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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-FOUNDER

Over the course of 2012 and 2013, PSSI ascended to its present standing as the leading international affairs and security-related public policy organization in the Czech Republic and the 63rd most influential in this category worldwide (out of over 6,800 think tanks surveyed), according to the prestigious University of Pennsylvania's annual "Go-To Think Tank Index." It was the tenth anniversary of PSSI in 2012, a milestone achievement in our mission to enrich the teaching and practice of international security policy in the Czech Republic, the region, and well beyond. It was also the year we lost our inspirational and beloved Co-Founder and Executive Director, Olda Černý, to serious illness.

As Olda would wish, our able and dedicated staff rallied in recognition of the urgent need to maintain a robust, non-governmental voice in the Czech Republic to defend its hard-fought freedoms and advance democratic and free-market institutional building. The Institute pursues these overarching goals through an array of educational initiatives and alliances as well as cutting-edge conferences, roundtables, and regional outreach efforts.

During this period, our co-sponsored Master's Degree program in International Security Studies at Charles University expanded in scope and gained in stature. The first English language curriculum of this advanced degree program commenced in the fall of 2012. The success of this educational alliance, begun in 2006, led the Institute to conclude a second partnering arrangement with Masaryk University, a leader in the field of energy security, including an inaugural PSSI-Masaryk University week-long energy security intensive course in 2013. Our NATO Summer School completed another two consecutive sessions and the Institute's indigenous, two-semester Security Scholars Program graduated another two classes of among the country's brightest security-minded students.

PSSI was also proud to co-sponsor, with Charles University, the Czech Republic's first-ever Presidential debate on foreign policy in the context of the country's inaugural direct Presidential election in 2012. The Institute also helped solidify its NGO leadership position in the field of space security with its publication, "Advancing Space Security Through the US-Europe-Japan Partnership."

The year 2013 saw continued cooperation with international partners. NATO's Public Diplomacy sponsored our international conference, "Afghanistan after 2014," and NATO Winter Academy.

A resurgent Russia was already applying open, heavy-handed pressure on Ukraine and other post-communist states to deter them from seeking to strengthen democracy and free-market economics via a closer partnership with the European Union. It became increasingly clear that complacency and neglect concerning the study and proficient practice of national security affairs can prove a recipe for monumental reverses in the cause of freedom for Central and Eastern Europe.

Thanks to the generous and sustained support of PSSI's individual and institutional donors, the Institute will continue to do its utmost to identify threats to individual liberties, propose creative and achievable policy solutions, and train future generations of security policy practitioners to help keep the flame of freedom vibrant, not just alive.



Roger W. Robinson, Jr.
PSSI Co-Founder and Chairman



Oldřich Černý, PSSl's Executive Director (*1946–†2012)

SECURITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

ROBINSON-MARTIN SECURITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PSSI launched its Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Program (RMSSP) in February of 2002. RMSSP offers some seventeen highly qualified and motivated students from leading Czech universities the opportunity to participate in a two-semester program on the premises of PSSI covering a broad spectrum of security-related subjects. PSSI evaluated other established European and American security studies programs to help guide the development of the Institute's RMSSP, which has unique characteristics, particularly given its location and post-communist regional dynamic.

The Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Program is presently comprised of a series of lectures and seminars led by distinguished senior current and former security policy professionals from the Czech Republic and a number of other countries, including the US. The content and sequencing of over twenty lectures each academic year were originally designed by PSSI's late Executive Director and Co-Founder, Oldřich Černý. Mr.

Černý himself was a veteran of the Czech security community, serving as former President Václav Havel's National Security Advisor and Director of the Czech Foreign Intelligence Service for almost a decade. Our Security Scholars Program differentiates itself from counterpart programs elsewhere by affording its students direct access to international policy luminaries in small group settings.

In addition to the lecture series, students are required to write a policy paper on one of the topics covered and be involved in numerous Institute activities, including conferences and roundtables. Among the distinguished RMSSP lecturers in 2012 and 2013 were: Jiří Schneider, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; Luboš Dobrovský, Former Minister of Defense of Czechoslovakia; Ándor Šándor, Former Head of Czech Military Intelligence; Jiří Šedivý, Former Chief of the Staff of the Czech Armed Forces; Karel Randák, Former Director of the Czech Foreign Intelligence Service; Václav Pecha, Former Head of the Czech Provincial Reconstruction Team in Logar; and Václav Bartuška, Ambassador at Large for Energy Security at the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic.

