

## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 9 April 2019

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerle, Gary Milante, Sigrún Rawet, Dan Smith

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi (via Skype)

#### 1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on April 2 were approved.

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

- The SMT went through the Action Points; the status is as follows:
- Sibylle compiled the list of potential candidates for the Ypres prize (cf. p. 9 below).
- Ian and Shannon/Petr are working on finalizing the joint project proposal on a) CW and attitudes in South Africa and India and b) nuclear safety/security in South Asia, to be submitted to the Norwegian MFA by April 12.
- SIPRI's meeting with Per Olsson Fridh has been tentatively scheduled for June 18. Should there be a possibility to have it at an earlier stage, the ministry will notify Sigrún.
- Sigrún sent Neil's project application to the MFA's KH department.
- Charlotte Sparre from the Swedish MFA is expected to give feedback to Sigrún on a potential trainer in professional writing in English.
- Helena is finalizing suggestions for the next round of line management training.
- Registration of the selected SIPRI staff (six so far) for the HEAT training is ongoing. Deadline for submitting applications is April 28. It's up to the FBA to pick up successful candidates after that.
- The SMT agreed to ask Neil to participate in the Tana Forum. Gary will follow up with both Neil and the Forum secretariat.
- Preparations for the DPRK capacity building visit are going ahead, as far as we know.
- Dan wrote to the ICG's Robert Malley but has not received a reply yet.
- Dan started drafting a concept note for the 2022 climate report, the working title is Environment of Peace (EP 2022).
- Sigrún provided a brief update on the ministerial meeting on the NPT that the Swedish MFA is going to convene on June 11.
- On April 12, Dan and Sigrún will also have meetings with the MFA's NIS and Asia division.

#### 3. Report back

- Sigrún reported back about her meeting with Karin Johansson to discuss both formalities and practicalities of SIPRI applying for a new strategic grant from the for three years, 2020-2022. NB: the actual MFA funding for each calendar year reaches SIPRI in March.
- On April 9, Dan and Sigrún met Ellen Swedenmark, responsible in SIDA for the Sustaining Peace strategy. Topics discussed included SIPRI's cooperation with the WFP, the GReVD project and training on climate risk.

- Dan reported back about his meeting with the representatives of the South Korean Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS) who visited Stockholm and SIPRI as part of their Europe tour to explore possibilities for cooperation with foreign counterparts. Establishing cooperation with the INSS could provide an opportunity for SIPRI in terms of selecting interns and/or guest researchers from South Korea.
- Steph reported back about her meeting with the Postcode foundation. There was a very positive and promising discussion on GReVD's outreach component.
- Steph informed the SMT that the Swiss MFA has again agreed to support SIPRI Yearbook translations into Russian, Ukrainian and Chinese with a grant in the amount of 150 000 Swiss Francs.

#### 4. Staffing & project issues

- Sigrún informed the SMT that SIPRI will convene a high-level climate security expert meeting on May 2-3. The invitations to the event have been sent.

#### 5. Budget reforecast

- Maria guided the SMT through the budget reforecast she and Lena have prepared. It is a living document which is being adjusted on an almost daily basis. Maria invited the SMT to individually follow up with her, where needed. The forecast will be updated once all DoSes have provided their feedback.

#### 6. Stockholm Forum update

- All preparations for the Forum are on track. Gary, Sigrún and Martina will head to the MFA for the next regular coordination meeting on April 10.
- 13 sessions have been proposed by the MFA for the open day, including 3 plenary and 10 parallel sessions. A total of 46 sessions have been suggested for the second and the third days while there are time slots for 39. All in all, there are 170 registered participants so far. There is a very good level of diversity among those.
- Sigrún updated the SMT as to the high-level Swedish participants expected to address the Forum including the Foreign Minister Margot Wallström and the Development Minister Peter Eriksson.
- Gary informed the SMT that a group of UN Resident Coordinators is planning to attend the Forum.

#### 7. SSC19 update

- Luc presented to the SMT the results of the latest internal discussion on the title, the concept, the draft programme and the list of potential speakers for the SSC19. The SMT gave its detailed feedback that Luc will take back to the team. The SMT agreed that the title should remain as previously agreed: "Conflict and technology: now and in the future".
- Sigrún continues liaising with both the Royal Court and the Parliament. Neither has confirmed their participation yet. Ideally, we hope the Speaker of the Parliament will welcome participants at the pre-conference event.
- The SMT agreed that Izumi Nakamitsu should be invited as a key note speaker at the pre-conference event on October 2. The invitation to her should come from Jan. Dan and Sigrún will take it up with Jan when they meet him on April 15.
- Dan stressed that it is important to have a good gender balance among the speakers and the panelists, as well as to have representatives from the Global South.

#### 8. Board Meeting 27 & 28 May

- Sigrún went through all the items the Board asked SIPRI to follow up on at the latest meeting in November 2018. These include the new institutional strategy (Dan is finalizing

- the document), updating the information on all the partnerships that SIPRI has (underway) and continued management training (underway).
- Lakhdar Brahimi's mandate as the Board member expired on April 7, 2019. The SMT will discuss candidates to replace Lakhdar at the next meeting on April 23.
- The SMT agreed that the agenda for the May GB meeting should highlight:
  - EP 2022;
  - Disarmament and the NPT;
  - Forum and
  - SIPRI's work in the SAHEL.
- Sigrún will present a draft GB meeting programme to the SMT in a few weeks' time.
- The SMT further agreed that:
  - the now traditional all-staff lunches with the Board members shall this time include presentations by staff members on their research.
- The next RSC will convene on May 7 between 10:30 and 12:00 to discuss matters relating to the May Board meeting.

#### 9. Ypres Peace Prize nominees

- The SMT went through the list of candidates complied by Sibylle and agreed that she could nominate the following ones:
  - Rolf Ekéus,
  - Jacinda Ardern,
  - Domenico Lucano and Spyros Galinos.
- NB: Sibylle will suggest these candidates in her personal capacity.

#### 10. AOB

- NTR.

#### **Action Points**

- Follow up the Tana Forum and Neil Melvin - Gary
- Invite Izumi Nakamitsu to the SSC – Sigrún and Jan

#### **Items carried forward**

- SIPRI Partnerships
- Stockholm platform proposal from SEI
- New Governing Board Member(s)

#### **Future events at SIPRI**

- NATO PA delegation visit – May 6
- RSC – May 7
- Kuwait visit – May 8
- SIPRI Governing Board meeting – May 27-28