

Research

Capitalizing on the work done in earlier years, the research programme of the Institute continued to expand in 1987/88. A Research Plan was established, a range of on-going projects was continued, and several new studies were initiated.

The Research Plan sets out guidelines for the main research programme of the Institute grouped under a series of themes and project areas. The work is accomplished either in-house, by collaborative studies or commissioned research. The Plan lists seven priority research areas: East-West relations; Canadian defence policy and related defence issues; conventional arms control; peaceful settlement of disputes; the United Nations as world organization and mediator; regional and similar organizations and regimes; and regional conflict issues. More than twenty studies are now under way in these fields and other areas of interest to the Institute. These are listed at Annex E.

Three major research projects conducted in collaboration with other groups were completed in 1987/88. The first was carried out in association with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and resulted in publication of a book entitled: *Nuclear Weapon Tests: Prohibition or Limitation?*. The second was a joint venture with the Institute for Social and Economic Research and the Institute for International Relations of the University of the West Indies, and led to publication of a conference report entitled: *Peace, Development and Security in the Caribbean Basin: Perspectives to the Year 2000*. The third was developed in conjunction with the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London, and will result in publication of a book entitled: *The Allies and Arms Control*.



David Cox, John Roper, Fen Hampson, Harald von Riekhoff at the Allies and Arms Control Conference in London, 13-15 May 1987.

Two studies were done for the Government — one, at the request of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, on the merits of an international arms control register, and a second on Canadian arms control policy in the post-INF world at the suggestion of the Minister of National Defence. In addition, Institute staff appeared on a number of occasions before parliamentary committees.

The Institute published its third Occasional Paper in March 1988. It is entitled *Arctic Arms Control: Constraints and Opportunities*.

During the autumn and winter an inter-disciplinary group of 20 academics, officials, and representatives of non-governmental organizations met regularly to address challenges to Canadian security in its widest sense. They examined such questions as population growth, climatic change, economic and trade issues, military technology, and the future of international institutions. A book geared to a general audience will be published next year.

A study of the Canadian role in conjunction with other Non-Permanent Members of the UN Security Council is continuing and will lead to the publication of a book in the coming months. Research projects on the future of the Atlantic Alliance and Canada's role within NATO, as well as on security in the Pacific region, have likewise entered a second year.

A dozen new projects were initiated in 1987-88: they included major studies on Soviet-American strategic relations and on the future of Canada's land forces as well as a series of analyses of peacekeeping and related conflict control techniques. A joint conference with the Centre for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University will result in a paper on the future of Continental Air Defence. A two-year study on naval arms control has likewise been started and there are plans to set up an ad hoc working group to develop analyses of conventional force reductions in Europe.

Under the broad theme heading of World Order, Peaceful Change and the Future, we have encouraged research on escalation and mediation in international conflict and launched studies on aid and peacemaking, as well as on issues in the debate on disarmament and development.

In the area of regional conflict studies, we have held two meetings of a group of regional specialists from Canadian universities aimed at examining techniques of conflict management and resolution, as well as specific cases of such conflict. A Working Paper entitled: *Managing Regional Conflict: Regimes and Third Party Mediators*, has been published. A major study on the Cyprus question has also been launched.

Finally, the Institute will publish a study of the implications for Canada of the global strategic situation, focussing on defence and arms control, based on the views of a group of former senior government officials who met periodically during the year.