

Executive and Staff Changes

Julie Lindhout, President, is pleased to announce that at the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors on January 17, 2005, Mr. Jeff Young was elected Treasurer. Mr. Young is Managing Director of Olympus United Funds, a member of the Norshield Financial Group, and comes to us with many years of experience in financial management and investment.

Mr. Jürgen Torlée, an active member of the Atlantic Council of Canada, has taken over responsibility for the Young Professionals International (Internship) Program. As an educator, Mr. Torlée brings a lot of experience in working with young people to this portfolio.

Mr. Joshua Kilberg, who is with us on a Department of National Defence fellowship, has returned from his secondment to the Club de Madrid and will be resuming his work on programming, research and publication.

Mr. Adrian Hart has joined the office to provide information technology and communication services and general office assistance. He will be updating our website regularly, and assisting us with our program of electronic publication.

Ms Villy Manolia will take on the position of Editor in Chief of the *Transatlantic Quarterly*. Ms Manolia comes to us with extensive experience as a reporter, script writer, and editor of several European magazines. She will work closely with ACC Vice-President, Communication, Susan Zivkovic and Vice-President, Special Projects, Ellis Kirkland.

At this time we would like to thank our previous staff members for the service they have provided to the Council.

Programs

Our **Annual February Dinner** held on February 23, with former U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci, as our guest speaker, was a great success. 86 people attended the dinner, including ten members of the diplomatic community.

Our **Corporate Partnership Campaign**, which was initiated and directed by Vice-President, Barry Davenport, with the assistance of several Directors well connected in the business community, is continuing apace. It is our goal to raise \$100,000 this year from corporate sponsorships and foundation donations to support our programs. The next event is a Reception for current and potential corporate partners to be held in the Bata Shoe Museum in early April, sponsored by the Bata Foundation.

All members are invited to the **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on April 19, 2005, at 6 p.m., in the Combination Room, Trinity College. Our guest speaker will be former Canadian Permanent Representative to NATO, Mr. David Wright, and author of a study "Managing Global Crises—and the US Colossus" recently published by the C. D. Howe Institute. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2005, please do so before or at the Annual General Meeting.

By partnering with the Defense Studies Committee of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, and the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies, we are able to offer more **Roundtable Discussions** to our members. The Defense Studies Committee of the RCMI is hosting the next Roundtable with Dr. Julian Lindley-French, Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, on March 24, 2005. The ACC will host a Roundtable in May.

An invitation with detailed information on the speaker and program will be sent out shortly. Other Roundtables are planned for June and into the Fall.

The **Annual Spring Conference** will be held on June 1, in the Ignatieff Theatre, Larkin Building, Trinity College, and we are planning for the **Annual Fall Conference** to be held in Ottawa in October.

Vice-President, John McKenna, is already making arrangements for the **Fall NATO Briefing Tour** which will depart this year on October 8 and return on October 15. An **Executive Briefing Tour** for Washington, DC and NATO ACT at Norfolk, VA, is planned for April 2006.

A double Winter-Spring issue of ***The Transatlantic Quarterly*** focusing on International Law and Security was sent out at the end of February. Work has already begun on the next issue which will have the theme "Peacebuilding, Democracy, and Terrorism." We are looking for advertising to support this very worthwhile magazine which has been well received by a broad range of people as a source of accessible information on current international peace and security issues.

Thirteen young people have just completed their six months internships with the **Young Professionals International Program**, and four are still out in the field. Information on the ten new positions for 2005-2006 has been posted on our website. The application deadline is April 15, 2005.

In addition, with the generous sponsorship of the Bank of Nova Scotia, we are now offering a **Junior Professionals Development Program** which will provide a 6 months internship opportunity for a young Canadian with a postgraduate degree in business or economics to work with the Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, DC. Details of that opportunity are also posted on our website. The application deadline is April 5, 2005.

With regard to the **Model NATO for Secondary Schools** program, a Handbook for Teachers is now available from the ACC. This Handbook provides information on how to prepare for and run a simulation exercise using different models from an in-class exercise to a one and half day simulation with teams from various schools.

The 51st Annual Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, from September 27-October 1, 2005. Registration and accommodation information is not yet available, but will be sent to members as soon as it is received from the Atlantic Council of Estonia.

The Atlantic Council of Canada looks forward to hosting the 52nd Annual Assembly of the ATA in Ottawa in September 2006.

Further information on any of our programs may be obtained from our website or from the office

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