directly.
Ritsa Mallous, GEDS-scholar in Sweden

Hello! My name is Ritsa Mallous and I am a PhD student in Early Childhood, Intervention, and Literacy at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill in the U.S. I am extremely excited that I will be studying at Jonkoping for the fall semester under Dr. Rune Simeonsson’s Transatlantic Consortium. I grew up in Florida and received my Master’s in Elementary Education from the University of Florida, and moved to North Carolina to pursue my PhD. I was a kindergarten teacher for nine years before going back to school, so I understand the importance of having classroom experience and knowing what goes on in the classroom. I am thrilled that I have this wonderful opportunity to be studying at Jonkoping in the fall. My research interests include young immigrant children and their families, and supporting new teachers in the classroom. For my studies at Jonkoping, I hope to gain an understanding of what the infrastructure is of services offered to young children and their families in Sweden, with a focus on immigrant children. Also, I would like to understand how Sweden supports their new teachers after graduation, and what kind of research is being done in these areas. After graduating, I plan on becoming a professor/teacher at a university teaching and supporting pre-service teachers in early childhood. I come from a large Greek family so I have had many wonderful opportunities to visit Greece and my relatives. Visiting Greece was the greatest and most positive experience for me, because it gave me a new perspective and appreciation of family and culture. I am looking forward to visiting Sweden and studying at Jonkoping!
International and national appearances

The 3rd conference of the International Society on Early Intervention was held May 2-5 in New York City. It was a well attended conference with representation in paper sessions and posters coming from 33 different countries. Four days of the conference included 72 sessions with many devoted to major themes of Families, Service Delivery Models, Intervention & Outcomes, Autism, Policy, Professional Development and Assessment. Most of the 226 papers listed multiple presenters, in many cases involving contributors from different countries. The strong international makeup of the conference was evident in the representation of presenters. Based on the listing of the first author, 28% of the papers were made by presenters from Europe, 14% from the Asia-Pacific region, 50% from North America and the remaining 8% from other parts of the world. There was very limited participation by presenters from Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Of particular significance was the level of representation by faculty, and students previously or currently affiliated with CHILD and/or with the Transatlantic Consortium. In fact, 22 (10%) of the 226 papers were made by faculty and students at the partner universities in Sweden (particularly Jönköping & Mälardalen universities), Portugal, Germany and the U.S., with most of the papers involving multiple authors. The presentations were well received and reflect the quality of the training and studies being conducted at Jönköping University and affiliated universities. In summary, it was an excellent conference.

Professor Rune J Simeonsson
International appearances
Marie Golsäter and Ylva Ståhl sends their greetings from Hong Kong (Swedish only):

Vi har varit i Hong Kong på "16th Biennial School Nurses Conference 2011". Temat för konferensen var skolsköterskans roll vad gäller globalisering, utarbetande av riktlinjer och evidensbaserad praktik. Över 25 länder var representerade och totalt var vi cirka 240 deltagare. Vi föreläste om vårt arbete d.v.s. hälsosamtal och dokumentation och fick många intressanta synpunkter av kollegor från hela världen. Pauserna och kvällarna var intensiva eftersom vi hade mycket att diskutera kollegor emellan även om förutsättningarna är olika både för elever och också skolsköterskor.

Många intressanta föreläsningar från världens alla hörn, posters och besök på skolor ingick i programmet. Sverige tog hem första priset för den bästa postern och det var skolsköterskor från Rosengård i Malmö som hade en poster som handlade om tjejergrupper med samtal om livet och sexualitet. För övrigt var det ett genomarbetat intressant program med sevärdheter i Hong Kong, god mat, shopping, fotmassage, simning under bar himmel och sist men inte minst trevligt umgänge.

Hälsningar,
Marie Golsäter och Ylva Ståhl

Vill du veta mer om forskning kring skolsköterskors hälsosamtal och dokumentation?
Kontakta forskarna direkt! marie.golsater@hhj.hj.se eller ylva.stahl@hhj.hj.se
International appearances

Anne-Sofie Strand sends greetings from this summer's 'Understanding the Other-Conference' in Finland.
(Swedish only)


Här är jag, Anne-Sofie Strand (till höger) samt professor Elisabet Cedersund, min handledare från Hälsohögskolan i Jönköping.

