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Introduction

The terrorist attacks of 11 September last year brought home to Canadians the importance of security and defence issues — not just in the armed response of the men and women serving in the Canadian Forces, but in understanding the broader strategic questions, the political complexity of today's world and the fragility of peace. Through the financial support of the Department of National Defence, the Security and Defence Forum makes independent and objective contributions to that understanding.

The Forum is a relatively modest program of academic grants, yet it provides substantial benefits for Canadians. First, it helps to maintain Canadian expertise on security and defence problems, so that Canada's academic community can contribute to debates on public policy and inform the public about questions that affect us all. The program supports numerous seminars and conferences annually, national and international co-operation in teaching and research projects, grants for research, a wide range of publications and the Chair of Defence Management Studies.

Second, the Security and Defence Forum encourages a healthy interest in security and defence-related issues among Canadian students through scholarships, internships, and a large number of university courses offered by participating faculty members.

And finally, the Forum stimulates awareness of security and defence questions among the general public. The dozen university centres supported by the program offer Web sites, interviews and briefings for the news media, and speakers for community events.

As this *Annual Report* demonstrates, the funding provided through the Security and Defence Forum continues to spark a significant amount of solid research, programs of study and information for Canadians.

The Security and Defence Forum

The Security and Defence Forum was set up by the federal government in 1967 to strengthen Canadian expertise and interest in national security issues. Now in its 34th year, this grants program of the Department of National Defence supports 12 university-based Centres of Expertise, an academic Chair of Defence Management Studies, fellowships, scholarships and internships, and special projects.

The Department's Director of Public Policy is responsible for managing the program, with the advice and recommendations of an independent Selection Committee appointed by the Minister of National Defence.

The Forum's Selection Committee

The 11-member Selection Committee meets at least once a year to review the budgets and annual reports of the academic centres and the Chair of Defence Management Studies; to assess and select fellowship, scholarship and internship winners; and once every five years to review applications for centre and Chair funding, and recommend which should be supported for the next funding cycle. The fellowship, scholarships and internships are administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on behalf of the Forum.

A majority of the committee's members come from Canadian universities and the defence community at large. The chair of the committee is a person with notable expertise in the security and defence field who serves for a three-year term.

Funding for 2001–2002

The Treasury Board approves funds for the program in five-year cycles. A new cycle began this year, with an annual budget of \$2 million allocated to:

Centres of Expertise	\$1,235,000
Chair of Defence Management Studies	\$200,000
Fellowship, scholarships and internships	\$332,000
Special projects	\$233,000

Special projects are evaluated by officials in the Department who are most concerned with the projects' subject matter. Final decisions on special project funding are made by the Director General Policy Coordination.

Dr. Jack Hyatt, formerly Professor of History at the University of Western Ontario, served as chair until his term expired on 15 March 2002; he was succeeded by Dr. Jim Bayer, Director of Conflict Analysis and Management at Royal Roads University in Victoria.

At the committee's two-day meeting in April 2001, members concentrated on two issues: selecting winners and alternates for 22 fellowships, scholarships and internships, and considering the annual reports from the university centres from the fiscal year that just ended. In general, members were dissatisfied with the quality of the individual reports for 2000–2001 — a problem they expected would be resolved with the introduction of new reporting requirements this year.

A new approach to reporting

To conform with Treasury Board guidelines and policies on grants and contributions, in October 2001 we introduced a results-based management and accountability framework for centres to use in their future reports to the Forum. The framework asks centres to provide information about specific indica-

tors of their effectiveness in meeting the Forum's three main aims. Because the framework came into effect partway through the fiscal year, and requires different ways of gathering data, centres were not always able to provide a full 12 months' information in some parts of their individual reports. Nevertheless compared to our past *Annual Reports*, we believe that this report for the period of 1 April 2001–31 March 2002 gives a clearer idea of the collective accomplishments of the centres, and the benefits that the Security and Defence Forum delivers to Canadians.

