

**ROSS MUNRO AWARD**

**VIMY AWARD DINNER  
MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION  
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**PRESENTATION COMMENTS  
BY  
CHAIRMAN CDA  
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“THE BEST-KNOWN AND MOST RESPECTED CANADIAN WAR REPORTER WAS A LEAN, GANGLING, QUIET, SERIOUS REPORTER NAMED ROSS MUNRO. WES GALLAGHER, AN AMERICAN WAR CORRESPONDENT WHO LATER BECAME GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, SAID: “MUNRO WAS NOT ONLY THE TOP CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT OF THE WAR. HE COMBINED GREAT PERSONAL COURAGE WITH EXTREMELY LUCID WRITING AND REPORTING.”

CES COMMENTAIRES ILLUSTRENT CLAIREMENT LA RAISON POUR LAQUELLE LA CONFÉRENCE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE LA DÉFENSE, AVEC LE CONCOURS DU CANADIAN DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE, SOUCIEUX DE METTRE DE L'AVANT LES QUESTIONS DE SÉCURITÉ ET DE DÉFENSE AINSI QUE CELLE QUI SONT RELIÉES À L'EFFICACITÉ ET AU BIEN-ÊTRE DES FORCES ARMÉES CANADIENNES, A CHOISI DE CRÉER ET NOMMER UN PRIX MEDIA EN L'HONNEUR DE ROSS MUNRO.

C'EST AVEC GRAND PLAISIR QUE JE PRÉSIDE CETTE TROISIÈME PRÉSENTATION DU PRIX MÉDIA ROSS MUNRO, UNE PRÉSENTATION QUI EST FAITE ANNUELLEMENT LORS DU DÎNER VIMY PARRAINÉ PAR L'INSTITUT DE LA CONFÉRENCE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE LA DÉFENSE.

THE ROSS MUNRO MEDIA AWARD RECOGNIZES A CANADIAN JOURNALIST WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDERSTANDING, BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, OF CANADA'S DEFENCE AND SECURITY ISSUES. THE AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE CONSIDERS WHAT MATERIAL NOMINEES HAVE PRODUCED (IN PRINT, OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT - RADIO OR TELEVISION) FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. DEPTH OF ANALYSIS IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE EVALUATION OF THE MATERIAL. THE WINNER'S CONTRIBUTION WILL HAVE RECEIVED WIDE ACCLAIM AND BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT JOURNALISM.

BEFORE ANNOUNCING OUR 2004 WINNER OF THE ROSS MUNRO MEDIA AWARD, I

WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THIS YEAR, IN LIGHT OF THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF THE NOMINEES, THE SELECTION COMMITTEE DECIDED TO AWARD ONE HONOURABLE MENTION TO CHRIS WATTIE (NATIONAL POST) FOR HIS COVERAGE OF ISSUES RELATED TO THE CANADIAN FORCES AT HOME AND ABROAD WHERE HE WAS EMBEDDED WITH CANADIAN FORCES SERVING IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE (ISAF) IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN.

A CERTIFICATE REFLECTING THIS HONOURABLE MENTION WILL BE PRESENTED TO CHRIS WATTIE DURING THE CDA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN MARCH.

MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE 2004 WINNER OF THE ROSS MUNRO MEDIA AWARD 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. SHE 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. SHE HAS CO-AUTHORED, WITH REAR-ADMIRAL DUSTY MILLER, THE PERSIAN EXCURSION, A BOOK ON THE CANADIAN NAVY IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS, JE VOUS DEMANDE D'ACCUEILLIR LA LAURÉATE DU PRIX-MÉDIA ROSS MUNRO POUR L'ANNÉE 2004, PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THIS YEAR'S ROSS MUNRO MEDIA AWARD WINNER, MS SHARON HOBSON.

J'AI L'HONNEUR DE DEMANDER À U BGEN BOB MILLAR, PRÉSIDENT DU CANADIAN DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE DE FAIRE LA PRÉSENTATION. I AM DELIGHTED TO CALL UPON BRIGADIER-GENERAL BOB MILLAR (RET'D), PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE, TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION TO MS HOBSON.

THANK YOU, SHARON