**New BTH Guidelines for Data Management**

Monday 7th of October BTH got new Guidelines for management of research data.

The guidelines are based on the FAIR-principles and the policies for the management and reuse of research data created by the government. Infrastructure for this is being built and implemented by the Swedish Research council together with Swedish National Data Service and a consortium of Swedish universities.

The guidelines are meant to be a help for researchers creating Data Management Plans, for documenting, archiving, sharing and, if possible, making data reusable. The BTH Data Access Unit will support researchers with this or any other mandates from funders calling for Plan S, FAIR or similar open science requirements. The DAU is also serving as a node for information and skills transfer vis-a-vis Swedish National Data Service (SND) and Swedish Research Council (VR).

**New Agreement with Springer Nature**

BTH, together with 45 other organizations have joined the new Bibsam consortium agreement, which runs for three years, starting January 1st 2019.

The agreement covers rights to publish in over 1,800 hybrid journals at no extra cost for the author as well as reading rights from 1997 for over 2,100 journals. The Read & Publish agreement allows BTH researchers to publish open access in almost the entire Springer Nature journal portfolio.

The deal follows the 2016-2018 Springer Compact agreement, which significantly increased the number of open access articles published and eased the administrative burden for authors and librarians. But affiliated researchers published less than expected. For this reason, Springer agreed to include a “courtesy credit” in the new 2019-2021 agreement which partially compensate the overpayment, also including an agreement that if participating organizations publish less than predicted, the publisher will refund the consortium an agreed amount.

**Publish data sets in DiVA**

It is now possible to create data set records in DiVA and to connect them with relevant article records.

Some publishers require you to make your data set available together with the journal article. In cases like this DiVA could today serve as satisfactory solution. Creating records in DiVA is a simple way of making smaller data sets available fast.

Further on we hope BTH researchers will be able to make their research data reusable, findable and preserved, by depositing documentation, data and metadata in integrated systems created by SND and Swedish University Computer Network (SUNET). More info on this in future newsletters.