

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

16 October 2024

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Kristina Sandberg, Dan Smith, Charlotta Sparre, Luc van de Goor

Absent

Florian Krampe

Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 9 October meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- Charlotta had several meetings with people in the private sector last week.
- On 10 October, Steph, Caroline and Diego met with a delegation from the Ministry of National Defence of Colombia, who were accompanied by colleagues from the Swedish Ministry of Defence and the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration.
- On 10 October, Charlotta and Alaa took part in a panel for young Swedish diplomats organized by the MFA's Diplomatic Training Academy.
- In preparation for the opening panel of the Stockholm Security Conference, Dan and Barbara will meet with the offices of General Chris Badia, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO and General Éric Peltier, Deputy Director, Directorate General for International Relations and Strategy at the French Ministry of the Armed Forces. They will also meet with panellist Patricia Lewis, Research Director at Chatham House.
- The King, Queen and Foreign Minister of Sweden will visit Singapore on 17 November. SIPRI is currently in discussions on a partnership with S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, to be launched during the visit.

b. Relations with other countries

- Jair will be in New York next week. Amongst other meetings, he will present on the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) at the Belgian Mission in New York.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Dan was in Berlin on 14 October to give the keynote speech at the Jeju 4.3 Peace Foundation's International Symposium. He also met with colleagues at the German Federal Foreign Office to discuss funding. His trip was funded by the Jeju 4.3 Peace Foundation.
- Jules organized an EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium seminar on 14 October on AI and arms control. The seminar went very well.
- The Centre for International Peace Operations (ZIF) and SIPRI applied for a side event on peace operations at the 2025 Munich Security Conference.

d. Outreach

- SIPRI was mentioned in over 1500 articles related to the Nobel Peace Prize both before and after the announcement of the prize on 11 October.

e. Operations

- Charlotta, Karin and Kristina met with SIPRI's landlord, Sagax, on 15 October to discuss renewal of SIPRI's rental contract. They will continue the discussion with Sagax.
- Staff are reminded that the cost of meeting rooms should be included in all project budgets where the use of a meeting room is required.

3. Delegation visits

- In addition to the delegation visits noted during last week's SMT meeting, the following visits were also discussed:
 - o 13 or 14 November: China Institute of International Studies (CIIS)
 - o 19 November: Institute for International Education of Students Abroad – Freiburg

4. SIPRI finances

- SMT discussed the institute's finances. Dan will write to the Board about the financial situation.

5. Christmas dinner

- The annual SIPRI Christmas Dinner will be held on 16 December at the SIPRI offices. This year's dinner will be a potluck and colleagues will be asked to sign up to bring a food item. Drinks will be provided by SIPRI. The Governing Board will also be in attendance.
- IngMarie will send an email with the dinner details.

6. HR issues

- N/A

7. Project issues

- N/A

8. Due Diligence

- SMT agreed that Mathew can move forward with ongoing discussions with Emirates Airlines regarding a possible in-kind contribution.
- SMT agreed that the database teams can prepare letters to embassies in Stockholm for financial support for the databases.

9. AOB

- The University of Sussex is interested in archiving SIPRI's past research on chemical and biological weapons. IngMarie will look into the costs of shipping the boxes of documents to the UK.

10. Executive session

- N/A

Action items:

- Dan to write to the Board about the financial situation.
- IngMarie to send an email with the details of the Christmas dinner.
- IngMarie to explore the costs of shipping SIPRI's chemical and biological weapons archives to the UK.

Follow-up items:

- Potential programme on foresight
- Traineeship
- Legal expertise
- Intranet