

Fall 2006 NEWSLETTER

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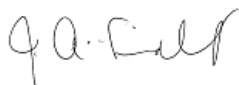
We welcome Col. Frederic (Eric) L.R. Jackman, O.Ont., Ph.D., LL.D., as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council of Canada.

Dr. Jackman is President of Invicta Investments Inc., and Chairman of the Jackman Foundation. In addition to his business, professional and philanthropic work, he is actively involved in several community, cultural, military and professional organizations. Dr. Jackman holds a Ph.D. in Human Development and Psychology and is the President of the Psychology Foundation of Canada. He was appointed Honorary Colonel of The Toronto Scottish Regiment (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Own) in 2002.

For his work to improve his community and Canada, Dr. Jackman has received many awards, including Canada's Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary, Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Order of Ontario, as well as the Canadian Mental Health Association C.M. Hincks National Award for Mental Health. He received honorary doctorates from Windsor and Assumption Universities.

Dr. Jackman succeeds the Honourable Roy MacLaren who was Chairman from 2002 to 2006, and remains involved with the Atlantic Council of Canada as Immediate Past Chairman.

At this time, I would like to thank Roy MacLaren for his service to the Atlantic Council of Canada and for the support he has given to me and to other members of the Executive Committee during his time as Chairman.



Julie Lindhout, President

NEW DIRECTORS

During this year's **Annual General Meeting**, the Council welcomed the following directors: **Frank Chen** and **Paul G Smith**.

As Managing Director of Rosemont Advisory Inc., **Frank Chen** has an extensive knowledge of investment banking, corporate management, technology, and global capital markets in both North America and Asia. Mr. Chen's career includes significant investment retail and commercial management, investor's relations, marketing, finance and strategic planning.

Paul G. Smith is Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer of Grey Horse Capital Corporation and a member of its board of directors. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, Equity Transfer & Trust Company, Grey Horse Capital provides transfer and corporate trust services to companies listed in North American capital markets.

Leo Duguay and **BGen. Paul Hayes** were later appointed during a Board of Directors' Meeting convened for this purpose on October 18th, 2006.

Former MP for St. Boniface Manitoba from '84-'88, **Leo Duguay** brings to the Rothwell Group more than 25 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. His role includes leveraging his considerable government relations expertise and counsel for new and existing clients, across a broad spectrum of industry sectors.

BGen. Paul Hayes (ret'd) currently serves as president of AeroCan Aviation Specialists Inc., and aviation-management consulting firm. Mr. Hayes performed military service in the Canadian Air Force, Regular and Reserve, attaining the rank of brigadier-general.

ACC STAFFING

Programme Coordinator, **Anna Little**, joined the ACC team in March 2006. This is not her first contact with the ACC: her MA in Political Science from Leiden University in the Netherlands and language skills in French and German helped earn her a placement at the Atlantic Treaty Association in Denmark via the ACC's Young Professional Internship Programme.

She subsequently worked as an intern for the Political Section of the Canadian Mission to the EU in Brussels, before returning to her hometown of Toronto early this year.

ACC OFFICE YOUTH PLACEMENT

As part of the ACC's commitment to supporting youth, the Council has partnered with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), which seeks to provide young members from its community with the opportunity to build sustainable livelihoods.

The ACC will host 2 TCHC sponsored interns from its community for the duration of two six-month contracts. As the executive assistant to the President, the intern will gain skills in organization, event planning, public speaking, writing and editing.

National Programme

HIGHLIGHT: FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!

Despite the cool day, the 1st ever **ACC Fundraising Golf Tournament & Dinner** heated up the greens the Glen Eagle Golf Club on September 28, 2006. Two of the six teams tied at 63, while the team sponsored by the Embassy of Macedonia came in victoriously at 53. The Honourable Agnes Potts snagged the women's longest drive, while Jessi Kalinski shot the longest drive from the mens' side. Dr. Dragi Denkovski ended up closest to the pin. At the dinner following the tournament, David Jurkowski, Vice-President, Government Relations and Business Development, Bombardier Aerospace, spoke about Bombardier's new developments, and his recent travels to Afghanistan in his capacity as Colonel Commandant of the Military Police Branch.

We thank our sponsors and dedicated volunteers who made this event possible and hope that even more people will become involved the next time around.

Mark your calendar now for the 2nd **Annual ACC Fundraising Golf Tournament & Dinner** which will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at the Glen Eagle Golf Club.



Winning team: Jessi Kalinsky, Michael Denkovski, Chris Vasilev, and Dr. Dragi Denkovski



Dr. Jackman, speaker David Jurkowski, and guests warming up after day of golf

ACC ROUNDTABLES

The first in the series of Col. Dr. John K. Marteinson Roundtable Lectures - open to ACC members, and dedicated to the memory of Dr. Marteinson, a long-time Director of the Atlantic Council of Canada - was held on February 23 at Trinity College.

Prof. Peter Trummer, who teaches international politics and current history at the University of Mannheim and the University of Karlsruhe, discussed his project on the Muslim population in Germany, *Muslims in Germany Between Integration and Global Jihad*.

On October 18, Lieutenant-Commander Albert Wong, Senior Public Affairs Officer, Department of National Defence presented, *Capacity Building in Afghanistan*.

