

ipid The International Network for
Post Graduate Students in
the area of ICT4D

The Story of IPID



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- **IPID is an international post graduate student network for researchers in the field of ICT for development**
- **The network was created to provide a platform for information sharing, support and social activities for PG students within the field**



- **Established as PID, a Swedish national network, in 2006 on initiative of Karlstad University, Sweden inspired by Prof. Tim Unwin**
- **In response to request from PG students in other countries the network transformed into an international network, IPID, in 2007**



- **From 2 to 200 in 2 years!**
- **Today 220 members representing 158 universities in 69 countries are participating in the network**
- **The network is continuously expanding**



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National and international academic and social activities

- **Seminars (e.g. Academia meets Practice)**
- **International Symposia (e.g. London, Sweden and Finland in 2008)**
- **Social encounters (e.g. crayfish party in Sweden 2007)**



Planned activities 2008-2009

- **Master and PhD course: “Development, Globalisation and ICT4D - Defining the ‘D’ in ICT4D”, 18-19 September 2008 and final seminar in January 2009.**
- **Academia meets Practice – Theme “Blended technology for development”.**
 - **Satellite Communication Course**
 - **Mobile communication**
 - **Fibre optics and cable**
- **m4d conference – December 11-12th, 2008 – Karlstad University**
- **Research seminar at Örebro university spring 2009**
- **Demonstration of the GapMinder tool**



IPID support its members through:

IPID Site: a web site with information about ICT4D activities etc.

IPID News: a newsletter distributed to all members once or twice a month

IPID List: a mailing list that give members the possibility to distribute messages, to start ICT4D discussions, and to solicit ICT4D-related information

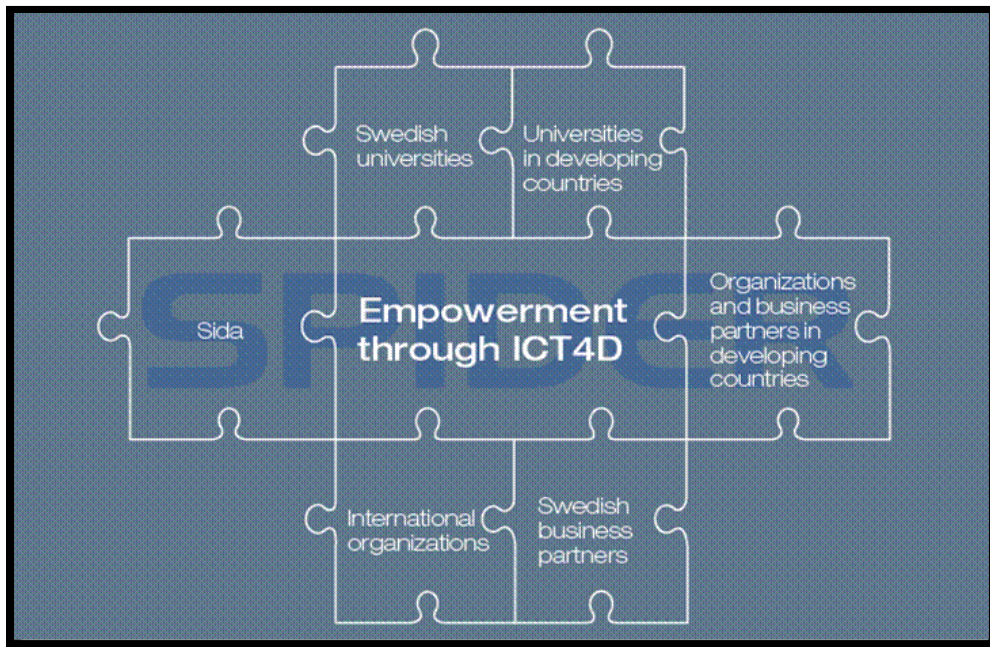
IPID Search: A search engine to find members in other countries or at other universities



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- ICT4D projects
- SIDA helpdesk for ICT4D
- Information & competence promotion within ICT4D (seminars & workshops)
- ICT4D education
- IPID
- Junior ICT experts program



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