2001–2002 Grants

Centres of Expertise

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, <i>Institute of International Relations</i>	\$120,000
University of Calgary, Calgary, <i>Centre for Military and Strategic Studies</i>	\$120,000
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, <i>Centre for Defence and Security Studies</i>	\$100,000
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, <i>Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies</i>	\$95,000
York University, North York, <i>Centre for International and Security Studies</i>	\$120,000
Queen's University, Kingston, <i>Centre for International Relations</i>	\$90,000
Carleton University, Ottawa, <i>Centre for Security and Defence Studies</i>	\$120,000
McGill University and the Université de Montréal, Montreal, <i>Research Group in International Security</i>	\$100,000
Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, <i>Centre d'études des politiques étrangères et de sécurité</i>	\$100,000
Université Laval, Québec, <i>Institut québécois des hautes études internationales</i>	\$95,000
University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, <i>Military and Strategic Studies Program</i>	\$55,000
Dalhousie University, Halifax, <i>Centre for Foreign Policy Studies</i>	\$120,000
	\$1,235,000

Chair of Defence Management Studies

Queen's University, Kingston, <i>School of Policy Studies</i>	\$200,000
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Fellowship, scholarships and internships

The R.B. Byers Postdoctoral Fellowship	\$27,000
The Dr. Ronald Baker Doctoral Scholarship	\$17,000
PhD Scholarships: 8 at \$16,000 each	\$128,000
Masters Scholarships: 8 at \$8,000 each	\$64,000
Internships: 4 at \$24,000 each	\$96,000
	\$332,000

Special projects

31 projects of varying amounts	\$233,000
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Academic contributions

The first aim of the Security and Defence Forum is to help the Canadian academic community maintain and develop their ability to contribute to public-policy debates and public education on defence and security issues. We give grants to 12 Centres of Expertise and the Chair of Defence Management Studies; each centre determines how it allocates the funding to support its various academic activities.

Highlights

- 131 researchers in 12 university centres
- 187 Forum-related conferences
- 446 publications in 2001–2002

The size of the academic community appears to be healthy. The centres report that 131 faculty members — both core and adjunct professors — are involved in the Forum's security and defence research, supported by 41 staff. The current graduate-student enrolment is 193, and 122 research associates work with the centres.

Points de mire

The Université du Québec à Montréal's Centre d'études des politiques étrangères et de sécurité regularly publishes *Points de mire*, a bulletin of analysis on international questions (www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/cepes/). Thirteen issues were published in 2001–2002, partly funded by the Forum and edited by Pierre Jolicoeur, a research associate at CEPES.

Sponsoring and presenting seminars, workshops and conferences is a major activity for most centres — 187 in all, during the year. Six centres were able to estimate the attendance at their events: nearly 8,000 at 94 gatherings, or an average of about 85 participants per event. Naturally the attendance varied

with the type of event, from a half-dozen faculty and graduate students at a specialized seminar to 3,500 students at a model United Nations assembly.

A distinctive feature of the Forum-supported Centres of Expertise is the extent of their co-operative activities — regionally, nationally and internationally. The 11 centres that itemized their efforts reported 214 projects, from co-sponsoring conferences and scholarly exchanges to collaborative research projects and presenting joint courses with other institutions.

Faculty and associates of the centres were active participants in events outside their own universities during the year, speaking a total of 478 times at various conferences, workshops, seminars, and other meetings.

Similarly members of the centres were productive in their research and writing. Centres reported 144 peer-reviewed journal articles, 171 publications by academic presses (including books and book chapters) and 131 other publications, such as review articles.

As a measure of their abilities and reputation among granting agencies and organizations, the centres' members attracted 142 research grants and research-related contracts.

Joint Asia–Pacific security conference

The 9th conference of the Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security — jointly administered by the University of British Columbia's Institute of International Relations and York University's Centre for International and Security Studies — focused on *Canada and Asia: Confronting New Realities*. With Forum support, the conference was held at UBC on 7–9 December 2001, and included sessions on positioning Canada in a post-11 September Asia Pacific, and terrorism and the Law of the Sea, among others. Over 100 faculty and students attended.

