



SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 22 October 2019

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Maria Kaemmerle, Gary Milante (via Skype), Sigrún Rawet, Dan Smith
Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

1. MoM approval

- The minutes of the SMT meeting on Oct 8 have not been approved since the draft still needs to be finalised.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- NTR.

3. Report back

- Gary reported back about:
 - a fruitful meeting with Melanie Greenberg, Managing Director of Humanity United, who showed a lot of interest in SIPRI's work;
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 - a scheduled meeting with the World Bank the coming week and
 - a GReVD meeting scheduled to take place on Oct 25 in Washington DC.
- Sibylle and Dan reported back about their meeting with Paul Beijer who visited SIPRI on Oct 16 in his new capacity; he has been tasked by the government to explore the ways to develop a Swedish center of excellence on nuclear disarmament.
- The SMT briefly discussed the outcome of the internal brainstorming session convened by Vincent on Oct 9 to discuss development of the Institute's research strategy on emerging technologies. The SMT agreed on the need of bringing this discussion further, also with Luc and Gary and their teams so as to see how technology fits in their respective clusters. Another way forward is to have separate discussions on specific issues of emerging technologies e.g. cyber and the way they fit in various research projects that are underway.
- Sigrún reported about the briefing she, Dan and Tytti will be doing the following day for the Swedish MPs, members of the International Affairs committee. Shannen will join to ensure due coverage in social media.
- Sigrún confirmed that the new Swedish Foreign Minister Anne Linde will be coming to SIPRI for a briefing on Nov 22. This is great news.
- Gary shared the available information on the forthcoming meeting on the triple nexus. Elena and Marina will discuss Jan's possible participation.
- Maria informed the SMT that she and the financial team continue focusing on the implementation of the new financial IT system, with the first tests scheduled to take place the following week. So far, all is proceeding as planned.
- Maria also continues working on the budget.

- Dan informed the SMT about the visit by the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation to Stockholm, and a round table discussion planned by the Danish Embassy on Oct 30.

4. Staffing & project issues

- Maria informed the SMT that there are now 2 short-listed candidates for the project controller position.
- Dan reported on progress towards hiring an RA for work with the WFP.
- Gary reported that two candidates have been short-listed so far for the climate researcher position.

5. SSC:

Quick feedback SSC 2019

- The SMT agreed that it was a good conference. The venue was not optimal though. The SMT agreed that it is worthwhile organising a separate meeting to properly discuss lessons learnt etc.

Quick thoughts on possible SSC 2020

- The SMT agreed that it is definitely worth organising another SSC in 2020 provided that we can cover the financial aspects and have the right partners. All agreed that the SSC is very important for SIPRI branding. The theme could build on this year's subject, probably with a particular focus on the protection of civilians. SMT agreed to pick the issue up again at a later meeting.

6. AOB

- The question on whether there will be an SMT meeting on Oct 29 remained open.

Action Points

- Continue working on a cross-cluster research strategy on emerging technologies – the DoSes
- Have an in-depth discussion on lessons learnt from the SSC19 – the SMT

Items carried forward

- NTR.