

## Eulogy for Ian R. Kenyon

Ian first became known to my colleague, John Simpson, in the early 1980s when he was head of the FCO Nuclear Energy Department, and we had just received our first major grant from the Ford Foundation. Ian suggested we focus some of our work on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and its review process and have a presence at the 1985 Review Conference. This NPT meeting, and the Conference in Guernsey in the following year, were the start of the process which resulted in our most successful research programme, the Programme for Promoting Nuclear Non-Proliferation (PPNN).

Ian remained in touch with us throughout the period he was in Geneva as the Deputy Head of Delegation to the CD, and when he retired in 1997, he accepted a Senior Visiting Fellowship with the Mountbatten Centre for International Studies. For the next ten years he quietly guided the Centre's strategic direction as it sought to move away from a focus solely on nuclear questions towards a broader competency in the control of WMD. In particular it was his idea that we should start a missile control programme; he co-edited a book with John Simpson on *Deterrence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*; and he played a significant part in sustaining the *Briefing Book* that we publish annually before NPT meetings.

Ian was also a source of great encouragement and wisdom, when he joined MCIS, to me personally and the others involved, John Simpson, Tanya Ogilvie-White and Emily Bailey, as we grappled with the complexities in the late 1990s of completing a study on nuclear futures. Later Ian would be an eminent contributor to a panel on the control of WMD that myself, Jez Littlewood and Mark Smith ran at the European Consortium for Political Research conference held in Budapest in 2005.

But it was not just as a source of guidance and wisdom that we will remember Ian for as he was also a willing and inspirational lecturer both on a course that I teach at the University of Southampton and the Defence Studies courses run by my colleague Frank Gregory.

Ian will be greatly and sadly missed by all who knew him at MCIS. We will miss his sense of fun and humour; his cowboy tie that he purchased on one of his frequent trips to the United States; the sheepskin coat that was made in my home town of Bungay, Suffolk and which he said kept him warm on his many travels around the world; but most of all we will just miss him being around. He was a truly "great man".