Canadian Military History

Canadian Military History — a journal in a magazine format — is accessible to all readers, from students and the general public to professional historians. With some assistance from the Forum, it is published four times a year by Wilfrid Laurier University's Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, and regularly features guest editors from other Canadian universities.

Canada–U.S. Defence Co-operation

A policy consultation last year at Queen's University has resulted in a new volume of scholarly papers, supported in part by the Forum — *Over Here and Over There: Canada–U.S. Defence Cooperation in an Era Of Interoperability* (Kingston: Queen's Quarterly Press and the Conference of Defence Associations Institute, 2001), edited by David G. Haglund of Queen's Centre for International Relations.

Chair of Defence Management Studies

The current holder of the Chair of Defence Management Studies is Professor Douglas Bland of the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. The Defence Management Studies Program is supported by two sessional instructors and a part-time administrative assistant. Nineteen graduate students and eight research associates from Queen's and the Royal Military College are involved in the program. In 2001–2002 it offered four graduate courses, all fully subscribed, with 24 students. The program's students completed 11 theses during the year.

The Chair sponsored one academic meeting, attended by 175 students and faculty, and was involved in six co-operative projects. Its associates spoke at, or attended, 25 events outside the university, and published two peer-reviewed journal articles, three items by academic presses and one other publication.

Student interest

Encouraging a healthy interest in security and defence-related issues among Canadian students is the second main goal of the Security and Defence

Forum. Teaching students and encouraging their research are at the heart of the centres' activities, and the *raison d'être* of the universities in which they are housed. The Forum funds 17 scholarships for master's and doctoral students, and supports academic research that is the foundation of university teaching.

Highlights

- well over 10,000 students in security and defence-related courses
- 62% of courses filled to capacity
- 77 master's and PhD theses completed

Student activities at UNB

An extensive program of student-oriented activities can help attract good students. At the University of New Brunswick, for example, the Military and Strategic Studies Program used Forum assistance in 2001–2002 to offer students the opportunities of a battlefield tour of Fortress Saint John, participation in the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation Tour of France and Belgium, observer status at Exercise Staunch Gladiator at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, a day at sea with HMCS *Ville de Québec* and a battlefield study tour of Fort Beausejour.

In 2001–2002, 10 of the 12 centres reported a total enrolment of 10,422 students in security and defence-related courses. Enrolment varied from 127 students at the University of Manitoba's Centre for Defence and Security Studies to 2,496 in courses associated with the Research Group in International Security, jointly run by McGill University and the University of Montreal.

Distance-delivery graduate studies

The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary has begun plans — with Forum assistance — to offer its graduate Master of Strategic Studies program by distance delivery to Canadian Forces Bases Esquimalt, Yellowknife and Edmonton in September 2002. The program combines a military-oriented liberal arts core with opportunities for more technical studies, from international law to geomatics engineering (www.stratnet.ucalgary.ca/mss/mss.htm).

Manitoba students' conference

With financial assistance from the Forum, the University of Manitoba's Centre for Defence and Security Studies organized the 18th Political Studies Students' Conference on the topic of *Globalism and Regionalism: The Evolving International System*. Papers from the conference will be featured in the first of a new publication series from the centre, *The Bison Papers*.

More than 110 faculty members taught 237 of these courses, defined as having a minimum of 50% content directly related to security and defence. As an indicator of student interest, fully 62% of the courses were filled to capacity.

The number of graduate students who successfully complete their theses may be another indicator of student interest — this year, 77 finished their master's and doctoral theses.

Six centres were able to track or estimate the proportion of their own graduate students who went on to further graduate work or employment in a field related to their studies. They reported proportions from 15% to 100%, with an average of three-quarters of their graduates in related studies or jobs. The Forum also funds four internships to help recent master's graduates with backgrounds in security and defence studies to get work experience.

