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U.S., Russian High School Students to Echo Global Nuclear Disarmament Efforts at MIIS/CNS Critical Issues Forum April 22-23

Monterey Conference Brings International Youth Together to Present Nonproliferation Research

Monterey, CA -- More than 100 students and teachers from 12 United States high schools and 10 schools in Russia's closed nuclear cities will gather in Monterey to present their research on "Nuclear Nonproliferation: Global Opportunities and Regional Challenges" at an April 22-23 Critical Issues Forum (CIF) spring conference sponsored by the Monterey Institute of International Studies' James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS). Working under the guidance of teachers trained at the Monterey Institute, the students have studied how much progress the world has made and is likely to achieve toward the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Students will present their views on current developments and future prospects for nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament, including the New START arms control treaty signed today in Prague, next's week's Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, and the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty Review conference to be held next month at United Nations Headquarters in New York. In addition to student research and cultural exchange, the conference will also feature a keynote speech by Dr. Patricia Lewis, deputy director and scientist-in-residence at CNS and advisor to the International Commission on Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament

The CIF conference culminates a year-long program designed to increase students' awareness of nonproliferation and disarmament issues and enhance critical thinking skills. High school students rarely have an opportunity to study nonproliferation and disarmament of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The CIF program provides high school students with a unique opportunity to study international security and WMD issues, furthering the Institute's mission of training future leaders to be the solution to the world's most pressing problems.

What: "Nuclear Nonproliferation: Global Opportunities and Regional Challenges," a conference gathering 100 U.S. and Russian students and teachers

When: Thursday, April 22, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday, April 23, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Andalucía Room
Casa Munras Hotel
700 Munras Avenue
Monterey, CA 93940

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The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) strives to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) by training the next generation of nonproliferation specialists and disseminating timely information and analysis. CNS at the Monterey Institute of International Studies is the largest nongovernmental organization in the United States devoted exclusively to research and training on nonproliferation issues. CNS news releases and photos are available at cns.miis.edu.