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## April 2026 Newsletter

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### New Releases and Updates

POTI has recently released new materials for the *Mine Action and Explosive Hazard Management* course. A French version of the course ([\*Lutte antimines et gestion des risques liés aux explosifs\*](#)) is now available. Additionally, an English-language interactive module has been released. It is intended as a supplement to the book-length text, and it contains activities and review questions to help students cement their learning. The module is especially valuable for reviewing the technical aspects of the course.

In the coming weeks, POTI will release an all-new course: *Family Responsibilities and Care*, produced with Monash University's Gender, Peace and Security Centre. The course examines how family and caring responsibilities affect the recruitment, retention, well-being, and career progression of peace operations personnel, specifically those deployed to United Nations operations. It offers practical guidance for personnel in balancing care responsibilities with work. English, French, and Spanish versions will be available this summer.

## 2025 Annual Report

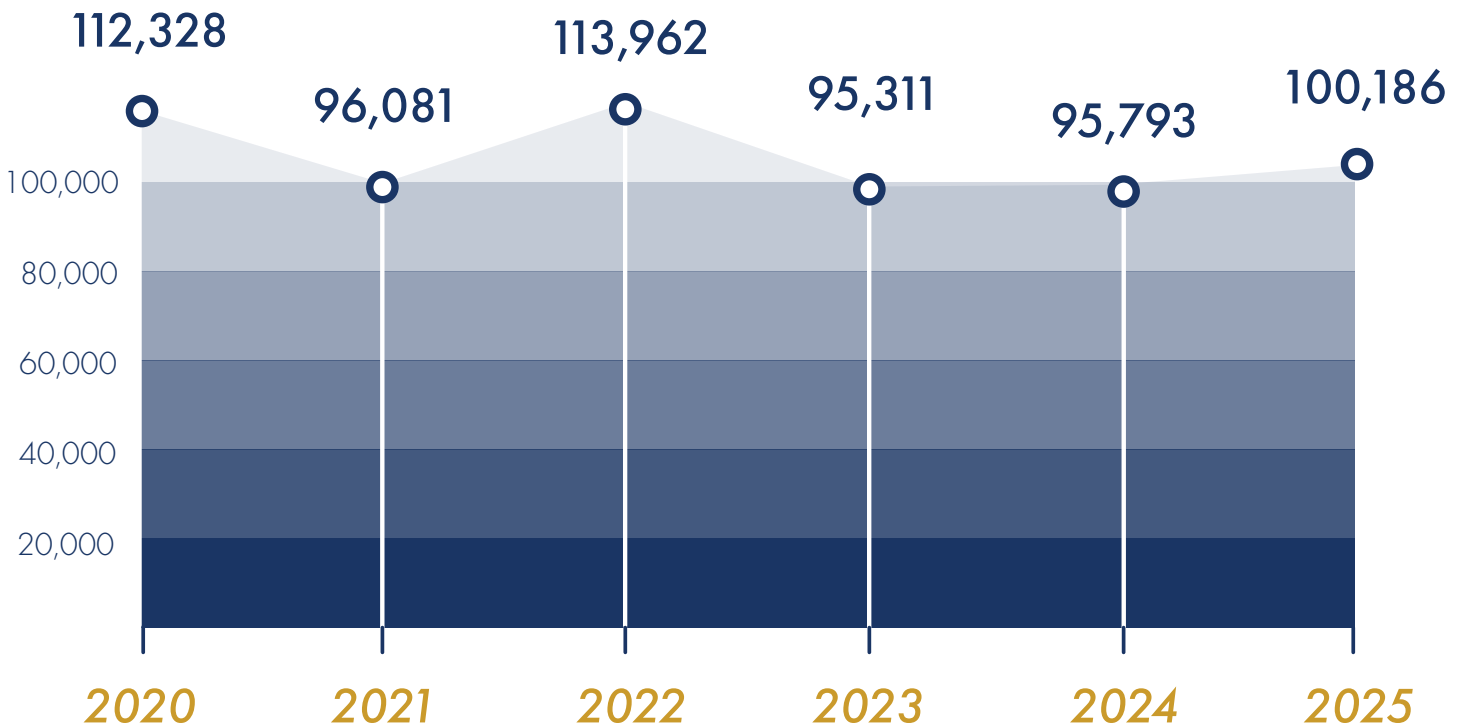
In 2025, the Peace Operations Training Institute met the demand for 100,186 course enrolments, 99 per cent of which were at no cost to the student. Serving 29,743 civilian, police, and military personnel from 181 countries, the Institute imparted essential, practical knowledge worldwide. The recently released 2025 Annual Report is a comprehensive introduction to the Institute’s mission and priorities, detailing the depth and breadth of our impact.

