



Invitation to the 2010 PONI Spring Conference

April 8 – 9

Center for Strategic and International Studies

1800 K Street, Washington, DC

January 28, 2010

Dear PONI Member:

I am pleased to invite you to the **Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) Spring Conference on April 8th and 9th at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC**. This conference will kickoff the 2010 conference series, which will consist of three regional conferences (on the east coast, west coast and in the United Kingdom) leading up to our year-end Capstone Conference at Offutt Air Force Base, the site of U.S. Strategic Command, in Omaha, Nebraska.

PONI conferences feature panels of selected presentations from up-and-coming nuclear experts from various disciplines, including those with backgrounds in either science or policy. Those interested in delivering a presentation at the spring conference are invited to review the call for presentations and the 2010 PONI research agenda for more details. Broadly speaking, the 2010 conference series will focus on issues related to the four major themes.

- Nuclear Strategy, Policy, and Posture
- Nuclear Nonproliferation
- Scientific and Operational Supports to Nuclear Policy
- Nuclear Disarmament and Material Security

This will be a 1½-day event, beginning early on Thursday, April 8th and concluding after lunch on April 9th. As usual, we will also be hosting a reception and dinner following the conclusion of panel discussions on day one. We are lining up keynote speakers for lunch and dinner and will announce them as they are confirmed. There is no fee for guests to register or to attend the evening dinner.

To register for the conference, please visit the event webpage on the PONI website, where you can find more information about the conference, lodging for travelers from out-of-town and updates to the agenda. For more information, contact PONI Coordinator Mark Jansson at (202) 775- 3286 or via email at mjansson@csis.org. Please note that the **registration deadline is April 2, 2010**.

This is an important year for everyone working on nuclear strategy and policy issues. We are therefore looking forward to your involvement in the conferences series and to the many timely and thought-provoking discussions that take place among junior and senior experts at these events. I encourage you to share this invitation with your colleagues and hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clark Murdock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clark" being more prominent.

Clark Murdock
Director, Project on Nuclear Issues