



SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Monday, 7 June 2021, 10.15 – 12.00

AGENDA

1. Corona virus

Against the backdrop of a Swedish government decision on a five-stage plan to adapt and phase out the restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SIPRI is currently planning for a return to the office based on some form of rotational system beginning late summer or early fall. The situation will be re-evaluated continuously.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting will be approved at the next SMT.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Report back and forthcoming events

- *Sibylle*:
 - SIPRI will host another virtual event on non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control in the context of the EUNDPC (28 June)
 - Sibylle will brief newly arrived diplomats in Geneva during UNIDIR's annual Disarmament Orientation Course (10 June)
 - The in-house seminar by SIPRI associates Hans Kristensen and Matt Korda on the forthcoming nuclear forces data launch was a success; future in-house seminars might be held focusing on nuclear weapon possessing states one by one, similar to the series of in-house TIV methodology seminars going through weapon systems one by one (submarines and combat aircraft are next, dates to be announced)
 - The NPT RevCon will apparently be postponed again to 2022, potential dates being discussed: mid-Jan to mid-Feb.
- *Joakim*
 - Swedish defence attaches are 'virtual visiting' SIPRI tomorrow.
 - Meeting with the other partners of the "Stockholm Climate Security Hub 2.0" to bring them on board of the concept for the next iteration of the hub.

- *Jannie*
 - SIPRI will launch the Nordic-Baltic network on climate security (9 June); research and innovation network linking Japanese and other universities.
- *Steph*
 - Preparations of World Nuclear Forces launch on 14 June under way
 - In the context of Target Sweden, there is a TV film in Swedish on nuclear disarmament forthcoming by a Swedish production company who turned to SIPRI for advice and input, we will help disseminate this film in cooperation with Pugwash.
 - Steph and Joey meeting 7 new colleagues this week as part of 'welcome meeting' procedure.
- *Luc:*
 - Mainly recruitment interviews and reporting for projects.
- *Dan:*
 - Needs to prioritise EP 2022 writing and will be less available the rest of June.

5. Stocktaking of the Stockholm Forum

- Size: Are we growing too big in terms of numbers of sessions and partners? Quality vs quantity? Are those thousands of registered participants interacting with each other or staying in their bubbles? People register but may not show up or plan to watch later.
- Identity: Meeting or branding place or both? How much do we want to be convening, and how much messaging? What is the DNA/identity, what distinguishes us from others? What is the objective?
- We promote partners, but they also promote us/the Forum.
- Ensure sufficient staff going forward.
- Lots of good feedback, e.g. the reach impresses people.
- MFA relationship: importance of SIPRI's independence while MFA support for getting high level speakers important.
- Future: hybrid? How can we remain cutting edge? One-off event or ongoing engagement with multiple events under a specific branding, or would this create even more work and additional challenges?
- Clarity about the purpose not just of the Forum process as a whole over the years, but about each specific annual Forum, perhaps by having a core focussed theme.

6. SSC 2021

Current thinking is to organise the SSC into 4 thematic days, with several 'breakout' sessions per day which could also be in parallel: international law; technology; strategy/doctrine; protection of civilians.

Importance of paying attention to and actively sharing innovative formats we come across in virtual space, to ensure we remain cutting edge. SMT will discuss further at a future meeting.

7. Attic conversion update

Joakim shared information about progress on emptying the attic of its current contents and preparations for converting it into office space, which was an effort undertaken in dialogue with the owner's designated engineer and architect. The attic conversion takes place in the context of adjustments of the office space in general, as SIPRI is starting to prepare for returning to the office.

8. 2022 SIPRI Lecture

SMT discussed ideas for the 2022 SIPRI lecture from different perspectives and with due consideration of the combined Swedish and international audience.

9. Date for next RSC

22 June, 10h30.

10. Staffing & project issues

Jannie flagged upcoming PD-internal staffing arrangements in relation to the CCR team, to be shared at the next SMT.

The recruitment of HR officer and Accountant is still ongoing and interviews are being conducted

11. AOB

None.