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**Abstracts of speeches**

Speech 1: The presentation will focus a design-oriented action research project aiming at improving the administration of personal assistance in the Swedish public sector. The project included the design of an IT system, which was implemented and continually evaluated in a Swedish municipality.

Speech 2: This presentation highlights issues in planning, executing and following up design-oriented research involving several academic disciplines. The U-CARE project involves researchers from psychology, medicine, economics and information systems. The aim of the project is to assess various aspects of psychological interventions over the Internet. A web-based tool for cognitive behavioural therapy will be designed, used in a large clinical study, and evaluated with respect to the therapeutic success, health economy, and other measures. The project group recognizes that the qualities of the IT artefact to be designed are imperative to the success of the project.