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Ms Sharon Hobson – 2004 Ross Munro Media Award Recipient

22 September 2004, Ottawa. The Conference of Defence Associations (CDA), in concert with the Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute, is pleased to announce that Sharon Hobson has been selected as the recipient of the Ross Munro Media Award for 2004. From the excellent list of nominees, the selection committee also concluded that Chris Wattie, National Post writer, is deserving of honourable mention.

Ms Hobson has consistently demonstrated the finest qualities of a journalist who specializes in defence issues. The quality of her reporting, her knowledge of the subject matter and fairness of her accounts set a standard by which her colleagues may be measured.

Sharon Hobson has been the Canadian correspondent for Jane's Defence Weekly for the past 18 years, and seven years ago became the Canadian correspondent for Jane's Navy International, and Jane's Defence Upgrades. In 1996, she began writing for Jane's International Defence Review. She has written a monthly column on the navy for Canadian Sailings, and has written features for the Financial Post and Canadian Defence Quarterly. Ms Hobson co-authored, with Rear-Admiral Dusty Miller, *The Persian Excursion*, a book on the Canadian navy in the Persian Gulf War.

The Ross Munro Media Award was initiated in 2002 to recognize, annually, one Canadian journalist who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the understanding by the general public of Canadian defence and security issues. The recipient of this award has produced outstanding work of the efforts of the Canadian Forces in preserving Canadian democratic values.

Previous recipients of the Award are Stephen Thorne and Garth Pritchard.

The Ross Munro Media Award Selection Committee consisted of Dr. Jack Granatstein, Canadian Military Historian; Mr. Peter Kent, Deputy Editor of Global TV News, Co-host of "MoneyWise", and president of the Canadian Foreign Correspondents Association; Mr. Stuart Robertson, of O'Donnell, Robertson & Sanfilippo; Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Richard Evraire, Chairman Conference of Defence Associations; and Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Robert Lockhart, Vice-Chairman Public Affairs, Conference of Defence Associations.

The Award will be presented at the CDA Institute's Vimy Award Dinner, 19 November 2004, in the Grand Hall of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau, Québec.

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