Language training at York

York University's Centre for International and Security Studies maintains a language training fund, with Forum assistance. The fund provides awards of \$1,000 for PhD candidates who need another language for their thesis research. This year's awards supported two PhD students studying German and Serbo-Croat.

Public awareness

The Security and Defence Forum's third aim was particularly well met during 2001–2002 —

Highlights

- 2.1 million hits at one centre's Web site
- 800 newspaper articles and broadcasts
- over 100 community presentations

to encourage awareness of security and defence issues among the general public. Nearly all of the centres use part of the Forum's funds for maintaining or improving their Web sites and supporting speakers series, including outreach development. The use of Web sites, openness to the news media and outreach activities are all indicators of the centres' effectiveness in raising public awareness.

11 September in Halifax and Montreal

Special public sessions on the terrorist events of 11 September were held at several universities, with help from Forum funding. Faculty and Fellows from Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies presented a roundtable assessing the medium- and long-term foreign and security policy implications of the attacks in New York and Washington. Approximately 120 people attended, including the print and televised media, the public, local NGOs, faculty and research fellows.

In Montreal, the Research Group in International Security — jointly run by McGill University and the Université de Montréal — put on four very successful roundtables, two at each university. More than 1,000 students attended, and the events were well covered by the local media.

Using Web sites

All the Centres of Expertise maintain Web sites as sources of public information, and preliminary reports suggest that members of the public use the sites fairly frequently. The four centres that measured the number of hits (requests for information) their main sites received during the year recorded a range from 300–400 (University of New Brunswick) to nearly 2.1 million (University of Calgary). The University of British Columbia estimated that their main defence and security-related sites

Popular sites at Laval

Two Forum-funded sites at Laval University's Institut québécois des hautes études internationales had 48,266 downloads this year — *Le Maintien de la paix de A à Z* (www.ulaval.ca/iqhei/maintienpaix/maintienpaix.html) and the 20th edition of *Les Conflits dans le monde for 2000–2001* (www.ulaval.ca/iqhei/etudes_strat3.html).

had about 29,000 hits and 31,550 downloads of information and documents, and Dalhousie University counted nearly 23,200 hits at their centre's site. The University of Calgary noted that 12% of the sessions on their site originated outside North America.

Security and defence in the news media

Faculty in the centres were in high demand in 2001–2002, especially following the 11 September terrorist attacks. The eight centres that kept track of them report some 1,600 media requests for information and interviews, including about 100 from newspapers and TV and radio networks internationally. During the year interviews with academics associated with 10 centres resulted in 800 newspaper articles and broadcasts. Faculty themselves published 36 opinion pieces in daily newspapers, and a dozen articles in general-interest magazines.

Two Carleton conferences for high-school students

Carleton University's Centre for Security and Defence Studies organized two World Issues Conferences for High-School Studies — one in English and one in French. Supported by Forum funding, the conferences offered 30 workshops on topical problems in security, defence and international affairs. The French-language conference attracted over 450 students, and the English-language conference was attended by 525 students.

Reaching out to communities

The Centres of Expertise can be a valuable resource for community groups, high schools, non-governmental organizations and the like who are looking for accurate and thoughtful information about Canada's security and defence. The number of requests a centre receives for information and speaking engagements — or that the centre initiates — may be an indicator of how well it reaches out to the community around it.

Overall, the centres report that they received approximately 160 requests during the year, and that they made over 100 community presentations or were otherwise involved in local organizations.

The University of Manitoba's centre, for example, sends out a letter to all high schools in the Winnipeg area each September, telling them of their faculty's availability to speak to students. In the past year, 10 schools took advantage of the offer, and faculty spoke 18 times — the most popular topic was terrorism, followed by Middle East relations and peacekeeping. They also spoke several times to community groups, service clubs and other organizations, such as Creative Retirement Manitoba, the United Jewish People's Order, Amnesty International and the Rotary Club of Winnipeg's Model United Nations.

Special projects

The Forum's special projects grants generally offer two kinds of support:

- to individual researchers and organizations for workshops, research papers and making presentations at overseas conferences, and
- to academics, students and representatives of non-governmental organizations to attend workshops, conferences and briefing tours organized by the Forum.

