



NewsNotes March 2003

* April 1, 2003: our Spring Fundraiser, an evening with Joseph Stiglitz, author of "Globalization and Its Discontents". We are asking for a donation of \$500 (\$250 for members), but this is a suggested donation, not a minimum requirement. Please contact Cat Cohen at <mailto:catcohen@ecaar.org> if you would like to attend.

* The "Statement by US Economists on Iraq" has now been signed by 7 Nobel laureates and 180 other prominent American economists. This project has been a real success story for ECAAR. We are working with Win Without War, True Majority and Move On, and members of the Security Policy Working Group to publicize the statement to the widest possible public. We have organized press events and released the statement to US and international media: the story has been picked up as far afield as China and Australia. The statement has been circulated as a "Dear Colleague" letter in the House of Representatives, and we are working with Senator Tom Daschle's office to publicize our arguments in the Senate. Typing the words "economists" and "Iraq" into the Google search engine yields the ECAAR home page as the top result.

You can read the statement in full, add your endorsement or make a donation to help with the media campaign at <http://www.ecaar.org/Iraq.htm>.

* In a separate statement 41 Nobel Laureates in Science and Economics (several of them members of ECAAR) signed the following statement:

"The undersigned oppose a preventive war against Iraq without broad international support. Military operations against Iraq may indeed lead to a relatively swift victory in the short term. But war is characterized by surprise, human loss and unintended consequences. Even with a victory, we believe that the medical, economic, environmental, moral, spiritual, political and legal consequences of an American preventive attack on Iraq would undermine, not protect, U.S. security and standing in the world."

* Our next project is to assist with the development of peaceful solutions to the economic and security crisis in North Korea. At this point we are gathering a list of possible collaborators. If anyone is interested in participating in this project please contact Paul Burkholder at paulburkholder@ecaar.org.

* On March 6, 2003 a German affiliate of ECAAR was officially formed in Bonn. The Chair of the new affiliate is Wolfram Elsner and Michael Brzoska is the managing secretary. They expect to have an initial membership of about 30, and are already planning several events, including a one-day workshop in the fall, and presentations at several conferences in Europe. As more specific information becomes available we will post it here.

****CALL FOR PAPERS**** for the ECAAR sessions at the 2004 ASSA/AEA meetings in San Diego, January 3-5.

ECAAR solicits suggestions for papers to be presented at the two ECAAR sessions at next year's ASSA meetings, to be held in San Diego California. The themes for the two sessions are: "Toward Real Homeland Security" and "The Experience of Peacekeeping

and Peacemaking." ECAAR members with specific expertise in these fields are cordially invited to submit paper proposals, which may be routed to Lucy Webster at lucywebster@ecaar.org and should be submitted by May 1, 2003. The sessions will combine invited and contributed papers. Contributions that cannot be accommodated at the regular sessions may be asked to prepare a poster for a poster session, which we hope to hold during the ECAAR General Meeting.

Op-Eds

Here are some op-eds from our Board of Directors in recent weeks:

Richard Kaufman on Ballistic Missile Defense:

<http://www.nyu.edu/globalbeat/syndicate/kaufman012003.html>

Jurgen Brauer on The Costs of War with Iraq:

<http://www.nyu.edu/globalbeat/syndicate/brauer030303.html>

Lloyd "Jeff" Dumas on the Columbia disaster:

<http://www.nyu.edu/globalbeat/syndicate/dumas022403.html>

PUBLICATIONS

- The ECAAR Review 2003. This year's edition is titled, "Conflict or Development?" and has a regional focus on Africa, the site of most of the world's current armed conflicts. In its pages some of the leading economists of the day analyze and reflect on the relationships among military spending, domestic and foreign policy, security, and human welfare. Features include country studies and sections on business and conflict and "Trends in World Military Expenditure." Written in clear English, with informative maps, tables, and graphs, the series is designed to inform the debate among policymakers, activists, journalists, academics, students, and citizens worldwide.

*You can order the Review at http://www.ecaar.org/Review_files/order.htm

*We believe the Review can be a valuable teaching tool in economics, political science, and international relations courses. If you are interested in teaching this book, please contact Kate Cell (katecell@ecaar.org) for a copy to review.

- "The Full Cost of Ballistic Missile Defense." The study estimates the total life-cycle cost for a layered missile defense system at \$800 billion to \$1.2 trillion through 2035.

*You can order a copy of the report from the <http://www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.html> co-sponsor of the study, or download a PDF file from <http://www.ecaar.org/index.htm>.

We would like News Notes to be a way for ECAAR members and our community to keep in touch. In future issues we will include, if you send them to us, notices on events and publications that you are involved with.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday March 19: Women in International Security Fourth Annual Career Fair at The Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC. <mailto:info@wiis.org>

- Saturday March 22: PEACE BUSINESS, A Workshop with Jack Santa Barbara, Centre for Peace Studies, McMaster University, and Johan Galtung, Professor of Peace Studies; Director, TRANSCEND: A Peace and Development network. For more information, see <http://www.transcend.org/> or write to fischer@transcend.org or call (609)799-8319.

- April 1, 2003: our Spring Fundraiser, an evening with Joseph Stiglitz.

- April 7 & 8, 2003: The Second Annual Green Trading Summit, "Emissions, Renewables & Megawatts" in New York City.

<http://www.greentradingsummit.com>

- June 5-10, 2003: "The Changing Nature of Peace and War" Summer Symposium, hosted by Women in International Security . Washington, DC.

<http://www.idealists.org/events/74966/82617>

- June 26th to 28, 2003: the Seventh Annual International Conference on Economics and Security, at the University of the West of England, Bristol, UK.

<http://carecon.org.uk/Conferences/Conf2003/CONF2003.html>