



**Invitation to 2009 PONI Fall Conference**  
**October 26 – 27**  
**Royal Society, London**

Dear PONI Member:

I am pleased to invite you to the **Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) Fall Conference on October 26 and 27 at the Royal Society in London, England**. This will be the third of our three regional conferences leading up to our year-end Capstone Conference at U.S. Strategic Command on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are honored and delighted to have the Royal Society's partnership and support for the fall conference. Engaging the broader scientific community in the U.S. and Europe will be critical to addressing a number of nuclear issues, particularly those related to managing the civil applications of nuclear technologies and associated proliferation risks, and there is not a more prestigious scientific institution to help reach out to the scientific community than the Royal Society.

Like each PONI conference this year, the panels of selected presentations will correspond roughly to the 2009 research agenda, which focuses on topics falling under the following four main categories.

- Nuclear Infrastructure
- Nuclear Posture
- Proliferation Risks and Nuclear Terrorism
- Arms Reductions, Control and Disarmament

This will be a 1 ½-day conference with a reception and dinner following day one. Our fall conference in the UK, as it should, tends to have more of an international flavor, while the major themes remain the same. We will be accepting presentation proposals until September 26 and will post a detailed agenda shortly thereafter.

To register, please use the link provided on the event webpage. You can also visit the PONI website to access more information and guidance regarding accommodations in London. **The registration deadline is October 18, 2009.**

Please contact PONI Coordinator Mark Jansson at [mjansson@csis.org](mailto:mjansson@csis.org) or (202) 775-3286 with any questions that you have about the registration process, possible presentation topics or other conference-related issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Clark Murdock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clark" and last name "Murdock" clearly distinguishable.

Clark Murdock  
Director, Project on Nuclear Issues