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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 30 January 2018

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

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

#### 1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 23 January meeting were approved with minor changes.

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

- The need for more staff working with events will be discussed alongside with the 'Target Sweden' memo that Stephanie is developing.  
- ICAN has indicated that they are happy to collaborate on the development of research ideas but that they cannot commission research themselves.  
- It was reminded that the internal deadline for research proposals to DoS's for the Wallenberg foundations is 23 February.

#### 3. Report back

- Dan reported on how he had presented SIPRI data through advanced visualisation on big screen at Davos, courtesy Carnegie Mellon University.  
- A draft MoU and project proposal for joint work with the WFP on food security and peace building will be signed during Executive Director David Beasley's visit to Stockholm on 2 February.  
- Jakob had been in talks with the Riksdag about joint events and briefings during 2018.  
- Preparations for the June conference on the Baltic Sea region on broad security are proceeding. A formal concept note has been submitted.  
- The SIPRI statutes will be amended shortly, in line with SIPRI proposals.  
- A revised proposal for a strategic programme of work for 2018 and 2019 has been submitted to the MFA.  
- Gary reported on feedback from the Peace & Development Cluster. SMT particularly agreed that the work to increase diversity among SIPRI staff

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need to be intensified. It was also usefully conveyed that gender research focal points at SIPRI are currently Amiera, Yeonju, Emma and José.

- Stephanie reported that she and Joey would go to OUP in Oxford on 5 February for discussions on how to develop their services.
- Maria reported that the audit of the annual accounts for 2017 went well.
- Sibylle reported that she will give an internal cluster workshop on fundraising.

#### 4. Staffing and Projects

- The new Personal Assistant to the Director, Elena Haapaniemi, will start on 5 February.
- Interviews for the Conflicts & Peace DoS are ongoing.
- It has proven hard to attract good candidates for the administrative and financial positions in research projects.

#### 5. The 2018 Stockholm Security Conference

- 19 – 20 September have been identified as suitable dates for the 2018 Stockholm Security Conference in collaboration with the Riksdag.
- A discussion was held about themes for the conference. While no final title was formulated it was concluded that the theme should revolve around issues related to emerging technologies, peace and security.
- It was agreed that 'the SIPRI Circle' and its members should be approached for possible financial sponsorship of the conference.

#### 6. Membership of the SIPRI Governing Board

- The item was postponed due to lack of time.

#### 7. AOB

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#### 8. Items carried forward for future agenda

- Second reading of SIPRI Publications re-assessment.
- Evaluation of the 2017 PAD and salary review process.
- Membership of the Governing Board.
- Review the list of SIPRI Associates.