CHARLES UNIVERSITY MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

In October of 2012, PSSI announced the inauguration of an English-



Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Masaryk University in Brno Břetislav Dančák and PSSI's Chairman and Co-Founder Roger W. Robinson, Jr. signing a three-year joint educational initiative on energy security

language Master's Degree in International Security Studies at Charles University. This two-year graduate degree program, which is fully accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education, has grown considerably since that time. PSSI's co-sponsorship of this English-language curriculum builds upon our existing partnership with the University's Faculty of Social Sciences, specifically our long-standing co-sponsorship of the Czech-language Master's Degree program in Security Studies, which commenced in the Fall of 2007. PSSI remains especially grateful to Charles University for helping enable our Institute to better fulfill its mission of training future generations of Czech and regional security policy practitioners and scholars.

JAMES Q. WHITAKER LECTURE SERIES

Named after a principal supporter of PSSI's co-sponsored Master's Degree Program in Security Studies at Charles University, the James Q. Whitaker Security Lecture Series, has attracted high-level security policy practitioners and renowned scholars from around the world into the classroom at the Faculty of Social Sciences to share their analyses, expertise, and first-hand experiences. In 2012, the Whitaker Security Lecture Series hosted Dr. Susuu Shikano from Konstanz University. Dr. Shikano's three-day intensive lecture focused on political methodology,

providing the graduate students a valuable foundation for future academic research. Dr. Edina Szocsik, also from Konstanz University, delivered the 2013 winter term lecture series, addressing the causes of ethnic violence.

NATO SUMMER SCHOOL

"Russia on the Rise," the 8th Annual PSSI Summer School, was held July 8–13, 2012 in Telč, Czech Republic. This topic analyzed the complexity of NATO-Russia relations, including the direct and indirect consequences of this relationship throughout the world. Additional emphasis was placed on Russia's sizable impact on European energy security, as well as its political influence in the Middle East.

"NATO's Security Challenges," the 9th Annual PSSI Summer School, was held July 7–12, 2013 in Měřín, Czech Republic. This session analyzed how NATO operations might look after Afghanistan, in addition to emerging security challenges facing the alliance in the fields of cyber, energy and WMD proliferation.

Each year, our Summer School attracts some 25 highly qualified graduate level students from NATO member and partner countries to participate in a week-long seminar consisting of lectures, workshops, and presentations.

Summer School students participate in lectures in the morning and interactive workshops and simulations in the afternoon. This prestigious gathering



Participants of the PSSI's Summer School 2013

continues to host prominent personalities in the field, such as: Dr. Andrew Monaghan of the NATO Defence College, Rome; Keir Giles from the Conflict Studies Research Centre at the UK Defence Academy; Václav Bartuška, Czech Ambassador-at-Large for Czech Energy Security; Marek Menkiszak, a leading expert on Russia from the OSW Centre for Eastern Studies; Jiří Schneider, the First Deputy Minister at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Jan Havránek, Deputy Director of Defense Policy and Strategy at the Czech Ministry of Defense; Jaroslav Kulíšek, a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Czech Army; Irena Lagunina, Senior Broadcaster for RFE/RL; Ondřej Soukup, a journalist covering Russian politics for Prague-based *Hospodářské noviny*; and Kurt Volker, former US Ambassador to NATO.

Eastern European countries as well as from the Czech Republic and nearly thirty international speakers – scholars and practitioners – to discuss NATO's role in the 21st century and its relations with Russia.

Among many other distinguished speakers were First Deputy Minister Jiří Schneider from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Keir Giles, the Director of the Conflict Studies Research Centre in the UK; Petr Chaloupecký, Deputy Head of the Czech Permanent Delegation to NATO; Sandro Knezovic from the Croatian Institute for International Relations; and Zarko Petrovic from the International and Security Affairs Centre in Serbia.

