

- Semi-annual competitions administered by the Peace and Security Competitions Fund through which support is provided to public interest groups and analysts for community educational activities and to professional scholars and others for innovative research on topics within the Institute's mandate.
- Conferences, seminars, workshops, and other educational activities with the goal of sharing information, research findings and diverse viewpoints with wider audiences across Canada and abroad.
- The promotion of scholarship in the field of peace and security through the annual Barton Awards competition.

Support of Outside Activities

Parliament gave the Institute the task of both conducting work itself, and helping others to do theirs. In accordance with this policy to support activities beyond in-house programmes, the Institute provided approximately \$1.5 million to outside projects during the year – some twenty percent of this amount was spent on projects that involved Institute staff working in collaboration with non-Institute individuals or organizations; the balance was administered independently.

An Interdisciplinary Approach

In addition to this basic duality in the Institute's undertakings, it is in the nature of the Institute's own wide-ranging activities that many of them cut across the organizational boundaries that such institutes normally require in order to function efficiently. Almost all major projects are the result of the collegial efforts of more than one division:

The annual *Guide to Canadian Policies on Arms Control, Disarmament, Defence and Conflict Resolution* is the product of the Research section aided by Public Programmes;

Time to Change began as a project run jointly by these same two divisions and subsequently expanded to include contributions from other organizations such as the Royal Society and the Institute for Research on Public Policy, and individuals such as the author himself, award-winning writer Boyce Richardson; the *Surviving the Nuclear Age* bibliography results from the work of Research and Information Services; *Fact Sheets*, an on-going series prepared by Public Programmes primarily for secondary students and teachers, benefits regularly from contributions from Research – these are all examples of the interdisciplinary character of most of the work being done.

“There is far, far too much
in *Time to Change*
for me to do it justice in
this space, but let it be
known that, finally,
someone has synthesized
the questions we all have
about the environment,
the economy, people,
security and policies, and
come up with a few
promising answers.”

ROY MACGREGOR
Ottawa Citizen
26 March 1990