

Science for Peace

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President's Column



Dear Members,

The sad news, of which you are probably all aware, is that we have lost our dear friend and colleague Margrit Eichler. She contributed so much to Science for Peace, as the several obituaries and eulogies on sfpdiscuss have shown. I hope that Margrit was able to watch Sorpong Peou's warm tribute to her at the AGM; she would have had confirmation of our high regard for her.

If you missed the Annual General Meeting or the Tributes, you can access both of them online by clicking the links under "Recent Activities". The AGM is a trim 45-minute video, and summarizes what we have achieved at Science for Peace, and where we are headed. The 18-minute Tributes include tributes to Chandler, Phyllis and Derek, as well as Margrit. Not to be missed! On our agenda is hiring a fuller time national coordinator and involving the board more directly in the governance of SfP. At a board meeting on July 26th, we'll be discussing a proposal for more closely integrating the twin concerns of our organization on nuclear disarmament and fighting the climate crisis. We need to be consistent in our messaging, and launch a fund-raising campaign. It's hard to achieve your goals on a shoe-string budget. More about our forthcoiming activities in the next newsletter. You'll be hearing from us next in September. Enjoy the summer!

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Annual General Meeting with Special event ^{Tuesday, June 29 7 PM} ET

7:00 — 7:30: Tributes to Phyllis Creighton, Chandler Davis, Margrit Eichler, and Derek Paul 7:30 — 8:30: AGM business Please visit www.scienceforpeace.ca for zoom link

Tributes Full Recording

AGM: Business Full Recording

Recent Articles



Richard Sandbrook: Climate Emergency: Getting Out Alive

Jim Morrison observed that you don't get outta here alive. Though Morrison had a point, Kim Stanley Robinson sketches an optimistic scenario in which we – or many of us – do get out of the climate emergency alive. Robinson, in a book of 530 dense pages entitled The Ministry for the Future, mixes sci-fi with hard science to make his case. It is a tour de force, though a book of such demanding complexity that it is more likely to be talked about than read.



Michel Duguay: US Nuclear Strategy: A Critique of Guy Roberts's Defence of Deterrence

Guy Roberts was invited to give a keynote talk at the 2021 Congress of the Canadian Peace Research Association. [1] Roberts had played a role in composing the Pentagon's Nuclear Posture Review 2018 (NPR 2018) under the Trump administration. He is now playing a role in composing the new NPR that the Biden administration will publish probably within eight months or so.

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Maryne Heuzé: L'interrelation des enjeux climatiques et sécuritaires

Le changement climatique et ses effets sur notre environnement et nos sociétés sont désormais indéniables. Afin de réfléchir à la manière dont les politiques doivent réagir face à l'urgence climatique, il est tout d'abord important de qualifier le changement climatique de menace à la sécurité.

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