The NATO Winter Academy was the second to be held in Prague in partnership with PSSI.

NATO WINTER ACADEMY 2013 – ADDRESSING 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES: THE ROLE OF NATO AND RUSSIA

From March 4–9, the Prague Security Studies Institute and the Moscow Centre for European Security, with the support of the NATO Public Diplomacy Division, the Atlantic Council of the US and the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organized the 2013 NATO Winter Academy.

This one-week event brought together more than forty highly qualified students from Russia, CIS, Eastern and South



NATO Winter Academy 2013

PSSI WASHINGTON

In the fall of 2006, the Prague Security Studies Institute Washington (PSSI Washington) was established in Washington, DC. Its mission is to strengthen US understanding of the security challenges facing Europe, with a special emphasis on the Czech Republic and other post-communist states. PSSI Washington also seeks to enrich the public policy debate on both sides of the Atlantic with respect to the connectivity between transatlantic security issues and those confronting the allies in the Asia-Pacific region. It is also a leading resource in the field of space security. PSSI Washington is committed to helping communicate, explain and predict US official perceptions and policy options concerning key global flashpoints. It will continue to convene periodic, co-sponsored conferences and roundtables and fulfill its role as the first Czech non-governmental security policy organization to establish a presence in the United States.

ENERGY SECURITY PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ENSURING ENERGY SECURITY IN EUROPE – THE NEED FOR A MULTIFACETED APPROACH

On the 20th of February 2012, PSSI and the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (France) in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and Embassy of France in the Czech Republic, organized a high-level conference on European energy security. The conference focused on the strategic, economic, political and technological issues surrounding the energy security debate in Europe, including technological options to ensure a diversified energy mix for Central Europe. As the Czech Republic considers expanding its nuclear capabilities, an emphasis was also placed on the future of nuclear energy in the region. The conference included remarks from many of Europe's leading practitioners of energy security, including Pierre Levy, Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic; Karel Schwarzenberg, Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs; Michael Rühle, Energy Security Section of NATO; Camille Grand, Director of Fondation



International conference "Ensuring Energy Security in Europe – the Need for a Multifaceted Approach"

pour la Recherche Stratégique; and Václav Bartuška, Czech Ambassador-at-Large for Czech Energy Security.

PSSI AND MASARYK UNIVERSITY IN BRNO ANNOUNCED A THREE-YEAR JOINT EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE ON ENERGY SECURITY

PSSI and Masaryk University in Brno (MUNI) announced a three-year joint educational initiative on energy security. This new partnership aims to offer talented and qualified Czech and regional students with an energy-related focus, a unique educational program designed to equip and train the next generation of Czech and Central/East European energy experts and policy practitioners. Energy security has long been a key foreign policy priority of the Czech Republic. Until the recent opening of MUNI's Masters' Degree program in the field, the nation lacked a proper curriculum devoted exclusively to this portfolio of issues. MUNI's leadership in the field of energy security and PSSI's established track record of convening conferences, roundtables and workshops in this field served as the underpinnings of this new partnering arrangement.

This partnership will concentrate on: 1) bringing value-added to the existing programs of each institution; 2) expanding each side's distance learning capabilities primarily through the use of teleconferencing facilities to bring US

and other foreign experts into the lecture halls and roundtables; 3) conducting joint studies on cutting-edge topics in the field, beginning with an assessment of Gazprom's plight in the evolving European market; 4) convening conferences, roundtables and workshops in both Prague and Brno on breaking developments in the field; and 5) accelerating the creation of new courses at Masaryk University as well as the start of MUNI's English language curriculum for its existing Master's Degree in Energy Security.

A near-term component of this joint initiative is a one-week intensive course, the first of which was held in Prague, February 25 – March 1, 2013. Leading foreign and domestic experts lectured on the most pressing energy security challenges, ranging from an updated overview of the subject to specific energy security policies of regional players and their respective strengths and limitations. The smaller class sizes provided students with an unusual opportunity to interact directly with leading figures in the field from academia, industry, government, and the NGO community. Moreover, certain qualified students will be selected to participate in internships with energy-related institutions in the US and EU.

