

Monday morning meeting

2 December 2024

Notes

- Happy Advent! Thanks to IngMarie for beautiful decorations + saffron buns 😊 During the coming days some more decorations will come up to bring some light in the winter darkness.
- Welcome to Jade Guiberteau Ricard, a research assistant in the MILAP team!

Director's Office

- SMT had an away-day last Friday. Discussions covered several topics, including the Budget for 2025, the Staff survey and the ideas that emerged from the Last RSC. There were several good ideas and now question of prioritizing and seeing how to move ahead, not least with work on strategic fundraising.
- Charlotta was in Rome last week and participated and spoke at the Rome MED Forum and participated in a meeting on Ukraine hosted by IAI and Chatham House.
- Dan is in Nagasaki today and he will be:
 - Signing a partnership agreement with Nagasaki University
 - Doing an interview with NHK News (NHK is Japanese public broadcaster)
 - Delivering a lecture at the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum on 'The nuclear challenge today and tomorrow'.
- Dan, Wilfred, Jingdong and Fei are in Seoul this week for the World Emerging Security Forum.
- Stefan and Dan will also be in Doha in the end of the week to speak at the Doha Forum and the Qatar Mediation Forum. Alaa will also be there.
- This week Charlotta will participate in the Board meeting of the Alva Myrdal Centre and on Friday morning, she will chair a roundtable discussion on Iran's nuclear program with EU Special Representative Stephan Klement.

Outreach

- We are live since midnight with the new data on the arms industry!!! CONGRATULATIONS to the MILAP team and the Outreach colleagues and thanks to extra help from Barbara on Swedish TV4 this morning and Katarina on the large German TV station RTL. Great global moment again for SIPRI.
- For social media, remember to tell the Outreach team what events are happening in your field this week and next so that we can promote your work in a timely context!
- And with more people leaving X (previously twitter), SIPRI is building up our followers on BlueSky currently. Join in as well.

Operations

Finance:

- Sipri's bank is considering our need of a short credit. They are awaiting our Budget 2025 and a forecast for 2024 and will raise our request in their credit committee, before the Holidays. We sense a positive will but of course the numbers decide. They are proud to have Sipri as a customer.
- Work is ongoing - together with PMO and GAD - to change the settings in Maconomy to better align with our needs for reports and income statement 2025 and budget 2025.
- We are preparing for the Annual Report 2024. This Friday we sent information with all the dates important for finalizing the closure of the books. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Operations in case you have any questions.

Armament and Disarmament

- Jules is in Washington DC for a 4-day in-person US-China Dialogue on AI organized by INHR (the acronym means nothing!) and hosted by the Center for New American Security (CNAS).
- This week we're hosting the WMD proliferation awareness course for students of technical disciplines, as part of our work with the EUNPDC. Vitaly has led this, big thanks to him and Events.
- Mathew will have an informal discussion with faculty and students of the Higher Air Command Course at the College of Air Warfare, Hyderabad on Trends in Arms Transfers and implications for South Asia.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Fei and Jingdong are attending the 2024 World Emerging Security Forum in Seoul, Republic of Korea (as mentioned above).

Peace and Development

- CCR has a meeting on Wednesday to coordinate and plan with the climate security unit of FBA
- Caroline will give a keynote at a research conference on knowledge for sustainable development organised by the University of Lund on Wednesday.

Recruitment new director

- Interviews and staff engagements on 17-19 December
- The three candidates are Karim Haggag (former Ambassador and professor at AUC), Fabienne Hara (Executive Director of the Paris Peace Forum) and Neil Melvin (Director, International Security at the Royal United Services Institute/RUSI). More information will be shared in the coming weeks.