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POTI collaborating on new Ethics e-learning course

A new edition of a popular course will soon be part of the Peace Operations Training Institute curriculum. *Ethics in Peace Operations* is being produced in partnership with the Centre for Military Ethics at King's College London.



This new course will provide an overview of and considered perspectives on major aspects of modern peace operations from an ethical perspective.

The course will review manuals, official guidance, and other publications from the United Nations, Member States, and non-governmental organizations to present a general introduction to the basic ethical aspects of peace operations through case studies and practical examples.

POTI Board of Directors sees membership changes

Another experienced peacekeeper has joined the POTI Board of Directors. Colonel (retired) Roberto Gil joined the Board in August 2019. Colonel Gil spent 40 years in the Uruguayan Armed Forces, including deployments in Haiti, Egypt, Israel, Liberia, Rwanda, Burundi, Sierra Leona, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Cambodia.

Two other members concluded their service on the Board of Directors. Dr. Alexandra Novosseloff of France has been a member of the POTI Board since 2013 and most recently served as its Vice-Chair. She was recently a Senior Visiting Fellow at the International Peace Institute in New York where she worked on UN Peacekeeping and Security Council-related issues with IPI's Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations. General Ricardo Vendramin of

Brazil also concluded his time on the Board, having first served as a director in 2014 and continuously since 2016.

Ambassador Thomas Pickering is also leaving the Board, but he will remain active as an Adviser to the Executive Director. He had been a director since 2009. Ambassador Pickering served as the US Ambassador to the United Nations from 1989 to 1992 and as the US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs from 1997 to 2000. He holds the distinction of being promoted to the Senior Foreign Service rank of Career Ambassador, a rank awarded only to career diplomats with extensive and distinguished service.



Colonel Gil

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POTI represented at European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres meeting

From 16–18 April 2019, POTI representatives participated in the seventh annual meeting of the European Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (EAPTC) in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia. The Conflux Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Mediation hosted this year's conference. The Institute's Deputy Director, Ms. Ramona Taheri, addressed a plenary on a panel titled "Peacekeeping in the Digital Age: From Online Training to Cyber Attacks". She shared the pedagogical methodologies POTI employs, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms used, and challenges related to exam completion rates. Mr. Amr Aljowaily, the Ambassador of Egypt to Serbia and Senior Online Lecturer for the DiploFoundation, served as the keynote speaker for the panel. The panel also included additional representatives of the DiploFoundation; Ms. Maša Djikanovic, working with the Division for Peace at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; and Ms. Anne Holohan, Coordinator of the EU-funded programme Gaming for Peace. Ambassador Julian Harston, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations, (retired), Member of the Advisory Board of Conflux Center and POTI author, moderated a panel on peacekeeping intelligence and spoke on a panel regarding conflict analysis and mediation skills training for peacekeepers.



Photo 1: Ambassador Harston speaks at a panel on Conflict Analysis and Mediation Skills Training for Peacekeepers at the 2019 meeting of EAPTC. Photo 2: Ms. Taheri participates in a panel on Peacekeeping in the Digital Age – Online Learning. Photo 3: POTI Course Author Ximena Jimenez (bottom left in red jacket) also attended the meeting of EAPTC.

Enrolments by women up 32% in 2019

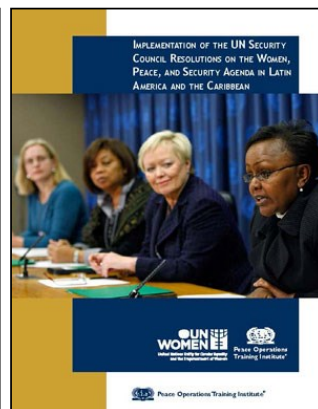
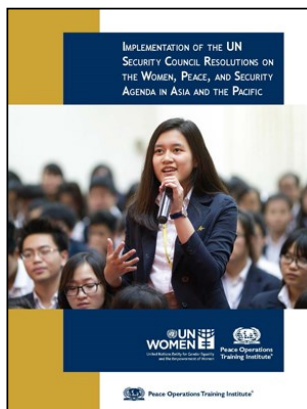
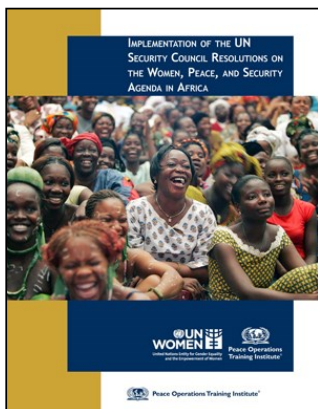
Enrolments in POTI courses are up among an important group. From 1 January to 31 August 2019, women accounted for 14,868 enrolments in the Institute's e-learning courses. This figure represents a 32% increase in enrolments in POTI's self-paced training courses by women when compared to the same time period during 2018. The Institute is encouraged by these enrolment statistics and pledges to continue to promote the fifth Sustainable Development Goal, Gender Equality, by encouraging women to enrol in courses and engaging female authors to contribute to its curriculum.

