Director’s Note

Dear colleagues,

Summer is a busy research period at the CIDP. There is a big team of undergraduate and graduate research assistants working away on various projects, gaining valuable experience in the process. For example, USSRF fellow Ryan Anderson is conducting research on the 2017 Kingston Conference on International Security (KCIS) theme, the enhancement of military performance. Ryan attended the conference, interacted with top experts in the field and is now assisting with the post-conference publication. He is also drafting his own research poster for the student exhibit in the Fall.

KCIS 2017 was very well attended this year and drew senior military officers, academics, as well as participants from the private sector. The theme for 2018 was also announced: Deterrence and the new NATO: Testing credibility and capabilities. We have already begun our planning activities with partners at the Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre, the US Army War College’s Strategic Studies Institute and the NATO Defense College.

Finally, the CIDP will be going through its five-year review during this academic year so we will count on your continued collaboration and support as we collect the necessary information to show the incredible research trajectory of our fellows during the past five years.

I look forward to reconnecting in September with all of you. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Stéfanie von Hlatky
Director, Centre for International and Defence Policy

Recent Publications

Maxim Starchak. "Arms control as a way to détente in the relations between Russia and NATO". New Defence Order. Volume 44, 2; May 2017.

David Haglund. “The Paradigm that Dare Not Speak Its Name: CFP’s Uneasy Relationship with Realist IR Theory”. International Journal. Volume 72, 2; June 2017.

Chris Kilford. Turkey must free its journalists. Ottawa Citizen, June 2017.

Stéfanie von Hlatky and Meaghan Shoemaker. The battle to get more women into the military? The Conversation, June 2017.

Spotlight

Lieutenant Colonel
Andreas Vogler
German Air Force Visiting Defence Fellow 2016-19

LtCol Vogler has had a successful 31 year career in the Luftwaffe. He has commanded a Fighter Squadron, held positions as Wing Weapons Officer and Flight Accident Investigator, Coordinator for Collective Training for the Canadian Armed Forces, and Branch Chief in the German Armed Forces Intelligence Center. He was appointed to the position of Head of the In-Year-Management Section in a multinational Strategic NATO Command and also served as senior Training Staff Officer of the German Air Force for Air Command & Control training.

A graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, LtCol Vogler has served 3 operational tours in Afghanistan. He has been awarded the Distinguished Armed Forces Cross in Gold, the ISAF Medal in Bronze, the Non-Article V Medal in Bronze, the RS Medal in Bronze and the NATO Afghanistan Medal in Bronze.
Kingston Conference On International Security

With over 140 participants, KCIS 2017 has been one of the CIDP’s most successful events. The conference analyzed the topic of human performance enhancement within the military through physical, technological, physiological and ethical considerations. Valuable discussion was given from a variety of civilian and military participants, with notable keynote addresses given by Lieutenant-General Christine Whitecross, Major-General Mike Rouleau and Eidos Narrative Director Jason Dozois.

The conference received media coverage from Vanguard Magazine and The Queen's Gazette. Feedback from both long-time and new attendees was overwhelmingly positive and, "several attendees said they were already looking forward to the next one."

Presentations from the conference will be available to watch on the CIDP YouTube channel.

USSRF 2017

People First, Mission Always: ‘Super Soldiers’ and the Future of Human Performance Enhancement

“Completing my USSRF at the CIDP under the supervision of Professor von Hlatky has been such an incredible and highly rewarding experience. In just three short months thus far, I have been able to develop my own writing, research, and professional skills, while also learning from the work of my peers and Dr. von Hlatky. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to spend my Summer at the CIDP – it has proven to be a highlight of my Queen’s career.”

- Ryan Anderson

Ryan’s research at the CIDP focuses on how best to advance soldier performance – in both physical and cognitive domains – while also recognizing that operational success is not merely a result of cutting-edge weaponry, technology, or even military strategy. As such, the project proposes that the military and policymakers must think more holistically about human performance enhancement, and not overlook the cultural, social, ethical, and policy implications that soldier augmentation entails.

CIDP-QIAA Fall Internship: Hiring

The CIDP Intern is a unique position offered to Queen's students hired through the Queen's International Affairs Association (QIAA), a student-run organization at Queen's University. The CIDP Intern will be responsible for organizing speaker events, updating the social media profile of the Centre, and assisting with administrative tasks as required. The CIDP intern also acts as a liaison between QIAA and the CIDP and works to organize joint events between the two organizations. The position is only available to Queen's students, with experienced candidates being highly preferred. A $500 stipend is offered as part of the position.

Further information can be found at qiaa.org/hiring and applications will be conducted in September. Inquiries can be directed to president@qiaa.org