PSSI and MUNI are committed to expanding this brand of cooperation in the interest of offering students more stimulating and career-relevant educational opportunities in the field as well as



Former U.S. Ambassador to NATO Kurt Volker addressing Summer School students

practical experience wherever possible. In so doing, we will be making a significant contribution to producing future government and private sector policy practitioners and executives with a rich, nuanced energy security background and a sophisticated, global perspective.

ROUNDTABLE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

On March 11, 2013, PSSI hosted Scott Peterson, Vice President, Nuclear Energy Institute, a Washington, D.C. think-tank. Mr. Peterson's lecture highlighted the benefits of nuclear energy, particularly in terms of high volume electricity production without greenhouse gases. Mr. Peterson also shared his emergency response experiences from the Fukushima Japan nuclear disaster, and how nuclear energy safety programs in the United States have taken into account the lessons learned from Fukushima. Lastly, Mr. Peterson shared his opinion on nuclear energy in the Czech Republic, particularly in light of the proposed Temelín nuclear power plant expansion. The visit was organized in cooperation with PSSI's long-time partners from the public diplomacy section at the US Embassy in Prague.

REGIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

PSSI CO-ORGANIZED INTERAGENCY CIVILIAN-MILITARY TRAINING

In June 2012 and 2013, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) and Vyškov Military Academy organized a two-week training seminar for Czech civilian experts and those interested in participating in Czech reconstruction and observation missions abroad (within NATO, EU, OSCE or UN). Responding to the need for NATO and EU member countries to increase the number of qualified and skilled civilians trained to take part in complex stabilization projects, crisis management and civilian-military operations around the world, the course was a pilot project designed to improve civilian resources and capabilities and to strengthen civilian-military coordination.

The first week of the course was held in Prague at the Diplomatic Academy of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The latter half of the course took place in Vyškov at the military training compound. The lectures covered the following topics: civilian-military relations; the role of international organizations (NATO, EU,



Interagency Civilian-Military Training 2013

OSCE and UN) in conflict prevention and stabilization operations; field-work preparation – mission working environment and the role of religion and cultural norms in working with local populations; the role of humanitarian and development organizations in conflict zones; and better understanding EU/OSCE Electoral Observation Missions.

Among the speakers were: Kristen Farnum, subject matter expert, trainer, and mentor for US Departments of State, Defense and the Agency for International Development (AID); Dan Grant, consultant to the American State and Defense Departments; Ingrid Halmová, an experienced mission member in pre- and post-conflict areas within the OSCE, EU and international NGOs; Radek Khol, the European External Action Service (EEAS); Šimon Pánek, Director of the Czech NGO, People in Need; Michel Shaikh, Director of Country Operations in Campaign for Innocent Victims in Conflict (CIVIC) and former Senior Analyst in International Crisis Group; and Alexandr Sporýš and Petr Svačina from the Czech MFA.

PSSI managed the program and organization of the first week of the course, which consisted of more theoretical sessions. The second week was comprised of intensive practical training, field-work simulations of challenging conflict environments and was organized solely by the Vyškov Military Academy.

SPECIAL EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY

On January 26, 2012 PSSI organized, in cooperation with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassies of France and the US, a conference to discuss how Islamism is influencing recent developments in the countries affected by the Arab Spring. The panelists put forward a fascinating assessment of Islamism, including its direction, and policy preferences, as well as the prospects for meaningful regional cooperation.

ROUNDTABLE ON RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT

On March 12, 2012, PSSI, in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation, organized a roundtable with Noha Ali Atef, an Egyptian research assistant and PhD candidate at Birmingham City University. During this session, she paid particular attention to the role of civil society in Egypt before and after the Arab spring. Ms. Ali Atef also addressed



International conference "Islam and Democracy"

Muslim-Coptic relations, Islamic parties in Egyptian politics, leadership issues and the future of the peace treaty with Israel.

ROUNDTABLE ON THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION

On March 28, 2012, PSSI organized a roundtable discussion with Professor Hillel Frisch, from Bar-Ilan University, Israel, and Senior Researcher in BESA Center for Strategic Studies. Professor Frisch specializes in Middle Eastern and Palestinian politics and security issues.

