



ICRD Monthly Update  
April 30, 2013

## Coming of Age

### *International Recognition*

Last month, as I was keynoting a UN conference in Baku, **Azerbaijan** on "Strengthening International Cooperation in Preventing Terrorism", I was struck by how far our Center has come since we began on a wing and a prayer 13 years ago.

Earlier this month, James Patton, our Executive Vice President, addressed several hundred Latin American military and religious leaders in Asuncion, **Paraguay** on the role that religion can play in resolving conflict.

Next month, we will be participating in a major interfaith conference in **Kosovo** where Tony Blair will also be speaking. While there, I will meet with the President of Kosovo and the Prime Minister of Macedonia in conjunction with a project we are about to launch on the global impact of Wahhabism and what to do about it.

And in June, we will be participating in a U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Doha, **Qatar**.

This international recognition is **a tribute to the faith-based diplomacy that many of you have facilitated through your moral and financial support** and that is benefitting any number of people across the globe.

### *Leadership Enhancement*

Also indicative of the Center's strengthening capacity is the contingent of newly-elected Trustees who will be complementing the already considerable capabilities of our distinguished Board:

1. **The Honorable Edwin Meese, III**. The 75th Attorney General of the United States (1985-1988), Mr. Meese holds the Ronald Reagan Chair in Public Policy at The Heritage Foundation.
2. **The Honorable Robert J. Murray** is President and CEO of CNA, a non-profit public policy research and analysis institute. Prior to that, he served as Under Secretary of the Navy in the Carter Administration.
3. **Richard Poirier, Jr.** A co-Founder of the National Prayer Breakfast Business Leaders Forum, Mr. Poirier is a former Managing Director of Prudential Securities, Inc.

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ICRD Executive VP, James Patton, addressing religious leaders in Paraguay.

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Ed Meese addresses the National Press Club at ICRD's most recent book launch.

4. **Dr. S. Gerald Sandler**. One of the world's leading hematologists, Professor Sandler serves as Medical Director of the Transfusion Service at the Georgetown University Medical Center and is a member of the Medical Advisory Committee for the Israeli Red Cross.

As expressed by ICRD Board Chairman, Harold Jacobi:

"ICRD is honored to have such an impressive array of talent to help us minimize the occasions in which we are forced to send our sons and daughters in harm's way, and to create a stable global environment that will support the kind of economic growth that can benefit an expanding percentage of the world's population."

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### *Award Dinner*

As a reminder, on May 31st we will be celebrating the pioneering accomplishments of **Rabbi Jack Bemporad**, including his instrumental role in reconciling the Vatican with the Jewish people over lingering tensions relating to the Vatican's legacy in WWII. We will also hear insights from keynote speaker and veteran journalist **Peter Bergen** on the progress made in addressing the threat from Al Qaeda, since his 1997 interview with Osama bin Laden in which bin Laden first publicly declared war on the United States.

Click the button on the sidebar for more information and to purchase tickets. (If you have questions or need assistance with the ticket purchase, call us at (202) 331-9404 or contact Amanda Rinker at [amanda@icrd.org](mailto:amanda@icrd.org).)

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#### **With Best Wishes,**

Doug Johnston  
*President, ICRD*



Board member Susan Pausky, Board Chairman Harold Jacobi, and ICRD VP for Strategic Partnerships, Jennifer Crumpton, at the National Press Club.

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