



## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 6 September 2018

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer (via Skype), Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerlé, Dan Smith

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

#### 1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on August 28 were approved.

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

- Dan informed the SMT that the draft agreement with the MSC was finalised.
- Jan, Dan and Sigrún will discuss, among other things, the upcoming Vienna event.
- Helena is updating both the PAD form and guidelines.
- The WFP visit to SIPRI went really well. Both institutions are ready to move on to practical implementation of the previously achieved agreements. The pilot countries include Mali, Kenya, Afghanistan plus one Asian country. Suyoun is the SIPRI contact point. Gary and Dan will brief Luc on the WFP file asap.
- Cooperation with SIGHT on Lancet commission is shaping up too. Gulzhan is SIPRI's focal point. Next meeting with SIGHT is scheduled for Sept 11.

#### 3. Report back

- Dan informed the SMT about his participation in the 4th Berlin CBRN-Symposium and about two meetings on its margins, one with Oliver Meier from the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) and the other with the Adelphi colleagues. Dan and Sibylle to follow up on the concept note on institutional cooperation submitted by Oliver Meier.
- Sibylle reported back on the EU Consortium meeting, the first one under the new contract.
- Sibylle informed the SMT that she was invited to brief the PSC ambassadors in Brussels on non-proliferation and disarmament issues on Sept 25.
- Steph and Florian had a meeting with the representatives of the German Embassy in Stockholm paving the way for further cooperation. A visit from the German MFA's teams for armament, disarmament and arms control and for climate and security are next in the pipeline.
- Steph reported on the situation of the nuclear topical backgrounders. SMT agreed that these backgrounders make a great initial scoping study at this point. They will be made available upon request, thus fulfilling our obligations to the MFA.
- Maria suggested a few dates for the staff Xmas lunch, and the SMT agreed that it will be on Dec 7.
- Luc shared with the SMT his thoughts on the future development of SIPRI SAHEL work following the introductory discussion he had with both Dan and Gregory. The

SMT agreed on the need to document the winning methodology used by the SAHEL team since it has proven to be successful and could and should be replicated, where possible, in other contexts.

4. Staffing and projects issues

- Dan informed the SMT about a request from a Korean researcher to be a visiting researcher at SIPRI for a period of two years. Dan will forward the request to the rest of the SMT that will then discuss it and decide on the follow up.

5. SSC18

- The list of those who registered for the SSC looks promising. Even the speakers' list looks good, with some last TBCs to be sorted out ASAP.

6. China programme strategy

- The SMT discussed and agreed that the current recruitment process for the China Programme Director will not result into any job offers or further interviews. An internal discussion needs to take place in order to decide on the best way forward. Organisationally, Luc becomes the acting China Programme Director and Su Fei continues to be part of the programme.

7. Next RSC

- The SMT agreed to convene the next RSC on September 12 at 09:30. The agenda will include issues to be discussed at the GB meeting in November, the upcoming PADs exercise as well as report back from SMT.

8. SIPRI-introduction programme for Sigrún

- Jakob prepared a detailed hand-over memo for Sigrún with the overview of the responsibilities of the Deputy Director, pending issues and upcoming events. The SMT agreed on whom Sigrún should meet as a priority. Elena will book the meetings.

9. AOB

- The SMT reviewed the agenda and agreed upon who will represent SIPRI during the meeting with MSB on Sept 14. Elena is SIPRI's contact point.

**Action Points**

- Jan's visit to Vienna in October – Dan and Sigrún
- SWP concept note – Dan and Sibylle
- Brief memo on the SAHEL team's methodology – Luc and the SAHEL team
- Request from Korea – Dan and the SMT
- Internal discussion on the future of the China Programme – Luc and all those concerned

**Items carried forward**

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