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Dear PONI Member:

The Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) is pleased to invite you to participate in a conference at The Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) in London on September 20-21, 2007. In preparation for this conference, we invite PONI members to begin preparing draft papers for presentation. A selection of presentations from last month's conference at Los Alamos National Laboratory and next month's conference in London will then be delivered at our conference at U.S. Strategic Command on November 29, 2007.

Next week you will receive more information regarding the submission process for presentation proposals for this conference as well as the research agenda we hope to encourage at this conference. The research agenda will build upon the results of our April conference in Washington, DC and our July conference at Los Alamos National Laboratory and will be designed to complement those events as we prepare for the capstone conference in November.

To register for the conference, please fill out and return the attached registration form by fax to (202) 775-3199, ATTN: Matt Squeri by September 4, 2007. If you have questions about this event, please contact Matt at (202) 775-3286. We are looking forward to a successful conference and hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clark Murdock".

Clark Murdock
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Squeri".

Matt Squeri
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How did you hear about PONI?

The Project on Nuclear Issues reserves the right to refuse membership.

Please return this form by post or fax:

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**The Center for Strategic and International Studies
Project on Nuclear Issues**
Statement of Membership Philosophy

The Center for Strategic and International Studies established the Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) in order to study, debate and assess the role of nuclear weapons in national security policy. Toward this end, PONI seeks to generate and sustain a networked community of young nuclear experts from the military, the national laboratories, industry, academia, and the policy community. Nuclear weapons are an enduring reality in the international security environment and in the security policy of the United States and other nuclear weapon states. PONI membership provides a forum for study and debate on the role that nuclear weapons have and might play in national security, to include strategies, policies and capabilities.

CSIS recognizes that some individuals and organizations advocate nuclear disarmament as a national security objective. We acknowledge the right of individuals and organizations to advocate these positions, but that is not the purpose of PONI. CSIS and PONI do not advocate any specific strategy, policy or program. But we base this community of analysts on the premise that nuclear weapons are an enduring reality and nations must manage this reality through an open and constructive debate.

PONI is an association of individuals, not institutions. PONI members have a right to engage in a free and open debate without intimidation. As such, members speak only on behalf of themselves, and are expected to respect the integrity of their colleagues. Participants are free to use the information they receive at PONI events, but may not cite either the identity or the affiliation of the speakers without their permission. Speakers own the exclusive rights to the content of their presentations. All PONI members collectively own the rights to the dialogue that ensues following the presentations, consistent with the attribution rules outlined above.

PONI membership is free. The program is underwritten by government and non-government organizations committed to sustaining a community of analysis. The underwriting sponsors exercise no direction on the intellectual content of the program. That direction is coordinated by CSIS, but is determined by the PONI members under the supervision of the CSIS PONI coordinators. Membership to PONI and attendance at its conferences, seminars and other events is by invitation only. Individuals interested in membership should contact Matt Squeri at msqueri@csis.org.