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WORLD PEACE HERO TO BE HONOURED AT WORLD PEACE FORUM

2006 award recipient is Project Ploughshares cofounder, Ernie Regehr

Vancouver—“Nations rightly honour their military heroes. The **Canada World Peace Award** celebrates those courageous individuals who make outstanding contributions to world peace and justice.” says **Warren Allmand**, President of the **World Federalist Movement–Canada (WFMC)**.

Since 1972, WFMC's annual award has paid tribute to such champions of world peace as **Lester Pearson, Stephen Lewis, Louise Arbour, Lloyd Axworthy and Roméo Dallaire**. This year, the honour will go to **Ernie Regehr**, cofounder of **Project Ploughshares**, the influential global peace advocacy agency of the Canadian Council of Churches. The banquet award ceremony will take place during the **World Peace Forum** in Vancouver on **Saturday, June 24th, at Sage Bistro, 6331 Crescent Road** (University of British Columbia campus).

"For decades, Ernie has been a significant figure in almost every disarmament and peace-building campaign in Canada," says **Robin Collins**, Chair of WFMC's Executive Council. "He has been a consistent advocate for raising the quality of thoughtful reflection and peace advocacy in Canada and abroad and an invaluable colleague and mentor to his fellow activists."

An Officer of the Order of Canada, Mr. Regehr's contributions to peace and conflict resolution are many. Among other activities:

- He has served as an NGO representative and expert advisor on numerous Government of Canada delegations to multilateral disarmament forums, including review conferences of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the United Nations Conferences on Small Arms and Light Weapons. As Canada's representative on the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Arms Transfer Transparency, Mr. Regehr was instrumental in the creation in 1992 of the UN Conventional Arms Register, described by Foreign Affairs Canada as "the only global co-operative security instrument with a mandate to deal with the challenges related to the proliferation of conventional arms." Mr. Regehr is a past member of the Advisory Board to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada.

- Mr. Regehr is a prolific author and editor of books, monographs, academic and policy papers, parliamentary briefs, popular articles and opinion pieces on peace and security issues.
- Among his current appointments, Mr. Regehr is a senior policy advisor with Project Ploughshares, an adjunct associate professor in Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, a commissioner on the World Council of Churches Commission on International Affairs, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Africa Peace Forum of Nairobi, Kenya.

“For his signal contribution to advancing public education and public policy on issues of war prevention and conflict resolution, the World Federalist Movement–Canada is delighted to bestow its 2006 Canada World Peace Award on Ernie Regehr,” Warren Allmand concludes.

Founded in 1951, **the World Federalist Movement–Canada** is a branch of the international World Federalist Movement (WFM), headquartered in New York City across from the UN, where it is an accredited NGO. World Federalists advocate more effective and democratically accountable global governance institutions to promote the rule of law in world affairs. Recent World Federalist campaigns have focused on the UN Reform World Summit and the effective start-up of the International Criminal Court.

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