

Notes

17 January 2018

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Agenda:

- Interim DoS management
- Report from the SMT
- Planning of the Conflict and Peace Cluster Away day
- Reports from the programmes
- AOB

On interim DoS management

Until new DoS for the Conflict and Peace cluster is appointed, Dan Smith and Jakob Hallgren will be sharing this role. Dan Smith will act as a line manager for Ian Anthony and Jair van der Lijn, while Jakob Hallgren will be the line manager for Richard Ghiasy, Gregory Chauzal, and Neil Melvin.

The recruitment process of the new DoS might take 4-8 months. The management is hopeful that the new DoS will start in August or shortly after summer. The process of recruitment includes the Skype interviews of the candidates selected for the 'long list' (Jan-Feb). Short-listed candidates will then fill in the online questionnaire, give a presentation about their work and ideas for the cluster to SIPRI staff (March, no dates yet), will have an interview with the SMT, recruitment consultant, and unions (if they wish to).

Report from the SMT

Key tasks for the SMT at the moment:

- Finalize the MFA grant proposal
- Develop a concept for the *3d Stockholm Security Conference* (will take place in October)
- Finalize the SIPRI institute strategy;
- Continue developing the Emerging Weapons Technology work stream; China Programme, Middle Eats, and Africa Programme;
- Conduct a training programme for the line managers;
- Evaluate 2017 performance and development talks;
- Reforming the SIPRI publications;
- Finalize the concept for the joint conference with the MFA on Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region;
- Develop the applications for the Wallenberg foundation grant.

On Wallenberg Foundation applications

Wallenberg foundation grant tips:

Original idea; should include 2-3 researchers of different profiles; researchers should be based in Sweden; budget should be up to 10 mln SEK; can include a partner organization (based in Sweden); cross-cluster cooperation on the application development is encouraged; 2-3 proposals from each cluster can be submitted and will be evaluated by the SMT.

Internal deadline for proposals: *25 February 2018*

Final deadline: *1 April 2018*

Nan Tian will circulate his proposal for the Wallenberg grant: comments, feedback and suggestions are welcome.

Away day planning

Conflict and Peace Cluster will have an away day. Ekaterina will set up pre-meetings (Skype or in person) with the programme directors to discuss the agenda.

The draft agenda will be circulated among the cluster members and will be open for feedback and comments.

Doodle to set up the date has been circulated among the cluster members. Please fill in the doodle by **29 January 2018**

Reports from the programmes

If you have not already done so, please send Ekaterina any events you plan to attend/organize in the next two months. Kindly include the following details for each item:

Event title

- Date(s)/time(s)
- Location
- Internal (SIPRI) or external event (other org)?
- Your participation (host, co-host, speaker, facilitator)
- Main topic of discussion and/or titles of any papers you will present
- Link to live-stream or event website (if available)