

mony to the contributions of many groups and organizations, and we were pleased to have played a part in it. Following the workshop the Institute issued a summary report on the proceedings which received wide and rapid distribution, nationally and internationally.

As part of the Institute's three-year old exchange agreement with the Institute for the Study of the USA and Canada in Moscow, we received four exchange visitors from the Soviet Union: Leon Bagramov, Boris Alekhin, Sergei Danilov and Vyatcheslav Shealo. Each Soviet visitor spent approximately four weeks in Canada as a guest of our Institute; they undertook research projects, interviewed Canadians, and gave seminars on their topics of specialization.

Media Relations

The Institute pays particular attention to providing useful and current information and analysis to members of the print and electronic media. To this end, we again organized roundtable briefings for members of the media during the year. In each case the sessions were attended in person by some two dozen journalists with others participated by telephone conference hook-up from other Canadian centres.

In May 1989 the subject was the effect of the April budget on defence and foreign policy – present for the discussion were Institute senior researchers, experts from the security and foreign policy community and a senior official from the Department of National Defence. In January 1990, a roundtable examined the open skies concept prior to the meetings of NATO and Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers and officials in Ottawa. Present on this occasion, in addition to Institute researchers and analysts, were two government officials and the Secretary-General of the Open Skies Conference. On both occasions, the briefings were widely covered and resulted in the broad dissemination

of various views on the issues.

The Institute also held two press conferences, one to release the results of the 1989 annual public opinion survey, the other to release *Peace in Our Time?* – the Director's annual review of international issues. In addition, members of the media were regular participants in the more than fifty seminars which took place at the Institute. (See Annex D for all Institute seminars, workshops, and briefing sessions in 1989–90)

Because most citizens follow world events and form their understanding of them primarily through the media, professional working links with journalists continue to be an integral part of the Institute's role in promoting knowledge and understanding of peace and security issues. The Institute is responding to increasing demands from the media for informed opinion, referral, analysis and background on international events. Visits to editorial boards by the Chief Executive Officer and his availability for background discussions, interviews and debate on issues of peace and security are part of that role.

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"I must congratulate you and the staff of the journal [Peace&Security] for another brilliantly informative issue. I am continually impressed at the high calibre of research and writing provided by the Institute.... It is refreshing to be presented with such a perspicacious journal."

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