In his opening remarks, Professor Frisch offered reasons why the Israeli-Palestinian peace process has stalled. He talked about the domestic situation in Israel, competing political forces in Palestinian society, the role of external players and the potential consequences for Israel of developments in Egypt and Syria.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: GULF REGION – CHANGING THE STATUS QUO

PSSI, in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the US Embassy, organized an international conference entitled, "Gulf Region: Changing the Status Quo?" The primary theme of the conference was the geopolitical importance of the Gulf Region, which is highly militarized and dependent on fossil fuel exports. The main takeaways

of the conference were: that sectarian and ethnic divisions are a source of tensions in many of the countries in the region; authoritarian rule appears deeply entrenched and resilient; the Arab uprisings raised the question of popular resistance to traditional monarchies, as well as republics; the US withdrawal from Iraq has impacted negatively on the security of the country, as well as the region as a whole; and Iran's nuclear ambitions could change the current status quo of the region dramatically. Lastly, the crisis in Syria has altered substantially the future of the Middle East.

PSSI HOSTED NATO EXPERT

On May 15, 2012, PSSI organized, in co-operation with the American Centre in Prague, a roundtable with Mr. Stanley Sloan, Founding Director of the Atlantic Community Initiative, a Visiting Scholar at the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs at Middlebury College, and President of VIC-Vermont, a private consulting firm. With the upcoming NATO summit in Chicago, Mr. Sloan's lecture focused on NATO's future goals, including the withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan. He emphasised the importance of partnership and cooperation between European members of NATO and the US. Mr. Sloan also addressed a number of questions concerning NATO's future plans for



Expert roundtable on Security Sector Reform in Libya

missile defence in Europe, NATO-Russian cooperation, and prospects for NATO after the US presidential election in November 2012.

Participating candidates included Jiří Dienstbier, Jan Fischer, Táňa Fišerová, Karel Schwarzenberg, Přemysl Sobotka and Miloš Zeman (in alphabetical order).

PSSI ORGANIZED A PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY

The Prague Security Studies Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, organized the first ever presidential debate on foreign policy with the leading Czech candidates, which received media coverage in *The Economist*.

In January 2013, Czechs took to the polls to vote for their next president, a historic event as it marked the Czech Republic's first ever direct presidential election. To be recognized as a candidate for president, each contender had to collect 50,000 signatures and submit a sampling to be authenticated. PSSI took great pride in hosting the first debate of the campaign season with officially recognized candidates for president, just days after the November 23rd authentication announcement.

The debate, held on 28 November, 2012, at Charles University's Blue Auditorium, concentrated solely on Czech foreign policy, including topics such as transatlantic relations, Central Europe's energy security and Visegrád Four cooperation, Russia, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel and Czech competitiveness abroad.

ROUNDTABLE ON SYRIA WITH JONATHAN SPYER

On March 26, 2013, PSSI hosted Jonathan Spyer, a Senior Research Fellow at the Global Research in International Affairs Center in Herzliya, Israel, author and journalist specializing in the study of Israel, Lebanon, Syria and broader issues of regional strategy. In his lecture, Mr. Spyer gave a short overview of the events in Syria since the outbreak of the uprising and assessed the current situation, focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of both the government and the rebels forces, as well as the international support both are receiving. Mr. Spyer stressed the fact that there is a growing Western consensus that the deadly stalemate in Syria has to be broken in order for the moderate rebels to prevail over the hardline Islamists. Drawing on his recent experience in Syria's Kurdish region, Mr. Spyer mentioned the potential risk of the country's disintegration and the Syrian Kurds' rising aspirations for an independent state.



Presidential debate on foreign policy

CONFERENCE ON SAHEL'S SECURITY CHALLENGES

On June 17, 2013, PSSI, in cooperation with the French Embassy and the Sub-Saharan Department of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organized a conference entitled, "Sahel: Security Challenges."

