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**PEARSON PEACEKEEPING CENTRE TO HOST**

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRES**

**5TH ANNUAL MEETING**

**THIS YEAR'S TOPIC: HUMAN RIGHTS**

The 50th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) will be held at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre (PPC) on 22-25 June 1999. In addition to its members, various government and non government organizations, and academics involved in Peacekeeping, Human Rights, Peace and Security issues will be in attendance.

The IAPTC was established in 1995 by the PPC and has now grown to a membership of more than 400 individuals and organizations interested in peacekeeping research, education and training. The aim of the annual meeting is to provide its members with a forum for discussion of specific issues related to modern peacekeeping operations

The theme of this year's meeting is human rights and its importance to peacekeeping as well as its integration into peacekeeping training, research and education. Presentations will be given by numerous experts in this field, including former deputy head of mission for operations on Kosovo, Major-General John Drewienkiewicz; Judge Oyvind Hoel, member of the UN War Crimes Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; Ms. Sandra Beidas representing the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH); as well as presentations by other UN and government organizations.

