

First Isodarco Seminar in the Middle East

Security Concerns and Security Proposals in the Middle East

Sunday, 16 March 1997

- 09.00-10.30 **OPENING SESSION** Chair: AYMAN KHALIL
Keynote address by the main sponsors and organizers.
- 10.30-11.00 Break
- 11.00-11.40 **SESSION 1** Chair: CARLO SCHAERF
ELIAS SALAMEH
UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN, AMMAN, JORDAN
Socio-economic Aspect of the Water Issue
- 11.50-12.30 **SESSION 2** Chair: CARLO SCHAERF
ARIEL LEVITE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL
**Problems and Prospects of Regional Security in the Middle East:
an Israeli Perspective**
- 12.30-16.00 Lunch & Break
- 16.00-16.40 **SESSION 3** Chair: FRANCO DUPRE'
PHILIP SMITH
CENTER FOR ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, NETHERLANDS
The Role of Religious Convictions in Violent Conflicts
- 16.50-17.30 **SESSION 4** Chair: SHU YUAN HSIEH
STEVE KOFF
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE NY, USA
The European Union and the Middle East
- 17.30-18.00 Break
- 18.00-18.40 **SESSION 5** Chair: HASSAN MASHHADI
HANS D. LEMKE
STIFTUNG WISSENSCHAFT UND POLITIK, GERMANY
A review of European Confidence- and Security-Building

Monday, 17 March 1997

- 09.00-9.40 **SESSION 1** Chair: TELMA ABASCAL
NISSAN OREN
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL
Relative Standing and Political Maturity of Regional Security Systems
- 09.50-10.30 **SESSION 2** Chair: ARDA ARSENIAN-EKMEKJI
JACK RUINA
MIT, CAMBRIDGE MA, USA
Superpower Arms Control Experience and its Applicability to the Mideast

- 10.30-11.00 Break
- 11.00-11.40 **SESSION 3** CHAIR: ARIEL LEVITE
ISMAT EZZ
 (Rtd) MAJOR GENERAL , EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES, CAIRO, EGYPT
Security for Arabs and Israel
- 11.50-12.30 **SESSION 4** Chair: CARIN ATTERLING WEDAR
HANAN BAR-ON
 THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, ISRAEL
Middle Eastern Security Problems at the Turn of the Century
- 12.30-16.00 Lunch & and visit to Um-Qeis

Tuesday, 18 March 1997

- 09.00-09.40 **SESSION 1** Chair: HAROLD FEIVESON
MAEN ALNSOUR
 THOMAS JEFFERSON FELLOW, THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY, GEORGE
 MASON UNIVERSITY, FAIRFAX, VA and USIP, WASHINGTON DC, USA
Economic Relations and Regional Security in the Middle East
- 09.50-10.30 **SESSION 2** Chair: HANS D. LEMKE
HASSAN MASHHADI
 PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION
 OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, THE AGUE, NETHERLANDS
Security Concerns in the Middle East with Respect to Weapons of Mass Destruction
- 10.30-11.00 Break
- 11.00-11.40 **SESSION 3** Chair: STEVEN MILLER
GERALD STEINBERG
 BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY, RAMAT GAN, ISRAEL
**Technical and Political Aspects of Cooperative
 Verification and Monitoring**
- 11.50-12.30 **SESSION 4** Chair: AYMAN KHALIL
CARIN WEDAR
 SWEDISH INITIATIVE FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL
 RELATIONS , SWEDEN
Jerusalem - a Center of the World, a Part of a Territory, a Capital for Two Nations
- 12.30-16.00 Lunch & Break
- 16.00-16.40 **SESSION 5** Chair: MOHAMED JABER
STEVEN MILLER
 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM, HARVARD UNI., USA
Avoiding Nuclear Anarchy: The New Proliferation Threat
- 16.50-17.30 **SESSION 6** Chair: GERALD STEINBERG
HANS D. LEMKE
 STIFTUNG WISSENSCHAFT UND POLITIK, GERMANY
Military Aspects of the Golan Heights Issue in the Israeli-Syrian Peace Process.

17.30-18.00 Break

18.00-18.40 **SESSION 7** Chair: ZIAD NAJIM
SHU YUAN HSIEH
TAIWAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, TAIPEI, TAIWAN
**Strengthening Security through Economic Policies -
Taiwan Model for the Mid-East**

Wednesday, 19 March 1997

09.00-09.40 **SESSION 1** Chair: JEAN PIERRE STROOT
RODOLFO RAGIONIERI
UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, FLORENCE, ITALY
Security in the Middle East: Regional and Domestic Threats

09.50-10.30 **SESSION 2** Chair: FRANCESCO CALOGERO
BJOERN MOELLER
COPENHAGEN PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
Defensive Restructuring and Confidence-Building in the Persian Gulf region

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-11.40 **SESSION 3** Chair: MUSTAFA ELWI
ARDA ARSENIAN-EKMEKJI
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, BEIRUT, LEBANON
War and Peace in the Ancient Near East:an Archeological Perspective

11.50-12.30 **SESSION 4** Chair: JACK RUINA
TELMA ABASCAL
UNITED NATIONS
The Role of the United Nations in the Middle East in the Past Fifty Years

12.30-16.00 Lunch & Break

16.00-16.40 **SESSION 5** Chair: RODOLFO RAGIONIERI
JEAN PIERRE STROOT
Contribution of Science and Scientists to Peace Research

16.50-17.30 **SESSION 6** Chair: DIANNA DINEWSKI
FRANCESCO CALOGERO
PUGWASH CONFERENCE on SCIENCE & WORLD AFFAIRS, ROME, ITALY
A nuclear-Weapon-Free World: is it Desirable? Is it Possible? Is it Probable?

17.30-18.00 Break

18.00-18.40 **SESSION 7** Chair: SONDRA KOFF
HANI HOURANI
NEW JORDAN CENTER, AMMAN, JORDAN
**International and Regional Variables and their Impact on the Security of
Jordan and the Region**

Thursday, 20 March 1997

- 09.00-09.40 **SESSION 1** Chair: BJOERN MOELLER
HAROLD FEIVESON
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON NJ, USA
The Future of Nuclear Power in the Mideast?
- 09.50-10.30 **SESSION 2** Chair: GIANCARLO TENAGLIA
AHARON ZOHAR
INTEGRATED REGIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, ISRAEL
The Peace Crescent
- 11.00 **VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE JORDAN UPPER HOUSE**
- 12.30 **CONCLUDING REMARKS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**
- !3.30 Lunch & visit to Jerash