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Introduction

The accelerated changes in global economy are reflected in new requirements for professional education, which have to result in effective professionals who keep up to date with demands from society. The EU has started a major harmonisation process of higher education and more.

What research and developments are taken place which regard and affect the library and information science profession?

What strategic steps need to be taken?

Speaker



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Ragnar Audunson has also been actively involved in the NORDIS-NET, the network preceding NORSLIS. He is currently supervising three doctoral students and has acted as opponent for doctoral dissertations in Gothenburg and Oslo. The two main lines of research are information policy and the social role of libraries, and user studies and information seeking behaviour.