

difference between these programmes and responsive grants is that the Institute seeks out partners and plays a role in the development and implementation of the programme, as well as providing funds for it. Several joint projects initiated during the previous fiscal year were carried out this year: a programme with the Federation of Professional Journalists in Québec allowed three Québec-based journalists to undertake in-depth research on particular issues; and a co-sponsored research project with the Royal Commonwealth Society brought 75 young leaders from Commonwealth Countries to Canada for a week in September prior to the Heads of Government meeting in Vancouver.

CIIPS has developed an on-going partnership with the Encounters with Canada programme of the Council for Canadian Unity. Each week, for 26 weeks, groups of one hundred and twenty-five high school students from across Canada come to the Terry Fox Centre in Ottawa, and during their stay devote one of their working sessions to peace and security issues. The students prepare either a research essay, a panel discussion or a debate on a selected list of topics. The other joint project which was completed during the year was a conference with the World Food Day Association on the relationship between food, security and peace. Annex D contains the list of joint projects for which funds were allocated in 1987/88.



Katherine Laundry with a display of Institute publications.

Information Services

The collection and dissemination of information is one of the core functions of the Institute. It is an area that will have natural growth and increasing usefulness as the years progress.

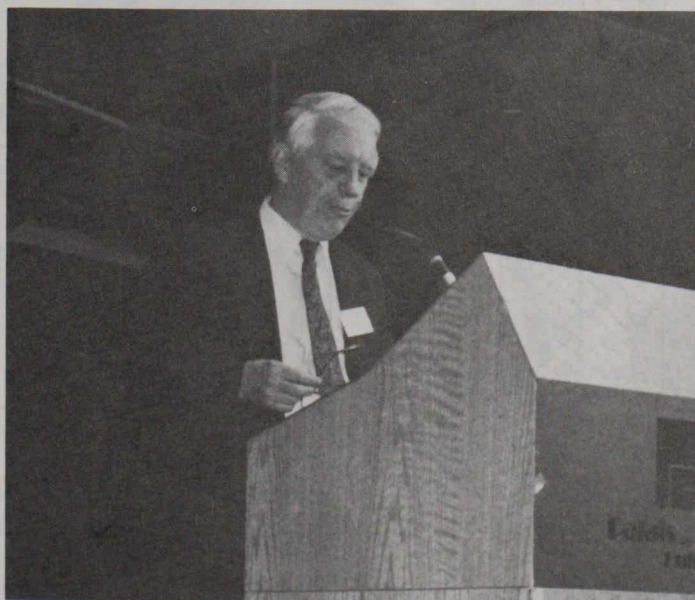
In 1987/88 regular activities — the collection, organization and accessibility of information on peace and security related topics for staff and the Canadian public — expanded to the extent possible within the constraints of the limited staff available.

The collection at the end of the year contained 1000 monographs, 180 periodicals, plus newspapers, audiovisual materials and grey literature (hard to collect and catalogue). Our holdings of publications from similar institutions around the world are enriched by exchange agreements with 25 of them. The collection is supplemented by access to nine online commercial databases, including full text access to major world newspapers.

An expanded in-house database will be directly accessible to users inside and outside the Institute in late 1988. In addition, a thesaurus covering terminology in the areas of arms control, disarmament, defence and conflict resolution, will be ready for distribution early in 1989, and should prove a valuable tool for information centres both within Canada and internationally.

In November 1987 Information Services held a successful weekend conference entitled Peace and Security: Information Resources in Canada. It was attended by a mix of librarians, researchers and others who benefitted both from the chance to learn more about what resources, printed and automated, were available in the field and from the chance to interact with each other. Two more such conferences will be held in 1988 in Halifax and Winnipeg.

The Institute granted \$25,000 to help fund a project at the Canadian Peace Alliance to set up a Peace Resource Referral Service to facilitate access to education and public information resources being generated in Canada by peace and security organizations. The Peace Research Institute — Dundas received \$25,000 to improve user accessibility to the *Peace Research Abstracts Journal* through computerization and more extensive marketing, and \$5,000 was given to the Canadian Institute for International Affairs to continue the work of updating its database.



Geoffrey Pearson addresses the Expo Science, Hull, April 1988.