

## **Supervisor of the Year 2016/2017**

-motivation letter



The Chalmers University of Technology Research Supervisor of the Year 2016/2017 is awarded to Aila Särkkä, professor at the Department of Mathematical Sciences. She excels in both scientific and soft aspects of supervision. Aila's personalized approach, professionalism, responsiveness and availability to PhD students – not only limited to the PhD students Aila supervises – is highly valued in the department. Aila emphasizes both the professional and personal development of her PhD students. She is a role model for the PhD students she supervises, and for other supervisors in Chalmers.

### **Evaluation procedure**

The Doctoral Students Board Committee for the Supervisor of the Year award has selected the winner after a competitive process. 11 high quality nominations were signed by 39 PhD students. Over 17 pages of argumentation were analysed, a questionnaire was sent to a shortlist of candidates and finally PhD students of the 2 final selected nominees were interviewed. The choice was neither easy nor obvious and the Committee would like to stress how happy we were to get to know of all nominees. However, the final decision was made by a unanimous voting.

Supervisor of the Year Committee  
The Chalmers Board of Graduate Students  
2016/2017 academic year