The opening panel featured Richard Banégas, Professor at Sciences-Po University in Paris, who described the problems caused by political Islam and the social crisis and generational issues in the Sahel. He illustrated the latter by citing case studies of Mauritania, Niger, Sénégal and North-Nigeria. Jan Prouza, from Hradec Králové University, contributed analysis concerning the causes of Mali's instability, stressing the historical roots of the current conflict and the previously unseen degree of organization and equipment of the Touareg rebels.

The second panel was devoted to the European response to the security threats stemming from the region. The first speaker was Véronique Roger-Lacan, Chief of the Mali/Sahel Mission at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who discussed a number of facets of this challenge. David Konecký, from the Common Foreign and Security Policy Department of the Czech MFA, then spoke about the role of smaller member countries in the European Union's policy-making process toward Sahel. Finally, Colonel Xavier Collignon, Head of the Sub-Saharan Bureau of the French

Ministry of Defense, presented the technical aspects of the French operation SERVAL and the EUTM Mali.

EXPERT ROUNDTABLE ON SECURITY SECTOR REFORM IN LIBYA

On September 18, 2013, PSSI, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, organized an "Expert Roundtable on Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Libya." The Roundtable was part of a larger project entitled, "Transformation of Libyan Security Sector: Current State and Perspectives of Cooperation with the Czech Republic and NATO." The event was held at Czernin Palace, the seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

The conference was attended by a diverse group of experts, ranging from foreign security sector reform advisors and members of the Czech security community to members of the Libyan state security sector and Western diplomats. Foreign panelists included Mrs. Simonetta Silvestri, SSR Advisor to the EU Delegation to Libya; Mr. AbduRahman AlAgeli, Security Sector Coordinator at the Libyan Office of the Prime Minister; and Member and Rapporteur of Inter-ministerial Committee on Border Affairs; Mr. Noman Benotman, President of the Quilliam Foundation; Mr. Anas El Gomati, Director General and Research Director at Sadeq Institute and Visiting Fellow at



International conference "Afghanistan After 2014: The Afghan Perspective and NATO's Legacy"

the Carnegie Middle East Center; and Mr. Peter Rundell, Deputy Head of Mission at EUBAM Libya.

The conference was divided into three panels. In the first panel, speakers' contributions focused on a general assessment of the current security situation in Libya, the institutional structures of the Libyan national security system and the current state of its security sector reform. The second panel dealt with some of the concrete challenges and obstacles of the Libyan SSR, including disarmament, demobilization, reintegration of former revolutionaries, control of the borders, and capabilities of the Libyan army. The final panel outlined the prospects for cooperation with the Czech Republic and other NATO partners. The discussion that followed mainly focused on the issues of the security forces' training and Czech expertise gained from the transformation of the security apparatus after the Velvet revolution and harmonization of the army's standards with those of the Alliance.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: "THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS – OLD SOLUTIONS, NEW SOLUTIONS, OR NO SOLUTIONS?"

On September 25, 2013, PSSI, in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation, organized an international conference entitled "The Middle East Peace Process: Old Solutions,

New Solutions, or No Solutions?" The conference was held on the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and involved two panels.

The first one was "Israel and Palestine in the aftermath of the Arab Awakening" and featured three distinguished guests: Gershon Baskin, Chairman of the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information; General Klaus Naumann, former Chairman of NATO Military Committee and former Chief of Staff of the German Federal Armed Forces; and Nasser Tahboub, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of National Economy of Palestine. The second panel, "Is Two-State Solution Still a Viable Option," was led by Majed Bamyá, First Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Palestine, Shlomo Brom, Director of the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv and Ralf Fücks, President of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: "STRENGTHENING SPACE SECURITY THROUGH A TRILATERAL US-EUROPE-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP"

PSSI Washington, in cooperation with George Washington University's Space Policy Institute, La Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, and the Todai Policy Alternatives Research Institute of the University of Tokyo, organized a one and a half day conference, entitled "Strengthening Space Security



International conference "Sahel: Security Challenges"

Through a Trilateral US-Europe-Japan Partnership." The event took place on October 30–31, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. The international conference was held under the auspices of the Office of National Space Policy of the Prime Minister's Cabinet Office, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense of Japan.

