

SIPRI on the Internet

Library and Documentation

The SIPRI Library was established to meet the needs of the Institute's research programme. The general subject field is international relations, with a specific focus on international security, arms control and disarmament.

The library computerized databases include references to books, monographs and the 'grey-area material' collection of official documents and reports as well as articles on topics in SIPRI's fields of research. The library holdings consist of some 42 500 volumes, including a special international collection of official publications, 200 current journals and 150 report series. The library has established worldwide exchange arrangements with research centres and institutes and maintains a programme for the deposit of SIPRI's publications in libraries throughout the world.

Information about the SIPRI Library and its databases and publications is available at <http://library.sipri.org>. The library is open to visitors by prior arrangement.

Public Lectures

The SIPRI Olof Palme Memorial Lecture is delivered in Stockholm by a political or military leader of international stature or an eminent scholar. The lectures highlight problems and prospects of peace and security, in particular in the area of arms control and disarmament, and draw attention to SIPRI's commitment to a future with fewer arms and greater freedom.

A major press conference is held in Stockholm every year for the launching of the SIPRI Yearbook.

Other public lectures, press conferences and open seminars are organized regularly, often in collaboration with partner institutes.

Finances

SIPRI is financed mainly by annual grants from the Swedish Government. The Institute also seeks financial support from other governments, institutions and independent foundations in order to carry out its broad research programme.

SIPRI's address on the Internet is <http://www.sipri.org>. The SIPRI Web site contains up-to-date information on the Institute's current research programme, publications, databases and activities. Access is provided to statistics and summaries of the Institute's research results as well as the full text of shorter publications. SIPRI books can be ordered from Oxford University Press on the SIPRI site.

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Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

SIPRI is an independent international institute for research into problems of peace and conflict, especially those of arms control and disarmament. It was established in 1966 to commemorate Sweden's 150 years of unbroken peace.

The Institute is financed mainly by annual grants from the Swedish Government, after approval by the Parliament. The staff and the Governing Board are international. SIPRI is governed by its Statutes, available at <http://about.sipri.org/organization/statutes.html>.

SIPRI's organization is comprised of a Governing Board, Director, Deputy Director, Research Staff Collegium and support staff. An Advisory Committee serves as a consultative body to the Institute. The Governing Board takes decisions on important matters concerning the research agenda, activities, organization and financial administration of the Institute. Other matters are decided by the Director. The Research Staff Collegium advises the Director on research matters.

The staff of about 50 persons is international. The researchers are recruited for a specific period and represent various academic disciplines.

Located in Sweden, the Institute offers a unique platform for researchers from different countries to work in close cooperation. The Institute also hosts guest researchers who work on issues related to the SIPRI research programme.

Although SIPRI is not a teaching institute, it receives interns whose programmes of study can contribute to and benefit from SIPRI's research. Contacts are maintained with other research centres and individual researchers throughout the world. SIPRI cooperates closely with several inter-governmental organizations, notably the United Nations, and regularly receives parliamentary, scientific and government delegations as well as visiting researchers. Frequent contacts are maintained with diplomatic missions in Stockholm and with Swedish research centres.

Research

Research is conducted at SIPRI by an international staff of about 25 researchers and research assistants. The Institute's current research programme centres on the following projects:

- **The SIPRI Yearbook**
- **Euro-Atlantic Security and Arms Control**
- **Armed Conflict and Conflict Management**
- **Non-Proliferation and Export Controls**
- **Chemical and Biological Warfare**
- **Military Expenditure and Arms Production**
- **Arms Transfers**
- **IT Projects**

Within these fields of study, workshops, conferences, seminars and lectures are organized in order to bring together a broad spectrum of expertise and to exchange views on subjects studied at the Institute.

SIPRI research projects maintain large databases on military expenditure, arms-producing industries, arms transfers, chemical and biological warfare, national and international export controls, arms control agreements, annual chronologies of major arms control events, military manoeuvres and nuclear explosions. SIPRI hosts the FIRST (Facts on International Relations and Security Trends) online database of security-relevant information at <http://first.sipri.org>.



Publications and Information

SIPRI's publications and information material are distributed to a wide range of policy makers, researchers, journalists, organizations and the interested public.

The results of the research are disseminated through the publication of books and reports by SIPRI and commissioned authors as well as through symposia and seminars. The Institute has forged its profile by concentrating on present-day realities, providing unbiased facts to states and individuals.

SIPRI's main publication, the SIPRI Yearbook, was first published on 12 November 1969. The Yearbook serves as a single authoritative and independent source to which politicians, diplomats and journalists can turn for an account of what has happened during the past year in armaments and arms control, armed conflicts and conflict resolution, security arrangements and disarmament. It is translated into a number of other languages, notably Russian, Ukrainian, Chinese and Arabic.

SIPRI series

- **SIPRI Yearbook: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security**
- **Research Reports**
- **Chemical & Biological Warfare Studies**
- **Policy Papers, also available on SIPRI's website**

SIPRI also publishes

- **Monographs**
- **Multi-author volumes**
- **Pocket-size summaries of the Yearbook in English and a number of other languages**
- **Fact sheets and press releases**

SIPRI books can be ordered from all the main bookshops or from the Institute's publisher, Oxford University Press, UK.

On the Internet, order from OUP through SIPRI at <http://www.sipri.org/pubs/bookorder.html>.

For information about SIPRI publications see <http://home.sipri.org/publications.html>.