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Workshop Anna-Mia Eborn, Karolinska Institutet Library. Educational resources. A web-based tool to support library teachers in developing courses at the library.

Anna-Mia Eborn of KIB, the Library of Karolinska Institutet, gave a presentation about the courses being held at KIB. Karolinska Institutet Library provides more than 400 courses per year in information research. These courses are organised and co-ordinated by the library staff and are being held by 40 library teachers. A web-based training and educational program for information research is provided so that the staff, students and researchers can access to it when necessary. This educational resource provides the support and information concerning these courses, like the content of a specific course, information about the involved teachers and participants, educational material, evaluation of previous courses in the same subject, etc. The desire is to accommodate the library teachers, students and researchers with information that will improve the educational activities. Since the students and researchers at Karolinska Institutet study and conduct research in first and foremost medicine, natural sciences and other similar subjects, the courses are oriented towards those fields, for instance, how to handle and obtain information and how to search the databases in the specific subjects. All this to save time and effort and to inspire creativity within education, to improve the quality of the courses and to integrate other institutions and their staff at the whole of Campus.

After this presentation it was time to conduct some exercises to demonstrate the educational resources. The participants of the workshop had to find relevant information at the web-based program concerning some courses while Anna-Mia Eborn answered the questions from the participants.