The conference consisted of four panels and three mini-panels. Presentations covered a broad range of space security-related topics, including the array of man-made threats to space assets and infrastructure (i.e., GPS jamming, signal spoofing, anti-satellite weaponry, etc.), strategies for – and challenges to – the sustainable use of space (i.e., Space Situational Awareness, Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures, orbital debris, space crisis management, etc.), and the application of new space-based technologies to help enhance terrestrial security, including Maritime Domain Awareness.

Overall, the conference involved a highly substantive discussion on how the US, Europe and Japan can support one another in advancing mutual space security interests.

"AFGHANISTAN AFTER 2014 – THE AFGHAN PERSPECTIVE AND NATO'S LEGACY"

PSSI, with the support of the NATO Public Diplomacy Division and the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, organized an international conference entitled, "Afghanistan After 2014 – The Afghan Perspective and NATO's Legacy." The conference was held on November 27–28, 2013 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

The main objective of the conference was to enhance understanding of breaking developments in Afghanistan, *through the lens of the Afghans* and to provide a platform for an open exchange of views with representatives of NATO. The speakers and other participants included prominent personalities of Afghan social and political life and high-level policymakers, practitioners and scholars from the international community, including: Siddiq Mansoor Ansari, Chairman of the Federation of Afghanistan's Civil Society (FACS), Afghanistan; Ing. Wahidullah Sabawoon, Advisor for Tribal Affairs to President Karzai and Chairman of the United Islamic Party of Afghanistan, Afghanistan; Amrullah Saleh, Former Director of the Afghan intelligence service National Directorate of Security and Chairman of the National Movement, Afghanistan; Mahmoud Saikal, Former Ambassador of Afghanistan to Australia and New Zealand; Amir Ahmadzai, Program Manager, People in Need, Czech Republic/Afghanistan; and Mohammad Amin Madaqiq, Service Director, Radio Mashaal RFE/RL.



International conference "Strengthening Space Security Through a Trilateral US-Europe-Japan Partnership"

PUBLICATIONS

PSSI REPORT: ADVANCING SPACE SECURITY THROUGH THE US-EUROPE-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP

This PSSI report, entitled, "Advancing Space Security through the US-Europe-Japan Partnership," explores the potential security benefits of a more cohesive set of relationships among key allies in the area of space security. It places a special emphasis on the need for increased planning and dialogue among the US, Europe and Japan in the area of offensive and defensive space control (i.e., counterspace concerns). Thorough primary and secondary research informed the report's findings and recommendations, including numerous interviews with current and former senior government officials, subject matter experts and industry players from these trilateral partner countries.

THE COMING CHINA NEXUS OF THE GLOBAL MARKETS AND US SECURITY COMMUNITY

PSSI's Co-Founder and Chairman Roger W. Robinson, Jr., authored a study in April

2012, entitled "The Coming China Nexus of the Global Markets and US Security Community." He received invaluable assistance in preparing this report from his long-time colleague and PSSI Board member, Andrew Davenport.

The primary objective of this study was to illuminate an underdeveloped debate that promises to grow in intensity during the coming months and years regarding the interplay of the global markets and the US security community. China was selected as a case study. Among the implications of these two communities intersecting to a greater extent are: the emergence of the next generation of economic and financial statecraft and sanctions; the exploration of new, security-relevant dimensions of market-based financial risk and corporate and sovereign governance shortfalls; the convergence and divergence of the goals of market players and security policy practitioners; the security implications associated with a "slowed-growth" China; and the prospect of more frequent overlap between these two spheres becoming mutually beneficial.

PSSI ANALYSIS: THE IMPLICATIONS OF GAZPROM'S DEMISE

PSSI published a brief analysis of the security implications of the EC's anti-trust investigation launched against the Russian energy giant, Gazprom. Having been



Director of the Civic Institute Roman Joch, PSSI's Executive Director Petr Pelz and PSSI's Chairman and Co-Founder Roger W. Robinson, Jr. at PSSI's Christmas Party 2013

treated for years as a political slush fund and foreign policy tool/weapon, Gazprom appears unprepared for the dramatic changes in the global energy environment (including the US shale gas revolution and European spot market for gas) as well as the new-found political will across Europe to take on the company's long-standing monopolistic practices.