Vill du veta mer om Anne-Sofie Strands forskning?
Hör av dig direkt till henne! anne-sofie.strand@hhj.hj.se
Anna Karin Axelsson is a new Ph.D. Student in Disability Research at School of Health Sciences. Anna Karin Axelsson's thesis will be about children with profound multiple disabilities and their participation in family activities. Her tutor will be Mats Granlund, professor in Disability Research at School of Health Sciences and the thesis will be called 'Participation in family activities in children with profound multiple disabilities'.

Anna Karin, why were you interested in this area?
Working with disabled children, the overall aim is to improve their participation. There is little research done about children with profound multiple disabilities and their participation in family activities. Maybe some can be done to improve it?

Anna Karin is a Physical Therapist and have a Bachelor and a Master of Medical Science Degree in Physiotherapy. She lives in Eksjö (a small town with lots of old wooden houses). She is married and the family has three girls (age 19, 13 and 11).

Welcome to CHILD!
New Ph.D. Students

Emma Carlsson is a new Ph.D. Student in Disability Research at School of Health Sciences. The overall aim of the proposed project/thesis (*Can stress induce type 1 diabetes in children?*) is to investigate how psychological stress influences the immune system in children, with focus on one of our severest public-health diseases, type 1 diabetes (T1D) and the preceding autoimmune process. Professor Maria Faresjö, Department of Natural Science and Biomedicine, School of Health Sciences, will be Emma Carlsson's tutor.

Emma, why were you interested in this area?
Psychological stress is an increasing health issue in children as well as Type 1 diabetes. In order to start decreasing the incidence of this disease we need to learn more about the aetiology of the disease. No other study has investigated the association between stress and the immune system with such a broad spectrum of immunological markers as planned in the current study. It is important to study the (diabetes-related) immune response in groups of children with high stress in their families. Increased knowledge on how stress affects the immune system will be useful in the prevention of T1D and other immune-mediated diseases.

Emma Carlsson has a masters degree in biochemistry from Gothenburg university and a bachelors degree in biomedicine from School of Health Sciences.

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**Eva-Lena Einberg** is a new Ph.D. Student in Nursing Science at School of Health Sciences in Jönköping.

Main tutor is Jens Nygren, Associate Professor in Medical Science, Halmstad University, and second tutor are Karin Enskär, Associate Professor in Nursing Science, School of Health Sciences in Jönköping and Petra Svedberg, PhD, Lector, Halmstad University.

- My work will be about development and evaluation of an Internet based digital service for peer support for children with experiences of pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). The thesis will be called: Peer support among survivors of pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

ALL is the most common form of cancer among children and has today more than an 80% survival until adulthood. Surviving cancer during childhood imposes a number of physical and psychosocial difficulties later in life. Social support has long been recognized as an important contributor to health and well-being. While there is strong theoretical rational for use of peer support during and after treatment for childhood cancer, empirical evidence that could guide development of such programs is scare.

Eva-Lena Einberg is a Pediatric nurse, and has a Master of Science Degree in Nursing. Eva-Lena has been working in the School Health Service before the engagement as a PhD student.

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**Johanna Norderyd** is a specialist in dental care for children, mainly children with disabilities. Johanna Norderyd’s thesis will be about oral health in children with disabilities and ICF-CY. Mats Granlund, professor of Disability Research at School of Health Sciences will be her tutor.

**Johanna, why were you interested in this area?**
I have worked with children with disabilities for many years and I’ve always felt that the existing parameters to describe oral health for this group of patients are missing some factors. I don’t know if ICF-CY will be a good complement but I would like to find out.

Johanna Norderyd is a specialist in paediatric dentistry at the National Oral Disability Centre for rare disorders at the Institute for Postgraduate Dental Education in Jönköping.

Johanna has a husband, a 24-year-old son, and a border terrier.

Welcome to CHILD!
Lunch Seminars at Jönköping University

All seminars take place in Room B3052 between 12.10-13.00 at Jönköping International Business School.

11 October
Research Funding: To go where the money is…
Speaker: Associate professor Johan Klaesson (and others)

15 November
Research Funding Opportunities for 2012
Speaker: Dr. Mikael Gustafsson

5 December
Applying for Research Funding: Mission impossible or practice makes perfect?
Speaker: Professor Mattias Nordqvist and Assistant professor Karin Hellerstedt

You are all most welcome and do not forget to bring your lunch with you.

Susanne Hansson,
Administrator for Research and Doctoral education at Jönköping International Business School