POTI supports SDG 5, "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls", by offering enrolment to all regardless of academic background, professional status, or gender. In partnership with the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, POTI offers three courses free of charge to all worldwide on the implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions (SCRs) on the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda in Africa, in Asia, and in Latin America and the Caribbean. These courses provide a practical tool to support and facilitate the implementation of the WPS agenda in each of the three selected regions. Each course highlights challenges and priorities and examines the roles of regional and subregional organizations in supporting the national implementation of the SCRs.

POTI also provides students with an opportunity to earn a Peace Operations Specialized Training (POST) Certificate in Gender Awareness, which assists with meeting Goal 5. As the late Secretary-General Kofi Annan said, "Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family".

More information about the Sustainable Development Goals is available online at: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>.

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Enrolments by the numbers

14,868

Number of female enrolments since 1 January 2019

32%

Increase in female enrolments in POTI courses over the same period in 2018

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Free courses in POTI's Women, Peace, and Security suite

17%

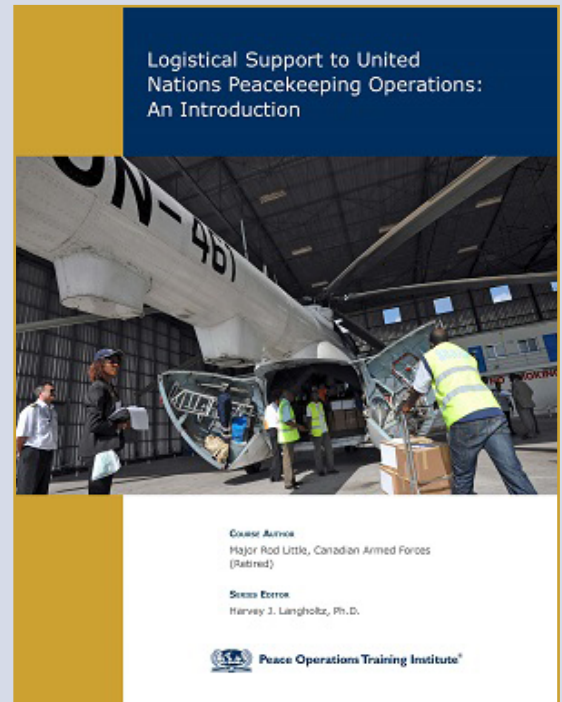
Portion of all enrolments in POTI courses made by women in 2019 so far

Updated Introduction to Logistics coming to Institute's curriculum

The Institute is pleased to announce the upcoming release of *Logistical Support to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: An Introduction* by Major (retired) Rod Little, Canadian Forces. It is an updated edition of Major Little's 2015 course of the same name.

This updated edition provides the background and rationale behind UN Peacekeeping logistics, the key organizations responsible for providing logistical support, the strategies employed in the field and at UN Headquarters, the UN Global Field Support Strategy, management of contingent-owned equipment, the logistics activities during the life-cycle of a UN mission, how missions gain financial support, and the mission medical system.

The 2019 version includes new information on UN organizational restructuring and recent examples of field mission logistics.



From the Desk of the Executive Director, Dr. Harvey Langholtz



Dr. Langholtz

It is always my pleasure to meet with representatives of other organizations that train peacekeepers, and it is my special pleasure each year to participate in the annual meeting of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC). In October 2019, Lima, Peru, will be the site of the 25th meeting of IAPTC, hosted by the Ministry of Defence of Peru and the Centro de Entrenamiento y Capacitacion Para Operaciones de Paz (CECOPAZ).

Canada hosted the first meeting of IAPTC in 1995, and I have had the honour of attending every year since 2000. These are always spirited and high-energy meetings where trainers come together representing national peacekeeping training centres; the United Nations Integrated Training Service; the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; the African Union; ministries of defence and ministries of foreign affairs; NGOs; and, of course, POTI.

POTI coordinates with our institutional partners around the world throughout the year, so IAPTC provides an opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives of these other organizations. This includes the more than 40 national peacekeeping training centres that blend POTI e-learning into their classroom training programmes. I also have the opportunity to meet with representatives of the various UN Offices that partner with POTI in the development of e-learning. We exchange ideas, share thoughts, and work as a team to train military personnel, police, and civilians for maximum effectiveness and success when they deploy to UN, AU, and other peace missions. I am always gratified by the central role POTI plays as the distributor of e-learning on peacekeeping used by this community of dedicated individuals and the organizations they represent.