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# School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) Significant Activities Report (S.A.R.)

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### Welcome New Faculty/Staff:

- **Dr. Elisabeth Wright:** Became the new IDARM Program Manager on November 16. She brings with her a wealth of experience from government (contract management at the Navy) and university (most recently, George Washington). We wish her much success in her new assignment.
- **LtCol William Johnson, USMC:** Will join the DRMI office as an instructor in January 2004. LtCol Johnson is a financial management expert and will bring his knowledge and expertise to the faculty at DRMI. *Note:* He is also Naval Postgraduate School's Marine Corps representative.

### Homeland Security:

**Masters Degree Program:** It's official. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Academic Council approved the Security Studies (Homeland Security and Defense)—as a Masters Degree program. This is the first ever graduate program to be offered on Homeland Security in the nation. The MA program educates tomorrow's homeland security leaders at the local, State, and Federal levels.

- **Mobile Education Team** (for new Governors): Just completed a 1-day seminar for the new Governor in **Indiana** on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Next MET is Jan 7 with **Iowa's** Governor office.

### In the News:

**Dean Ord:** An in-depth interview of Ord was conducted by the Monterey Herald on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Article profiled Dean Ord's return to government as well as his views for the future. Ord discussed the impact that the School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS) has in furthering U.S. bilateral relations.



## The Dean's Holiday Message:



### Happy Holidays!

I want to thank all of you for a very successful year at SIGS. We have achieved many great things in 2003—new initiatives, new countries, new activities, and new staff. The list is endless, but I want to call your attention to the following achievements.

- **Center or Civil-Military Relations:** Opened new doors to *Afghanistan, Mongolia, East Timor* as well as new efforts in counterterrorism.
- **Center for Homeland Defense & Security:** First graduate program in the nation with Secretary Ridge's full support. Additional new initiatives with DHS and NORTHCOM.
- **Defense Resources Management Institute:** Had a record year for having the highest number of internationals—38 different countries were represented in one class!
- **International Graduate Program:** Another banner year for hosting and recruiting international students.
- **National Security Affairs:** New ventures with Air Force and DLI. RSEP program is gaining recognition and support.

I wish you all a very joyous holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the new year.



### Mobile Education Teams:

- **Peru (3-8 Nov):** At the request of the Peruvian government, CCMR conducted a 1-week seminar designed to further Peru's *counterterrorism, defense acquisition and resources management* capabilities.
- **Canada (9-18 Sept):** DRMI held a very successful MET in Ottawa for the Canadian Dept. of National Defense. **28** Canadian military and civilian officials attended the event which was tailored to assist them in furthering their current defense management systems.

### In-Residence Courses:

- **IDARM (1-12 Dec):** 22 international students just completed an intensive defense acquisition course.

### Upcoming Events:

#### January:

- Dean Ord to visit Wash D.C.
- New DRMI class (Jan 5-30)