

Road show seminars 2006 in 'Studying the Web and its use'

The concept of a 'road show seminar' means that a team of 2-3 senior researchers of high international status will visit 2-3 Nordic-Baltic sites, each covering an adequate region, with a tailored set of lectures and tutorials on a pre-selected research area, as well as supplying improved supervision and consultation. The idea is in a cost-effective manner to provide research knowledge and experience out to the local research groups and doctoral students within Nordic-Baltic regions. Travel and accommodation costs are thus minimized.

In 2006 the aim of the road show is to present new developments in Web studies including research on user-created web spaces (e.g., blogs, wikis, social bookmarking and folksonomies), users' seeking behaviour on the Web, as well as statistical methods for measuring web phenomena, also called webometrics.

Main responsible persons:

Dr. Nils Pharo, Oslo University College, Norway

Dr. Lennart Björneborn, Royal School of LIS, Copenhagen, Denmark

Stop 1: March 30-31, 2006, Department of Information Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia

Lecturers/supervisors:

Prof. Mike Thelwall, University of Wolverhampton, UK

- <http://www.scit.wlv.ac.uk/~cm1993/mycv.html>

Dr. Nils Pharo, Oslo University College, Norway - http://home.hio.no/~nilsp/index_eng.htm

Dr. Lennart Björneborn, Royal School of LIS, Copenhagen, Denmark - <http://www.db.dk/lb>

Tentative Programme:

Day 1: Open Road Show for researchers, Ph.D. students and other selected students

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10.00 - 10.15 Coffee

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12.15 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 14.00 Webometrics: Some tools and techniques / M. Thelwall

14.00 - 15.00 A study of bridging links across academic web boundaries / L. Björneborn

15.00 - 15.15 Coffee

15.15 - 16.15 Web searchers in transit: an empirical study / N. Pharo

Day 2: Closed Road Show for supervision of Ph.D. students

Descriptions of Ph.D. projects should be sent 3 weeks in advance to all three lecturers.

09.00 - 15.00 Student presentations of projects, supervision and discussion.

The road show seminar is equivalent to 1 course ECTS.

Participation

Pre-Registration is mandatory due to space allocation. Deadline for the registration to the Open Road Show on March 30 is by **March 1, 2006** by e-mail to Dr. Nils Pharo (nils.pharo@jbi.hio.no). (For additional information about Tallinn contact Prof. Aira Lepik, Department of Information Studies, Tallinn University, at aira.lepik@tlu.ee).

Ph.D. students participating also in the Closed Road Show on March 31 should register by e-mail to Dr. Nils Pharo (nils.pharo@jbi.hio.no) already on **January 31, 2006** at the latest.

Descriptions of Ph.D. projects should be sent 3 weeks in advance of the road show to all three lecturers.

Ph.D. students under the NORSLIS programme may apply for travel support to the NORSLIS Board, i.e. Olle Persson (olle.persson@soc.umu.se), no later than **January 31, 2006**.

See more information on how to apply: <http://www.norslis.net/general/norslideshowtoapply.html>

Stop 2: September 27-28, 2006, Oslo University College, Oslo, Norway

The road show is placed in connection with the 11th Nordic Bibliometric Workshop, September 28-29, Oslo. (The road show ends at 12.15 on Sept. 28 as the Workshop starts at 13.00).

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The Nordic Bibliometric Workshop starts at 13.00.

The road show seminar is equivalent to 1 course ECTS.

Participation

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Ph.D. students participating also in the Closed Road Show on September 28 should register by e-mail to Dr. Nils Pharo (nils.pharo@jbi.hio.no) already on **July 1, 2006** at the latest.

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