

Nordic research collaboration in library and information science: a bibliometric study

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Agenda

- Nordic LIS research education
- Formal networks
- Nordic co-authorship in LIS
- Bibliometric study
- Conclusions

Nordic LIS education

- Pre mid 90's:
 - Vocational studies
 - Few PhDs
- From mid 90s
 - Academisation
 - PhD scholarships, organized programs

Nordic collaboration

- Relatively few students per country
- Relatively few senior researchers per country
- Rationalise research education by bringing people together
- Two formalised networks:
 - NordIS-Net
 - Norslis

Research question

Has the establishment of inter-Nordic collaboration in LIS research education led to increased inter-Nordic scientific publishing within LIS?

Method

- Identify co-authorship between Nordic LIS researchers in two comparative periods:
 - 1987-1997, during which no formal networks existed
 - 1998-2005, the time of NordIS-Net and Norslis

Co-authorship

	1987-1997	1998-2005
Articles in LIS journals	15315	14865
Denmark	67	146
Finland	68	125
Sweden	28	121
Norway	39	69
Iceland	2	9
Nordic co-authored articles	4	8
Non Nordic co-authored articles	199	462
Co-authored	79 (39 %)	208 (44 %)

Results

- No network effect on inter-Nordic co-authorship
- Great increase in Nordic share of LIS publishing
- Increase in co-authorship by Nordic LIS researchers