During 2001–2002, we supported 27 individual projects, from research by Dr. Stéphane Roussel (Glendon College, Toronto) on “La défense de l'Amérique du Nord contre les menaces asymétriques” to a conference by the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee on sovereignty and security in the Canadian Arctic. Approximately two-thirds of the special projects budget supported individual grants, which ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The average size of a grant was about \$4,700.

In addition to helping Forum participants attend the annual conference, we supported a field excursion to NATO and various European institutions, a briefing tour to Washington, D.C., and a workshop on missile defence.

The 2001 annual conference

Our annual Security and Defence Forum conference focussed on the theme of Canada's role in future peacekeeping operations. Held in Ottawa on 24 April 2001, the conference was attended by 40 academics associated with the Forum and 60 delegates from the Department of National Defence, other government departments and agencies, the United Nations, and several public and private organizations such as Médecins sans frontières

and *Jane's Defence Weekly*. Introduced by the Minister of National Defence, the sessions discussed the rationale of Canadian peacekeeping, the on-the-ground reality for peacekeepers, how peacekeeping is changing, and how the international community should respond to conflict.

European field excursion

Twelve university participants — including seven graduate students — were sponsored by the Forum on a field excursion to European centres of defence policy-making and operations on 17–23 June 2001. They attended briefing sessions and discussions at NATO headquarters, the European Commission and the Canadian Mission to the European Union, all in Brussels, Belgium; Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Casteau, Belgium; the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht, the Netherlands; and NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany.

Briefing tour to Washington

We arranged a briefing tour in Washington, D.C. for 16 representatives from Canadian universities and non-governmental organizations, including two graduate students. During the three days of sessions on 25–27 June 2001, the participants received briefings on the new American administration's security and defence policies from staff at the Canadian Embassy, the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, the U.S. Department of State (whose International Visitor Program was responsible for many of the arrangements), the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Defense University, the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The participants evaluated the tour very positively, noting that it met or exceeded their expectations.

Missile defence workshop

The Forum's two-day workshop on missile defence featured nine papers by experienced officials and academics on the implications of U.S. missile defence policy and programs for Canada and other American allies,

and for Russia, China, and arms control. Held in Wakefield, Quebec on 15–16 November 2001, the workshop was attended by 36 academics, members of the Department of National Defence, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Privy Council Office, and two senior American officials. The sessions were opened and concluded by Dr. Kenneth J. Calder, the Department’s Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy).

Planning for the Balkans

During 2001–2002, we began planning for a 10-day briefing tour to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Croatia, which took place on 9–20 June 2002. We had to make meticulous arrangements well in advance because of the unsettled territory through which participants would occasionally pass, and because of the broad variety of senior United Nations and other officials that they would meet. The group travelled to Velika Kladusa (the Canadian Area of Responsibility), Zgon, Tomislavgrad, Sarajevo, Belgrade and Zagreb.

For further information

The Web site of the Security and Defence Forum (http://www.dnd.ca/admpol/org/dg_coord/d_pub/sdf_e.htm) includes information on:

- the internship, MA scholarship, PhD scholarship and postdoctoral fellowship programs, the Dr. Ronald Baker Doctoral Scholarship and the R.B. Byers Postdoctoral Scholarship (click: SDF Awards Notices and Application Forms); for application forms, see the Web page for each program
- the forum's recent *Annual Reports* (click: SDF Annual Reports)
- the application form for a Forum special project grant (click: SDF and Special Projects Application Form)
- the Chair of Defence Management Studies (click: Chair of Defence Management Studies)
- the names and fields of study of 2001–2002 award winners in the internship, MA scholarship, PhD scholarship and postdoctoral fellowship competitions, and
- links to the Web sites of each of the 12 Centres of Expertise, the Chair of Defence Management Studies, and the Royal Military College of Canada (click: Links to the SDF Community). Most of the sites offer information on programs, faculty members and publications.

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