

What, Why and How? Past, Present and Future!

Past, Present & Future

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Licentiate thesis

Information and Communication Technology
Applied for Developing Countries in a Rural
Context - Towards a Framework for Analyzing
Factors Influencing Sustainable Use

“...develop such a tool that can support the understanding of the conditions for sustainable i.e. successful ICT projects in developing countries.”

Why did PID started?

- 'One of Two' doctoral candidates
- 'One of Two' initiators
- Thanks to Prof. Unwin!

Why did PID started?

- The network will create a dynamic and vibrant forum for brainstorming
- The network will break the isolation of PhD students at smaller universities
- The network will support and facilitate networking and knowledge sharing
- The network will create a place where PhD students in the area of ICT4D, from Sweden and abroad, could meet, discuss and organize activities hold workshops and conferences
- The network will also facilitate the planning of social activities, which in itself will encourage networking and collaboration among researchers

Why did PID started?

- “There is an expressed need from PhD-students related to research in ICT4D, for a student network both at the smaller universities where it can be difficult to reach a critical mass of students and researchers, as well as at bigger universities where the students easily become ‘one among many’.

- With such a network, it will be possible to arrange seminars around topics of mutual interests and also exchange knowledge and share information about e.g. literature and journals.

- The network is further a possibility to increase the existing network of ours, national as well as international, and also a possibility for increased collaboration among universities. Invited to the network will obviously be PhD-students from developing countries registered in Sweden. The network will act as a research as well as social meeting place for PhD students doing research in ICT4D”

What is PID?

- A network for PhD students in the area of ICT4D
- An international network for ‘everyone’ (doctoral and master students) in the area of ICT4D
- We are currently in the process of identifying students working in the area of ICT4D

Past activities

- An initiation workshop took place at IT University in Stockholm the 8th of May 2006 The aim of the workshop was:
 - to initiate a dialogue among the students from different universities and
 - to structure a framework for communication among the network members and
 - to set an agenda for future network activities
- 6 PhD (Tanzania, Uganda & Sweden)
- Agenda for PID

”This is a fantastic opportunity for PhD students in ICT4D to get to know what everyone is doing in this area and it will allow us to join hands in deploying ICT in our countries”

(Elly Gamukama,
PhD student from
Uganda)



Agenda for PID

- Mission – the network is supposed to gather PhD students with research in ICT4D which includes development in all types of settings with focus on marginalized groups of people
- Vision – to create an international network that can support PhD students in their studies and research
- Web page – should include news, discussion forum, profiles of participants, etc.
- Mailing list
- Logotype
- Name

Present status - Represented universities in PID

- Victoria University
 - Gandhigram Rural University
 - University of Trento
 - Kathmandu University
 - De La Salle University-Manila
 - Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
 - Karlstad University
 - University of Joensuu
 - University of Lugano
 - Makerere University
 - Royal Holloway, University of London
 - University of Illinois
 - University of Southampton
 - University of Rosario
 - Queens University
 - FMPOS
 - Madurai Kamaraj University
 - National Institute for Communicable
 - Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
 - University of Dar es Salaam
 - Örebro University
 - Stockholm University
 - ...
 - ...
- Australia
 - India
 - Italy
 - Nepal
 - Philippines
 - Spain
 - Sweden
 - Sweden/Finland
 - Switzerland
 - Uganda
 - United Kingdom
 - USA
 - United Kingdom
 - Argentina
 - Bangladesh
 - Mali
 - India
 - South Africa
 - Spain
 - Tanzania
 - Sweden
 - Sweden
 - ...
 - ...

Future activities

- Activities in the network – two main types of activities were suggested: academic and social activities.
- Academic activities could include writing papers, attending conferences, suggesting literature and journals, review process, methodological issues etc.
- Social activities could include visiting different universities, intercultural meetings

Future activities

- Two seminars per year where PhD-students present their ongoing work and get feedback from the participants as well as from accompanying seniors.
- The seminars could include speeches/lectures from senior researchers and could also be connected to relevant ICT4D activities.
- In order to obtain a mutual interest and a shared responsibility among the universities the location for the seminars could move between the different

Administration

- The network will be administrated from Karlstad University (KaU)
- The network will communicate through a mail-list and a web-page administrated from KaU

Web page

<http://www.spidercentre.org/PID/index.php>

A website, would provide a place for students to interact and find information within the area of ICT4D



The screenshot shows the header of the PID website. It features the logo 'pid' in a large, blue, lowercase font, followed by the text 'The PhD Student Network in ICT for Developing Regions' in a smaller, blue, uppercase font. Below the logo and text is a dark blue navigation bar with white text links: 'Home', 'About PID', 'Contact Us', 'News', 'Conferences', 'Forum', 'Register', and 'Edit Your Profile'. Below the navigation bar is a white box with a dark blue border containing the text 'Logged in as gudrun | Logout | Admintools | Edit this page'.

PID - a Network for PhD students in the area of ICT4D

The network, PID (PhD students in ICT for Developing Regions), is an international PhD network for everyone in the field of ICT for developing regions. The network is created to support and facilitate networking and knowledge sharing.

How to proceed?

- Network
 - virtual
 - physical
- The web page will be expanded to accommodate any tools we might need for the network
 - project descriptions, contact list, link collections, information about conferences, workshops, and other current events related to ICT4D

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<http://www.spidercentre.org/>





Welcome to register as a member!

<http://www.spidercentre.org/PID/registration.php>