

Research Staff Collegium
Tuesday 19 March 2019, 10.30
Note-taker Noel Kelly



Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising
2. Report from SMT
3. Next Governing Board (27-28 May): Agenda suggestions
4. The Cooperation Group
5. Ypres Peace Prize
6. AOB

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

No comments from last meeting.

2. Report from SMT

Budget

Prior to this meeting a document with the SIPRI projected working budget for 2019, financial result for 2018 and trend for the past five years, was circulated to the RSC. SIPRI ended 2018 with a surplus of 5,440 924 SEK. The total costs were 79, 399 421 SEK and the total income was 84, 840, 344 SEK. The turnover in 2018 was 21% higher than in 2017. The budget right now in 2019 is 16% higher than last year with a projected working budget of 98.5 million SEK. The surplus of 5.4 million SEK from 2018 can be explained partially because of the exchange rates. Reflected in this figure also is the result of larger projects being attained that sees SIPRI get more coverage for our outreach, editorial, finance team and general overhead costs. There were fewer researchers on core financing than anticipated and there was some project costs savings as a result. In addition, the development of SIPRI's milex database cost less than anticipated. The reserves are currently 10.8 million SEK.

One cost that was not in the budget last year but has been planned for this year is the cost for a new financial system. SIPRI has engaged with a service provider and the plan is to have a new financial system in place before the end of this year.

Staff had the opportunity for a Q&A session about the budget at this RSC, and they are welcome to contact the Finance Department with any further questions on budget detail.

Questions: How dependent are we on one particular funder? SIPRI's core grant is 30% or just under 1/3. In addition to the core grant from the Swedish Government, there is a strategic grant with three components supporting SIPRI's work on climate, the Stockholm Forum and Cluster 1&2 disarmament and mediation activities. The core grant is just over 28 million SEK and together with the strategic grant is just over 50% of our budget. In addition, there are various smaller funders from Swedish agencies, the EU, MISTRA, Carnegie, and different states etc. However, we do have a big exposure towards the Swedish Foreign Ministry and therefore work closely with all departments.

It was explained the growth rate of reserves does not keep up with the budget – how do we change this? The SIPRI budget shown over a five-year period increased in the vicinity of 20% each year and the reserves doubled. In the Director's experience a 3% surplus each year is a good target to aim for.

Reporting on grants attained

On 18 March 2019, SIPRI received confirmation of a Post Code Foundation grant for the Global Registry on Violent Deaths project. The Project starts on 1 April 2019 with a budget of just under 3 million SEK.

Another new source for a grant is the MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency). They are going to fund a short SIPRI project about crisis management and de-escalation in cyber space. This is the first of a number of suggested projects from SIPRI to MSB looking for support.

The Belt and Road Initiative project work at SIPRI has attained a new source of funding from the Chinese Embassy to support the continuation of this work with a 2 million SEK grant. SIPRI's independence and intellectual freedom in this project is paramount and written in the contract.

The Swedish MFA strategic grant is currently a two-year grant but the Director's ambition for SIPRI next time is to attain a three-year grant and this is being sought.

Co-operation Agreements

SIPRI has a lot of agreements, memoranda of understanding, terms of reference for co-operation, over-view agreements etc. How many do we have? We don't know and Sigrun is tasked with finding and collating this information. We are asked to co-operate and provide any information.

One new partnership announced is with IWEP (Institute for World Economy and Politics). They may play a role in the Stockholm Security Conference (SSC) happening at the beginning of October in 2019. The Munich Security Conference partnership will continue with support for the SSC in 2019.

- Internship agreements

SIPRI are close to an agreement with the Paris School of Internal Affairs (PSIA), which is part of SciencesPo in Paris; PSIA is a large programme with students from many different nationalities and they would like an internship agreement scheme with SIPRI. The University of Perugia under the Erasmus plus scheme has also approached SIPRI for an internship agreement. The numbers of intern places remains highly limited and SIPRI will in both cases make the decision. The internships offered would generally be between 3-6 months as we are not interested in shorter.

An idea being discussed with the MFA is marking the 50th anniversary in 2022 of the 1972 the UN Stockholm Human Environment Conference. This was the first major international conference on environmental issues. It is considered a report linking in with this event based on climate change and security risks or more broadly environmental deterioration could be undertaken. This would take a serious effort including strengthening the expert working group on climate related security risks with a prestigious chair. It would involve a couple of years of research and writing and aim for a product in the spring of 2022. The plan would be to have major dissemination and communication strategy built around it.

3. Next Governing Board (27-28 May): Agenda suggestions

Talk with GB staff representative observer Mark Bromley if you have any ideas or suggestions for agenda items. We will have an RSC meeting before the GB meeting in May and be shown the agenda to discuss. Staff can address any items or points to be made based on the agenda to Mark or indeed Sigrun and Dan.

Lakhdar Brahimi has just stepped down and SIPRI will seek a regional replacement. Other suggestions are welcome but Dan favours nominating Mohamed ElBaradei; no decisions have been taken on who to approach yet and normal protocol will be followed. Dewi Fortuna Anwar will step down in 2020 and Vladimir Baranovsky in 2021, after 10 years of GB service. Ambassador Michael Biontino just retired is suggested as a potential candidate for consideration.

4. Ypres Peace Prize

For further information about the Ypres peace prize see:

<http://www.vredesprijs-ieper.be/vp/index.php/terms-of-reference-for-the-peace-prize-of-the-city-of-ieper>

SIPRI has been asked to join the selection committee and Sibylle will represent us and suggestions for nominations are welcome. Moreover, SIPRI will need to nominate 4-5 organizations or individuals for consideration. Linked to this prize is a peace education for youth project. The selection committee will meet on 10-11 May in Ypres. It is a long process with the peace prize to be awarded in 2020. Staff is invited to send names by 15 April to Sibylle.

Some suggestions so far:

- Prefecture of Hiroshima
- Campaign to Stop Killer Robots
- NGOs dealing with the refugee crisis in Burma
- Jacinda Arden – Prime Minister of New Zealand
- Sam Nunn
- Parliamentary Forum on SALW
- The Arctic Council

5. The Cooperation Group

A presentation about what the SIPRI Cooperation Group is and does was made to the RSC. It serves as an advisory group for the management's decision-making and one of many. For more information - see the Agreement on Cooperation at SIPRI policy:
<http://intranet.sipri.org/category/administration/policies/>

Current participants:

- Deputy Director (chair) – Sigrún
- Head of Operations – Maria
- Human Resources Manager (secretary) – Helena
- Trade union (ST and Saco-S) representatives – Pieter and Frank (ST) and Jiayi (Saco-S)
- Safety Officers – Katia and Siemon
- Representatives from the RSC – Alexandra and Nan

6. AOB

Reminder – next SIPRI staff wine/cheese reception is on 28 March @5:00PM.

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