

SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

10 November 2020

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerle, Jannie Lilja, Dan Smith, Joakim Vaverka

Helena Berger (present for item 1)

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. Corona virus

- NTR.

2. Minutes

- The minutes from the SMT meeting on November 3 were approved.

3. Matters arising

- NTR.

4. Report back

- Joakim is finalizing the preparations for the Board meeting.
- Sibylle reported back on:
 - The Rethinking Arms Control conference organized by the German government the previous week.
 - Working with the Universities of Stockholm and Uppsala on a joint letter of interest about the national knowledge centre for nuclear disarmament in Sweden. The proposal is for Stockholm University to host the new centre. The letter is to be submitted to Swedish Research Council on 13 November.
 - The EU Non-Proliferation Consortium network meeting on 9 November.
- Jannie reported back on the meeting she, Dan and Joakim had with the head of the MFA's department for UN policy, conflict and humanitarian issues Carl Skau on Nov 9. The issues discussed included the Stockholm Forum and the MFA's initiative on Good Peacebuilding Donorship.
- Dan has completed the update of the Institute Strategy. He will share it with the Board members and then with SMT.
- Maria reminded SMT about the 13 November deadline for submitting applications under the strategic MFA grant.
- Joakim referred to the possibility to apply for additional MFA funds outside the strategic grant, administered by NIS. Project ideas (not fully developed concept notes) should be submitted for discussion with NIS colleagues by mid-December. Joakim will double check how the process is expected to work.

5. Staffing & project issues

- Gregory has accepted another position and has submitted his resignation from SIPRI.

6. SSC 2020 – update

- Luc shared with the SMT latest details relating to preparations for the SSC. Registration for the SSC sessions is going well. All sessions are open except the one on security cooperation in Africa. The SMT agreed that, with that one exception, sessions can be recorded. Session leads will be informed accordingly.
- Katja will send a brief e-mail to Dan, Jan and Joakim with the latest updates on the number of registered participants for the different sessions.

7. Institutional journal access

- In response to the question about SIPRI getting access to an online platform for scholarly journals, raised by Florian at the RSC held on 4 November, the SMT agreed that Steph will ask Olle to look at the costs.

8. SIPRI Associates

- The SMT went through the list of Associates with whom the agreements are due to expire shortly. The SMT agreed to extend agreements with:
 - Michael Brzoska
 - Filippa Lentzos
 - Bob Kelley
 - Sten Hagberg
 - Tarja Cronberg
 - Rolf Ekéus
 - Hans Blix
 - Sam Perlo Freeman
- Dan and Jannie will consult Malin to decide on the extension of agreements with:
 - Camilla Born and
 - Niklas Bremberg.

9. AOB

- Due to the Board meeting and the SSC, the next SMT meeting will be on 24 November.

Action Points

- Details on additional MFA funding available through NIS department – Joakim
- Costs for institutional journal access – Steph and Olle
- Associate status for Camilla Born and Niklas Bremberg – Dan and Malin

Items carried forward

Project management guidelines – pushbacks in implementation

Ways of personal development at SIPRI for Research Assistants

Christmas presents for staff