

## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 24 April 2018

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer (via Skype), Stephanie Blenckner, Maria Kaemmerlé, Gary Milante (via

Skype), Dan Smith

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

#### 1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on April 17 were approved.

#### 2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- Dan informed the SMT that the negotiations with Luc van de Goor have been concluded. Thus, our new DoS for the Conflict & Peace cluster is now on board!
- The SMT agreed that the next round of Line Manager training, half-a-day this time, has to be planned for the end of August or later. Elena will check participants' availability.
- Sibylle sent a draft concept note on the SSC to Dan for proof-reading and comments.

#### 3. Report back

- Jakob, who could not participate in the SMT meeting in person due to the Viking Exercise he was attending, provided the SMT with a detailed update on the inaugural SIPRI Lecture (preparations are all on track).
- The SMT discussed the cooperation proposal from the Seoul Metropolitan Government. The conclusion was however that Jakob's input is essential for the SMT to decide on whether and how to proceed.
- Steph reported that the MILEX data launch is going as planned, as are the preparations for the Forum and for the visit of the Saudi Delegation headed by Prince Turki.
- Sibylle reported on persistent administrative obstacles in the way of receiving the EU grant for the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium. SMT agreed that establishing a new legal entity to handle the grant is not an option.
- Dan reported about his meeting on 19 April with Marie Dahllöf, the Postcode Foundation's Secretary General. There is interest in partially sponsoring the SSC. First, it is necessary for the Foundation to be sure SIPRI's legal status means that it can be a beneficiary. Then SIPRI would have to apply. The Postcode Foundation would want to know how the SSC would fit into a continuum of activity that overall would contribute to a better general understanding of global security, a kind of public education.
- Dan provided the SMT with a positive update on the partnership with the WFP that is moving forward. Firstly, SIPRI will be collaborating with the WFP during the Almedalen week. Secondly, SIPRI will host a breakfast discussion as a side event during the WFP Executive Board meeting in June. The meeting will present the emerging WFP-SIPRI partnership.

4. Staffing & project issues

- Emma Fredriksson joined the Comms team as Event Coordinator on Monday April 23.
- Maria and Sibylle will meet a third candidate for the position of the financial controller.
- Ulla and Maria continue interviews with the candidates for the accountant position.

5. Governing Board 28&29 May: Agenda

- The SMT discussed the draft agenda and the list of background documents for the GB May meeting, drafted by Jakob. The SMT agreed that the new institutional strategy will be the main item on the agenda. Jakob and Dan will further discuss the agenda with Jan on Friday April 27. There is no decision yet as to how structure the lunch meetings.

6. Next RSC meeting

- The only available window for the next RSC meeting, that needs to happen before the GB May meeting, is Friday May 25. The SMT agreed that it will start at 13:00 with a dessert, followed by the meeting itself. The formal invitation and the agenda will be send out asap.

7. Institute Strategy

- The SMT discussed Dan's first draft covering current strengths of the Institute, results achieved during the past three years, new challenges, risks and opportunities over the coming years. Dan will adjust the draft taking into account comments and suggestions from the rest of the SMT. It will be also discussed with Jan and Jakob on April 27. The revised draft will be submitted to the SMT for further discussion.

8. Brown Bag Seminars

- Assuming the obvious interest in BB lunch seminars on the one hand, and stating the lack of institutional structure and/or culture around them on the other hand, the SMT discussed how best to embed the seminars in SIPRI life. SMT decided to have BB seminars on the agenda of all the cluster meetings. Clusters can then decide on the topics, speakers and schedules. If this approach does not work, SMT may turn to an alternative method such as allotting BB seminars to clusters on a monthly rota.

9. AOB

- Steph asked about the final status of proposals for the Wallenberg foundation. Dan confirmed that three project proposals were submitted.

**Action Points**

- Follow up on the EU Consortium - Sibylle
- Discuss ToR for the secondment sponsored by the Metropolitan Seoul Governement – Jakob to brief the rest of the SMT before decision is taken
- Follow-up on the meeting with Marie Dahllöf – Dan, Sibylle and Steph
- Continue drafting institutional strategy - Dan
- Further discussion on the draft institutional strategy – Dan, Jan and Jakob on April 27
- Send out invitation to the next RSC – Dan
- Date for the next Line Manager training – Elena will check participants' availability

**Items carried forward**

NTR.