

## **JF-PRIZE 2017 nomination – Jerker Rönnerberg**

The Disability Research Division (IBL) would like to nominate Jerker Rönnerberg for the Junior Faculty prize for the most prominent researcher in supporting junior researchers 2017.

Professor Jerker Rönnerberg is a full professor of Psychology at Linköping University since 1997 and the Head of the Swedish Institute for Disability Research since 2004 within the scientific area of Cognitive Hearing Science. In 2008, Pr. Rönnerberg created and has since been the director of the Linnaeus Centre for Hearing and Deafness (HEAD) and the HEAD Graduate School in Sweden. He is also the research leader of the Disability Research Division at Linköping University.

His work has always been oriented at supporting junior researchers within his group, with the intention of increasing their independency for developing future successful research leaders. To our knowledge, he has supervised at least 26 doctoral students and more than 12 post-doctoral researchers in different research areas (such as psychology, education, disability research) at Linköping University. His door is always open for questions and discussions. Pr. Rönnerberg further supports junior researchers, not only by sharing his valuable knowledge in many domains (such as research, teaching, administrative tasks, openness to society), but also by contributing to the development and the expansion of new research interests proposed by the junior researchers. He has a broad experience in getting funding and he is willing to share his previous research experiences, his networks and funding advices. Pr. Rönnerberg has a strong and clear strategic management of his research team in the sense that he always makes the decisions that further their careers. He also encourages collaboration with past members of his research team with the current members and even within the group. Lastly, Pr. Rönnerberg promotes fair publishing strategies and encourages a creative environment for intellectual exchange between junior and senior researchers in order to contribute to a sustainable research area within Linköping University.

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