Through engaging graphics and articles, the 2025 Annual Report highlights impressive additions to the Institute’s curriculum and provides extensive course enrolment data, including course enrolments by title, course enrolments by language, and worldwide enrolment distribution. Beyond course information, the report highlights our

support for international initiatives such as the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda and the International Campaign to Ban Landmines-Cluster Munition Coalition (ICBL-CMC). Informative articles about our grant-funded training eligibility programmes, student focus groups, and student survey feedback impart a greater understanding of our student population. Additionally, the report includes a summary of meaningful in-person engagements that allowed our staff to connect with the peace operations community and better understand the evolving operational landscape in 2025.

Read our 2025 Annual Report to learn how our Institute has remained a steadfast resource for personnel serving for peace: <https://cdn.peaceopstraining.org/pdf/annual-report.pdf>

## COURSE ENROLMENTS 2020-2025



## New WPS Webinar with Col. Hilda Obeyda González Klusmann of Guatemala



**Colonel Hilda Obeyda González Klusmann  
CREOMPAZ**

*Still from the webinar*

POTI was honoured to reconnect with Colonel Hilda Obeyda González Klusmann last November during the 17th annual conference of the Latin American Association of Peace Operations Training Centres (ALCOPAZ). She graciously agreed to participate in the Institute's annual webinar on the WPS agenda, which highlights the experiences of women in leadership roles within peace operations.

Col. González Klusmann is the former Commandant of CREOMPAZ, Guatemala's national peacekeeping training centre and a key partner of POTI. She has 29 years of experience in military service, including five mission deployments. In our interview, she reflects on both the challenges and rewards of serving as a woman in peace operations and encourages other women considering mission service.

"Women play a fundamental role in peace operations because they are an example of empathy and facilitate communication with local communities." They are "that voice for the local woman or a woman who, in one way or another, is affected during armed conflicts." Seeing a woman serving on a peace operation "allows that woman to externalize everything she is going through. And in this case, one becomes the voice of that person who cannot express themselves. It is very gratifying for me that we, the women of peace, walk hand-in-hand with the population."

The full webinar is available for viewing here: <https://www.peaceopstraining.org/videos/563/wps-webinar-2025/>

## New Videos for Health of Peace Operations Personnel

Since January, POTI has released three video supplements for our *Health of Peace Operations Personnel* course. The videos highlight key concepts from lessons one through three of the course, and they are an engaging and time-saving way to review the text.

The videos can be viewed on the [POTI YouTube channel](#).



During the COVID-19 pandemic, countries had to work together to share information, vaccines, and resources.

*Still from the video*

## Advanced Professional Training at the Seton Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations

For POTI students considering graduate studies, the [School of Diplomacy and International Relations](#) at Seton Hall University offers a dynamic and culturally-rich learning community. Designed for globally-minded professionals, the Master of Science (M.S.) programmes offer the flexibility of full- or part-time tracks with both in-person and online options. The curriculum is specifically tailored for mid-career professionals seeking to master high-level diplomatic skills, including military officers, international business specialists, returned Peace Corps volunteers, and foreign diplomats.

### Featured Programmes for the POTI Community

- [Executive M.S. in International Affairs](#): Offered in-person or [online](#)
- [M.S. in Homeland Security and Cyber Resilience](#): Offered online
- [M.S. in International Affairs and Diplomatic Practice](#): Offered online

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.shu.edu/diplomacy/graduate-programs.html>.

## Celebrating Two Million Enrolments

We are proud POTI has met the demand for more than two million enrolments since 2008.



## From the Desk of the Executive Director Ramona Taheri



This year, POTI was able to reach the two million enrolment milestone. In 2025, the platform met the demand for over 100,000 course enrolments. It is my great honour to work on this longstanding resource for the peace operations community, especially at a time when resources and funding are strained. As conflict increases, the need for information about the role of the United Nations, international humanitarian law, conflict resolution, and related topics is greater than ever. In addition to our traditional course texts, we are proud to offer a growing library of multimedia content, as well as new courses on the emotional and interpersonal aspects of humanitarian work.

The Peace Operations Training Institute has been able to operate at full capacity thanks to the following generous Member States: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. With their support, we have been able to strengthen and update the POTI curriculum in conjunction with our authors and partners. We are grateful to the humanitarian community, including our students, for making this possible, including our students.

Our thanks to the Member States of the Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) for providing the support that makes e-learning on peace operations possible.



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Women in peace operations are a key to peace. POTI encourages women to enrol and study our courses.