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**From: Peter Forsberg, Public Affairs Officer**

**Mr. Bruce Champion-Smith – 2005 Ross Munro Media Award Recipient**

The Conference of Defence Associations (CDA), in concert with the Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute, is pleased to announce that Mr. Bruce Champion-Smith has been chosen as the recipient of the 2005 Ross Munro Media Award. From the excellent list of nominees, the selection committee also concluded that Chris Wattie, of the National Post, is deserving of an honourable mention.

Mr. Bruce Champion-Smith, of the Toronto Star, has covered Canadian defence issues for many years and produced well-grounded articles of exceptional quality on the Canadian Forces. His knowledge of the subject matter, fairness in reporting, and writing skill are truly exemplary.

The Ross Munro Media Award was initiated in 2002 to recognize Canadian journalists who have made a significant and extraordinary contribution to increasing public understanding of Canadian defence and security issues. Recipients of the award have produced outstanding work regarding the efforts of the Canadian Forces in preserving Canadian democratic values.

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

The Ross Munro Media Award Selection Committee was chaired by Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Richard Evraire, Chairman CDA. Other members of the Selection Committee were 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; and Colonel (Ret'd) Charles Keple, Vice-Chairman CDA, Public Affairs.

The Award will be presented at the CDA Institute's Vimy Award Dinner, 18 November 2005, in the Grand Hall of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau, Quebec.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Matthew Gillard, CDA Institute Project Officer at 613-236-9903.