The CIS Nonproliferation Project

The CIS Nonproliferation Project (CISNP) at MIIS will sponsor an international conference on "NIS Proliferation Problems" in Minsk (Belarus) from October 20-23, 1993. The conference will serve as the fourth meeting of the CISNP Core Group, which consists of over two dozen scholars, officials, and journalists from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Russia. Western experts on nonproliferation affairs will also attend the meeting.

The CISNP is continuing its program of providing specialized training in nonproliferation studies to visiting fellows at the Monterey Institute. The majority of this fall's visitors consists of senior government officials from the non-Russian republics who will return to their countries to play important roles in developing nonproliferation policies. These include: Vladimir Zlobin and Andrei Glukhov, both from the Ukrainian State Committee on Nuclear and Radiation Safety; Temirbek Batcherikov, head of the political analysis division in the Kyrgyz president's office; and Anatoly Scherba, from the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry. Several academic specialists will also be in residence for all or part of the fall semester, including: Sergei Galaka, Kiev University; Elina Kirichenko, IMEMO (Moscow); Oumirserc Kasenov, director of the Kazakhstan Institute of Strategic Studies; and Gleb Drobyshev, Institute for Nuclear Problems, Minsk, Belarus.

Also participating in the work of the CISNP is the new Assistant Director of the Program for Nonproliferation Studies, James Clay Moltz. He received his Ph.D. at UC Berkeley in 1989 and has held teaching and research positions at Duke University, UC San Diego, and UC Berkeley. He has published widely on Russian affairs and is currently examining export policies, space/missile capabilities, and economic security issues in the new states of the former Soviet Union.

The CISNP recently has intensified its cooperative training and research activities with the Export Control Program of the University of Georgia. A central activity of the joint program is the establishment of a model export control center in Belarus.