LIBRARY USER’S MANUAL

for visitors

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About the library
The SIPRI Library was established in 1968 to meet the needs of SIPRI research staff. Consequently, the holdings of the Library are project-oriented, with special focus on international security, armament and disarmament. Some of the material in the holdings is unique and cannot be found at any other library in Sweden. A contributory reason for this is the active exchange agreements the Library has with some 250 institutes and organizations worldwide.

Visitors
The Library is primarily intended for SIPRI researchers, but the interested public is welcome to visit us by prior arrangement. This is to ensure that every visitor will get the amount of assistance he/she needs.

Library resources
The holdings of the Library today consist of around 25 000 volumes.

The Library catalogue containing entries from 1988-, is available online. The catalogue includes the Library's periodical holdings. Newer material, from 2003-, can also be viewed in the Swedish national catalogue LIBRIS. Older material not yet in the online catalogue can be located in the card catalogue in the Library.

Journals
The Library holds some 150 current journals and newspapers and an additional 100 archived journals no longer subscribed to, all of which are found in the Library catalogue.

Every week the most current journals are put on display in the Library. Journals from the current and previous years are kept in the Library, older issues in archives. Some journals are also available electronically. If you want to read an older issue the librarian will get it for you from one of the archives.

Library services
Every working day the librarian is on duty to answer questions and help researchers and visitors to find material.

Requests
If you send a request by e-mail, always send it to the general address library@sipri.org, requests may also be sent by regular mail or made by telephone.

Photocopying
There is one copying machine in the Library. You copy the material you are interested in to a cost of 1 SEK/page.
Materials not available for loan
Journals, reference material, and official publications are not lent at all. Material published in the last three years is primarily intended for the institute’s own research staff, but can be borrowed if available.

Loans and how to borrow
If you want to borrow material while visiting the Library you need to become a registered patron. You must be 18 years of age, possess a valid identity card and be able to state an address in Sweden. Library cards are not issued. You may have up to ten loans at a time. For the complete set of loan rules contact the librarian.

If you are unable to visit the Library you may also borrow material from SIPRI through another library by interlibrary loans. If you find material from the SIPRI Library that you wish to borrow you turn to a nearby library and ask them to send an interlibrary loan request to us. If the material is available it will be sent to your library as soon as we receive the request. We prefer to receive loan applications from Nordic libraries through LIBRIS.

Loan period
The loan period is 30 days. If there is no queue for the borrowed material the loan period may after that be prolonged by another 30 days. For material of significant interest the loan period is 14 days.

Returning material
Material borrowed from the SIPRI library must be returned by latest on due day either directly or by regular mail. Material borrowed by interlibrary loan is however returned to the borrowing library. The library will then send the material back to SIPRI.
Useful information about the Library

Service hours (Monday –Friday):
9:00-12:00
13:00-16:00

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