

Seminars, Workshops, and Other In-house Activities

Taking advantage of the Institute's excellent conference facilities, the Research group organized an average of four workshops and seminars a month in the course of 1989–90 (see Annex D); this has become a widely recognized and highly valued activity involving experts and the interested public from across Canada and abroad, as well as from the Ottawa area. In addition to meetings already mentioned, there were seminars on such important issues as the impact of *perestroika* on Soviet strategic policies, US maritime strategy, post-Khomeini Iran, the Nicaraguan elections, the prevention of a biological arms race, and New Zealand's defence and security policies – to name just a few.

Another edition was published of *The Guide to Canadian Policies on Arms Control, Disarmament, Defence and Conflict Resolution*.

Launched in October 1989 in a redesigned format, *The Guide* is now widely accepted as an essential tool and source of information by students of this country's involvement in the field of international peace and security.

Research staff continued in 1989–90 to contribute actively to study conferences organized by other organizations and universities, and presented expert testimony to parliamentary committee hearings and government enquiries. Research staff also participated in media briefings, responded to media enquiries and organized visits to the Soviet Union by Canadian scholars.

Work on an inventory of researchers and experts in the fields covered by the Institute's mandate also proceeded actively. The inventory was started with the aim of creating an in-house resource. Since the inventory is unique,

the Institute plans to make it available to the public in some form, once enough data has been compiled.

Future Directions

The Research group suffered a tragic loss with the untimely death of Dr. Norma Salem, research associate, in January 1990. Other staff changes led to a competition for four new positions as research fellows, to join the Institute in autumn 1990. With the engagement of new senior research staff, the next steps in the development of the Institute's research programme will be to strengthen both in-house and collaborative research activity and extend further the knowledge and understanding resulting from all the studies, seminars and other activities of the research group.

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“Let me congratulate you on the high quality of your Institute's publications. I recently received *The Guide 1989 on Canadian policies on arms control*. I can assure you that I find it very useful for finding out about or just checking up on Canada's positions in various fields.”

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