

Nobel nomination 2021
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Candidate:
Stockholm international Peace research institute (SIPRI).

Brief justification for the nomination:

Reliable statistics and results from scientific peace research and conflict studies are essential for policy makers, negotiations and general security. SIPRI is central in delivering such information.

More thorough motivation for the nomination:

SIPRI is a very well known, independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public. Based in Stockholm, SIPRI is regularly ranked among the most respected think tanks and research centres worldwide.

Extract from their stated mission:

- undertake research and activities on security, conflict and peace;
- provide policy analysis and recommendations;
- facilitate dialogue and build capacities;
- promote transparency and accountability; and
- deliver authoritative information to global audiences.

SIPRI Yearbook is used as a comprehensive source for information such as world military expenditure, international arms transfers, arms production, nuclear forces, armed conflicts and multilateral peace operations with state-of-the-art analysis of important aspects of arms control, peace and international security. In many ways these yearbooks go into the core for understanding of the international status of the military balance, international defense trends and developments in international conflicts. These yearly reports is widely used, and are published in many languages.

More and more climate change is a field of interest for peace research, and so it is for SIPRI. Scientists from SIPRI even are linking the Women, Peace and Security Agenda to climate change.

Finally, it is time for a well-known peace research institute with a strong scientific reputation receive the Nobel peace prize. Scientific data, statistical data and best possible knowledge is the base for all negotiations, political decisions and general understanding. It fits well into the criteria lined up from Nobel's testament.

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MY NOMINATION OF SIPRI - ADDENDUM

After handing in my nomination of SIPRI for the 2021 prize, I have registered that I have not pointed out the historical background and earlier record of SIPRI as very important justification for this nomination.

In his article, <http://blog.transnational.org/2016/10/stockholm-international-peace-research-institute-sipri-at-50-now-change-it-to-simsi/>, (Google Search: "TFF PressInfo # 391"), Jan Oberg mentions the original ambitions of Alva Myrdal in 1966 to establish a SIPRI for research that would actively contribute to "a stable peace and for peaceful solutions of international conflicts". Its research ought to be concentrated on armaments, their limitation and reduction, and have "*an applied research character directed towards practical-political questions* [(my Italics) which] should be carried on in a constant interchange with research of a more theoretical kind".

I hope and think that a peace prize to SIPRI will encourage them to give higher priority to their historical goal for their research, in addition to their very strong research and information gathering of national military budgets, international arms trade etc.

A Peace prize to SIPRI, given the committee's use of the historical lines and aims for the justification of the Winner, will therefore have a double purpose, and even more be within the frame of Nobel's testament.

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