

Deirdre Collings continued to lead a major Institute study on Lebanon, which included two main workshops in 1990–91. This project is notable for bringing scholars of the Lebanon situation to Ottawa from Lebanon itself as well as from research centres in Europe and the United States.

Ross Mallick began a study on regional security in South Asia, with special emphasis on the role of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. Ron Fisher also pursued studies on conflict resolution methodology and issues, involving a series of small workshops examining disputes in various parts of the world. Mark Heller continued his work on aspects of the Middle East situation, while also serving as Research Coordinator.

Several important studies on regional issues were conducted under commissioned research arrangements. These included major enquiries into security in South East Asia and Canadian policies towards Southern Africa. In a related field, a long-term enquiry proceeded into escalation and mediation in international conflict. Papers on India's strategic and regional policies and on the remaining obstacles to peace in Central America were also completed.

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#### **The Arctic**

Ron Purver continued to lead the research work on Arctic issues, including organizing a workshop on "Arctic Security and Political Cooperation" at the Third Northern Regions Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, in Septem-

ber. At the same time, the Institute launched a major effort to involve the people of Canada's North in national discussions on peace and security issues, by organizing a competition for commissioned research work specifically aimed at attracting their involvement. A visiting Soviet scholar, Arkady Cherkasov, of the Institute of the USA and Canada in Moscow, gave a seminar on non-military aspects of cooperation in the Arctic and Northern regions.

#### **New Approaches to International Security**

Continuing the Institute's work on environmental issues, Shaukat Hassan is preparing a paper on world demographic problems and organizing a conference on this issue. A major commissioned study on new Canadian approaches to international security is proceeding on course. It included a workshop in Montebello in autumn 1990, and will lead shortly to further conferences and the publication of several papers and books.

In a related field, Father William Ryan launched a workshop series on the role of religion in international affairs. Other seminars, with guest speakers, included presentations by Shridath S. Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary General, entitled: *From confrontation to a common future; reflections on current changes and challenges in international security and development*; and by The Dalai Lama, on the human dimension in approaches to international conflict issues.

#### **Other Research Activities**

During 1990–91, the Research group prepared a further edition of *The Guide to Canadian Policies on Arms Control, Disarmament, Defence and Conflict Resolution*. Work on the main body of a bibliography on nuclear weapons, arms control and disarmament was also completed, under the title: *Surviving the*