Major-General J. Ivan Fenton, OMM, CD, Assistant Director, International Military Staff NATO HQ addressed, *NATO's Ongoing Operations* on November 9, 2006



Lieutenant-Commander Albert Wong



Major-General J. Ivan Fenton, OMM, CD

RESEARCH

The **Canada-U.S. Bi-National Planning Group (BPG) NORAD**, in cooperation with the ACC, presented its findings on April 11. Over the course of its mandate, which expired in May 2006, the BPG conducted extensive research on maritime, land, and civil support plans and decision-making arrangements to respond to threats, attacks, emergency circumstances requiring bi-national military or civil/military response to maintain the security of Canada and the United States.

CONFERENCES

The Atlantic Council of Canada (ACC) held its annual **Spring Conference** on April 26, 2006, in Toronto. As per its title, "Building a New Afghanistan: A Comprehensive Approach to Reconstruction", the one day event focused on Canadian participation and leadership in the international effort to rebuild the region. Speakers included the Afghan Ambassador to Canada, the Director of the Afghan Women's Organization, Foreign Affairs Canada Acting Director General from Asia Bureau, Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command Chief of Staff, and Senior analysts from RAND and NATO. Approximately 85 people attended, 30 of whom were high school and university students.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

In conclusion to the ACC's 20 June AGM, Major Jay Markow presented a slide show entitled, *A Canadian Soldier in Afghanistan*, in addition to a candid account of his time in the field.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The **Young Professional International (YPI)** Internship programme, overseen by ACC Vice President, Jürgen Torlée, has placed 10 participants at the following organizations, respectively:

- NATO Political Affairs Division;
- NATO Secretariat to the North Atlantic Council;
- NATO Information Office Russia;
- NATO Information and Documentation Centre Ukraine;
- NATO Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk, VA;
- The Atlantic Treaty Association:
- Greek Association for the Atlantic and European Cooperation;
- European Institute of Public Administration;
- International Crisis Group;
- Centre for Strategic and International Studies

The recent cuts by the Canadian Government have provided the ACC with a new challenge to locate other funding sources in order to continue running this excellent program, which has given over 400 young people the opportunity to develop their careers post March 2007. To this end, we are very grateful to the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for their support.

TAQ RE-LAUNCH

ACC Editor in Chief, Linda Lynch, re-launched the much-anticipated ***Transatlantic Quarterly (TAQ)***. This issue, which covered the question of Canada's role in Afghanistan, was distributed more broadly than ever across Canada and beyond its borders. The distribution of over 15, 000 copies includes every secondary school, college and university in the country. TAQ has been well received by Foreign Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence, and NATO HQ in Brussels.

We thank the Jackman Foundation for their support, and also our key advertisers, Bombardier, CAE, Magna, and Woodland Heights.

NATO

In the capacity of her new position as Canada's Information Officer to NATO HQ in Brussels, former ACC intern, Megan Minnion, addressed a group of interested students regarding NATO's engagement in Afghanistan at the University of Toronto on July 12th, 2006. Make sure to get your hands on the next issue of TAQ for more information on Ms. Minnion, as she was interviewed by our Editor in Chief, Linda Lynch, during her Toronto stop-over!

International Programme

ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION (ATA) MEETINGS

The Council's President, Julie Lindhout, attended the annual **ATA Bureau Meeting and Briefings** in Washington in April. The Bureau members were briefed at several leading US think tanks, and also had an opportunity to interact with ATA President, Ambassador Robert Hunter's graduate class in international relations at Washington University.

The **ATA Bureau and Council Meeting** took place in Brussels in May. NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, as well as other NATO officials, addressed the Council

YOUTH SEMINARS

The ACC is pleased to announce that the ACC sent youth members to both the **25-27 September Rome Atlantic Forum** and the **16-19 October Achilles Seminar on Transformation and the Transatlantic Relationship**.

The Fifty youth participants of the Rome Atlantic Forum, hosted by the Atlantic Council of Rome, discussed the future role, capabilities, and mission of NATO, in consideration of future challenges and threats. At the end of the three-day forum, participants outlined their vision for the future of NATO and produced proposals that were later circulated among the national delegations to NATO and shared with decision makers in their national capitals.



Achilles Seminar participants being briefed aboard USS KEARSARGE



YATA Denmark's Søren Høgsbro Larsen

The four-day Achilles conference offered its thirty participants - of which the ACC programme coordinator was one - defense policy briefings with government officials, think tank analysts, and other experts in Washington, DC. They then traveled to Norfolk, Virginia to visit Allied Command - Transformation (ACT) to learn about new directions in military capabilities and doctrine and how these will affect NATO and its operations. Their recommendations for NATO transformation were delivered to the mock NATO Secretary General after the proceedings.

ATA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 52nd Atlantic Treaty Association (**ATA Annual General Assembly**) will take place in Athens, Greece from 5-10 December, 2006. The ACC is happy to report a record high number of youth participants, made possible through the generous support of NATO PDD, the DND Security and Defence Forum, and Carleton University. The ACC also looks forward to offering its support to Canadian Grant Dawson, who will be running for Vice-President, Education on the Executive Bureau of the youth ATA (YATA).

Upcoming Events

Winter Seminar: *Canada, NATO and Global Terrorism*, will be held on **Wednesday, January 24, 2007**, at the Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI) from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m., breakfast included. Senior Policy Planning Officer to NATO's Office of the Secretary General, Jonathan Parish, will be joined by the ACC's Col. Brian MacDonald, the Mackenzie Institute's John Thompson and Jim Townsend, Director of International Security at the Atlantic Council of the United States (ACUS).

2nd Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament & Dinner, **Tuesday, June 12, 2007**, at the Glen Eagle Golf Club, Bolton.

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