

## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 2 October 2018

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerlé, Gary Milante (via Skype)

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

#### 1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on Sept 25 were approved.

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

- Steph reminded the SMT the rationale behind and the preferred format for the half-page cluster info sheets requested by Sigrún. The info sheets will be submitted to Swedish government officials to enable them to provide, if and when required, a brief up-to-date picture of SIPRI to the new government, once in place. To be finalised by Oct 3.

#### 3. Report back

- Luc informed the SMT about the latest contacts Shannon had with the interlocutors in Iran and also with the Iranian Ambassador in Stockholm about a potential visit to Teheran in January 2019. The dates are still to be finalised and the agenda to be agreed upon.
- Luc reported back on the meeting he had with Johan Schaar and the additional one scheduled for the coming week. The SMT discussed the shaping of the new SIPRI MENA programme, pointing out that in its current draft form it tends to focus on climate security challenges.
- Luc informed the SMT about Vitaly's suggestion to sign a MoU with UNICRI similar to the one the Institute has with the IAEA. A UNICRI representative will be visiting Stockholm on Oct 8-10. There is thus a possibility to discuss this first-hand already next week. Both Sibylle and Luc will participate in that meeting. Luc will forward Vitaly's message to the rest of the SMT.
- Maria reported back that she and Helena are looking into following up the line managers' training.
- Maria informed the SMT that she started meetings with providers for financial systems. A more detailed report will come once Maria has met with both candidates.
- Maria addressed the SMT on the issue of the GDPR, namely when it comes to handling data collected through SIPRI's various projects. GDPR is indeed about the routines that ensure that all those in possession of personal data have control over it at all times and thus may delete it always when need be. The SMT agreed that some guidance can be acquired from the academic world. Luc and Gary will use their contacts at the universities

and report back to the SMT. Steph suggested contacting SIPRI Associate Sten Hagberg from Uppsala University who might prove to be a valuable source of information in that regard. The SMT further stressed its own responsibility when it comes to complying with the new regulations and ensuring such compliance by all the staff members. The SMT suggested that cluster coordinators should come with standard operating procedures that take into account GDPR requirements.

- Gary informed the SMT that he will be in New York on Oct 4 to meet with the peace building support office and the CIC (Centre for International Cooperation).
- Gary informed the SMT that on Oct 10 SIPRI will host a round table discussion with David Hammond, director of research at the Institute for Economics and Peace.
- Gary informed the SMT about another internal event with a view to raise awareness of the SDGs and to reflect upon what SIPRI is doing in terms of the SDGs. A kick-off discussion will be held on Oct 11 followed by wine & cheese courtesy of the Peace and Development cluster.
- Steph reported back on the comms strategy and preparations in the light of the Nobel Peace Prize winner announcement on Friday Oct 5.

#### 4. Staffing & project issues

- Dan and Gary have completed the application form for the Postcode Lottery Foundation. Dan will meet with their responsible on Oct 11. Gary will send the draft, that also comprises an outreach part, to Steph.
- Gary informed the SMT that the work on the FORMAS project is ongoing.
- Luc informed the SMT that two visiting fellows from North Korea will be coming to SIPRI, according to Shannon.
- Luc and Gary discussed Marina's implication in meeting the new request from the police on drafting an additional, third paper. Gary, Marina and Luc will need to meet to discuss the situation and to find a way forward.
- Sibylle informed the SMT that the US State Department signed the contract for a project on intangible technology transfer control.
- Sibylle informed the SMT that Tytti approached the Ploughshares Fund and submitted a proposal on Iran missile issues. The first unofficial feedback is positive, the official one to follow in November.
- Sibylle flagged up the initiative/project mentioned by Neil Melvin on the Indian ocean who discussed it with part of the nuclear team. It was reiterated in this regard that the SMT shall be involved in all strategic discussions at an early stage. Furthermore, the existing concept note template shall always be used.

#### 5. AOB

- NTR.

#### Action Points

- Updated cluster info sheets – Gary, Luc, Sibylle and Steph to Sigrún latest on Oct 3
- Forward Vitaly's message to the SMT - Luc
- Follow up on cooperation with UNICRI – Luc
- Data collection and GDPR requirements – Gary and Luc to follow up with their contacts at universities, Maria and/or Lena to contact Sten Hagberg
- New paper requested by the police – Luc, Gary and Marina to meet, discuss and find solution

#### Items carried forward

- SIRPI MENA Programme.

**Cross-cluster upcoming dates**

Halloween party – Oct 26

Meeting of the SIPRI Governing Board – Nov 26-27

Christmas lunch – December 7