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SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Half Away Day at Ulriksdal, 5 May 2017

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé, Neil Melvin, Gary Milante and Dan Smith.

1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 25 April meeting were approved with minor changes.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the agenda

- Mid Term Review meetings for colleagues who have joined SIPRI after the Annual Performance Assessment process last fall should be informal conversations focusing on preliminary objectives for the first year.

3. Report back

- The Forum on Peace and Development was another resounding success. Feedback has been very positive. The Forum grows in an exciting way with several types of side events. However, some fine tuning can be done on the involvement of other SIPRI Clusters in the planning of the Forum.

- The transition from CACDA to a private company for the translation of the Yearbook to Chinese has been surprisingly smooth.

- Deliverables for the Swedish MFA programme funding for 2017 were discussed, and a realistic level of ambition was agreed.

- A conversation has been initiated with a Tunisian law professor on possible contributions on international law and MENA issues.

- Jakob and Stephan Treschow have met with Prof Göran Sandberg, Executive Director of one of the Wallenberg foundations, and received useful information on how to apply for academic funding from these.

- Dan has discussed the development of new datasets for SIPRI with Sarah Cliffe (NYU – CIC) and Bruce Jones (Brookings), possibly on acts of political violence.

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4. Staffing and Projects

- Job descriptions for the future PA to (mainly) the Director and for the Office Assistant will be shared with the Cooperation Group. Thereafter these positions will be advertised.
- The SMT 'comments matrix' with input on job descriptions will soon be finalized.

5. The EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

- EU funding delays have put the consortium in a difficult position where the organization of the annual conference is in jeopardy. Dan will write to the other consortium members stating SIPRI's view that there can be no conference this year unless an EU funding decision is taken for a new long term project.

6. Suggested partnership with the European Leadership Network

- A suggestion for partnership with SIPRI from the Director of the European Leadership Network (ELN) was endorsed. A concept note will be developed to flesh out the areas of collaboration.

7. The future outline of the Yearbook

- A suggested streamlining of the Yearbook, focusing mainly of the traditional SIPRI issues and data in the Armaments & Disarmaments Cluster, plus the data on Peace Support Operations, was agreed.
- This will create needed space both for researchers and editors, and it will be reflected in the expectations of productivity for those researchers who will, and for those who will not on a permanent basis, contribute to the Yearbook.

8. Cluster Research Strategies

- Draft Cluster Research Strategies of two pages per Cluster will be submitted by DoS's by Thursday 11 May. These will be sent to the Board as background documents to the discussion on the matter at the 22 – 23 May Board meeting.

10. Items carried forward for future agenda

- Design of a more activities based SIPRI budget.