

previous years' entries on *The Defence Budget* and *Major Equipment Acquisitions* have been combined into a single new entry entitled *Defence Planning and Procurement*, while an entirely new entry has been added on *Short-Range Nuclear Forces*. Two entries have been dropped from Section III: one on North Africa, given the dearth of developments and/or Canadian comment over the past year; and the other on Human Rights, in light of the establishment of a new Institute in this country devoted specifically to this subject.

In addition, an entirely new Section has been created entitled "Special Topics," meant to embrace subjects of particular interest during the past year which have not been covered in previous issues of *The Guide*. Two subjects have been chosen as "Special Topics" this year, based on their intrinsic international significance and the degree of attention paid to them by the Canadian public and policy-makers: the events in Central and Eastern Europe, and those in the Baltic Republics of the Soviet Union. Many momentous events have occurred too late for inclusion in this year's *Guide*, including the Iraqi conquest of Kuwait and the reunification of Germany. These, as well as other topics, will be given full consideration in next year's edition.

The bulk of the individual entries were researched and written by Marie-France Desjardins, Johanne Di Donato, and Robin Hay, all of the Institute's Research Division. Ms. Desjardins was responsible for entry numbers 3-5, 9-13, 15 and 27, as well as Appendices 4 and 6; Ms. Di Donato for entry numbers 21-26, as well as Appendix 3; and Mr. Hay for entry numbers 1-2, 6-8, 14, and 16-20, as well as Appendices 1-2 and 5. In addition, student intern Réjean Hallée of Carleton University and Research staff member Karen Ballentine collaborated to produce entry number 28 on *Central and Eastern Europe*, while John Wright of the Institute's Information Services Division contributed entry number 29 on *The Baltic States*.

Ron Purver, Senior Research Fellow, and Roger Hill, Research Director, have edited the volume, Mr. Purver being responsible primarily for those entries submitted in English (i.e., those by Ms. Di Donato and Messrs. Hay and Wright); and Mr. Hill for those submitted in French (i.e., those by Ms. Desjardins and Mr. Hallée).

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We welcome comments on *The Guide's* utility and format, as well as suggestions for improvement.

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