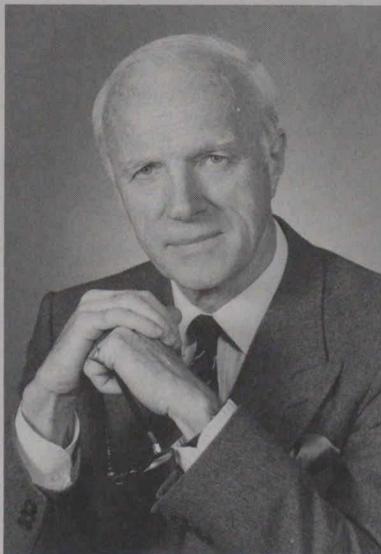


“**W**ith all the progress being made towards resolving East-West differences, the Institute must be running out of work to do.” So goes the comment, not always meant entirely in jest, that many of us involved with the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security encounter from time to time these days.

The fact of the matter is, of course, that quite the opposite is the case and it does not take long to explain why. Canada's peace and security agenda is as long as it has ever been. International tensions have relaxed, dramatically, in recent times but the world is still a very troubled place; armed conflict exists, and stability is threatened, in many parts of the globe. The new regime in Europe will require a new institutional architecture, in the



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choice of which Canada will play an important part. Much work remains to be done in the area of nuclear and conventional arms reduction, and nuclear non-proliferation. Environmental concerns have important security overtones that urgently need to be addressed. Here in Canada, the matter of arctic sovereignty remains unresolved.

The country lacks a defence policy with relevance to today's circumstances, and filling the vacuum will call for intelligent choices in many difficult areas. The list goes on and on, and the need for informed discussion among Canadians concerning such issues continues undiminished.

This, of course, is where the Institute has its distinctive role to play. Parliament has instructed it to “increase knowledge and understanding of the issues relating to international peace and security from a Canadian perspective...” As this Annual Report demonstrates, this remit is being addressed with energy, and in a wide variety of ways.

The dramatic recent change in the tone of Canada's international environment coincides with the start of the Institute's second five years of existence, and with the appointment of Bernard Wood as its second Executive Director. Under his leadership, and with the enthusiastic support of the Board of Directors, the organization has taken vigorous steps to ensure its continued relevance to Canadian needs. For example, the Institute's strategic plan, for the first time, defines subject areas where its intellectual and financial resources will be concentrated over the next several years. The way in