ALUMNI PROGRAM

PSSI ALUMNI ATTENDED WASHINGTON POLICY AND ANALYSIS' 2012 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PSSI Summer School Alumni Jakub Hlávka and James Wilkes participated in Washington Policy and Analysis' 2012 Summer Fellowship Program. Their fellowship included several weeks in Washington, D.C. where, among other activities, they met with high-level opinion leaders, energy and security experts, and think tank professional. They also attended various events and observed Congressional hearings. The concluding phase of their fellowship was the preparation of a capstone paper on world economic recovery, which was given high marks for its scope as well as attention to detail by the fellowship organizers.

PSSI LAUNCHES ALUMNI PROGRAM

In the spring of 2013, PSSI launched its new Alumni Project. The project is designed to connect, acknowledge, and benefit the growing PSSI "extended family"



PSSI's alumni and friends at the PSSI's 10th anniversary party

and facilitate information exchanges among students and young professionals. Today, PSSI's "extended family" accounts for more than 400 graduates from around the world.

Our students successfully completed one or more of PSSI's educational initiatives: the Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Program; our co-sponsorship of Charles University's Master's Degree program in International Security Studies; our NATO Summer School; and the Interagency Civilian-Military Training Program. Our Alumni project is primarily communicated and organized through social media platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn, but we are also organizing a number of informal alumni events throughout the year to facilitate career-related exchanges and informal interactions between our present students and alumni.



Speakers at the international conference "Strengthening Space Security Through a Trilateral US-Europe-Japan Partnership"



International conference "Ensuring Energy Security in Europe - the Need for a Multifaceted Approach"



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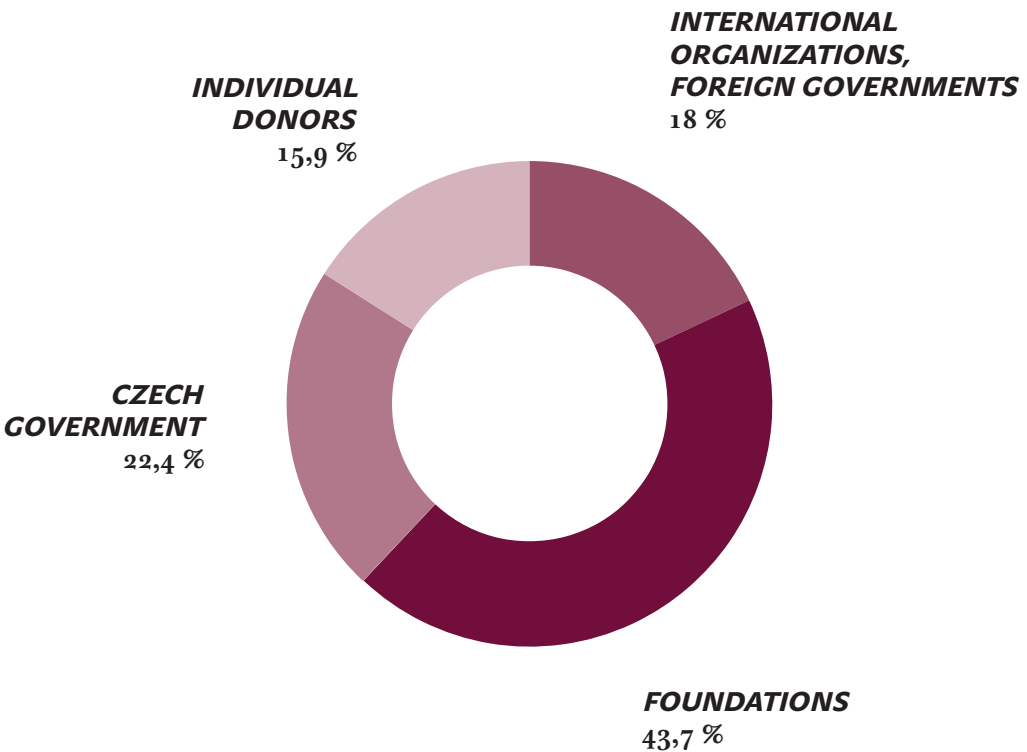
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