

Editorial

In September 1998 the Faculty of Military Science, University of Stellenbosch (Military Academy) in association with the Institute for Security Studies hosted a conference in commemoration of the first fifty years of United Nations peacekeeping. The increasing need for peacekeeping and peace-support operations, the ongoing conflicts in central Africa and the escalating call for African peacekeepers underlay the importance of bringing politicians, diplomats and academics together in Africa at this time.

The conference, entitled “Peace and Security: the African Experience,” opened by Mr Ronnie Kasrils, Deputy Defence Minister and attended by some 150 delegates from 21 countries, encompassed three days and more than forty papers. The Military Academy, Saldanha provided an ideal setting; with a short excursion to The Castle, Cape Town. Unfortunately, the weather prevented delegates from making the proposed trip out to Robben Island. Most of the papers will be published in forthcoming issues of *Scientia Militaria* and the *African Security Review*. The publication programme commences in this issue with the articles by Dr Gerhard Oosthuizen and Dr Theo Neethling.

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