

## Biographical Notes

**Dorothea AUER** (\*1958, Austrian) studied Tourism and Hotel Management and later obtained a Master's degree in Political Science. After working in the tourism industry for several years and managing foreign aid projects in Costa Rica, she joined the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs as Desk Officer in 1988. In the following years she was posted to Brussels, Buenos Aires and Lisbon and worked inter alia on Gender Affairs. Since 2005 she has been Director of the Department of Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation.

**David DE BEER** (\*1947 in South Africa, Dutch) holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He has extensive post-conflict hands-on field experience, particularly in small arms control and post-conflict democratisation. This includes deployments with the UN peacekeeping operations in Eritrea and Ethiopia (UNMEE) and the OSCE in Kosovo and Albania. He also worked for various NGOs. From 2002 to 2006 David de Beer was Project Manager of EU ASAC, the weapons reduction and management programme of the European Union in Cambodia. In November 2006 he became Executive Director of the London based NGO *Saferworld*.

**Walter FEICHTINGER** (\*1956, Austrian), is a career officer in the Austrian Armed Forces. He was commissioned Lieutenant of the armoured corps in 1979. 1993-1998 he served as commander of a tank battalion. Besides his military duties, he studied political sciences and journalism at the University of Vienna, where he received first a master's and later on a doctor's degree in international relations. Since 1998 he has worked in the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management of the Austrian National Defence Academy in Vienna, with a break in 2001-2002, when he served as a security and defence policy advisor at the Federal Chancellery. Since 2002 he has been the Head of the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management.

**Peter HAZDRA** (\*1959, Austrian) studied law, international relations and social anthropology. He is a reserve officer in the Austrian Armed Forces. He has more than 10 years of mission experience in the fields of conflict management, peace-keeping and peace-building, serving inter alia as Staff Officer, Military Observer, Human Rights Officer, Election Monitor, Security Officer, Humanitarian Coordinator and Political Analyst. Since 1998 Dr. Hazdra has worked as a researcher in the Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management of the Austrian National Defence Academy. He also lectures at the University of Vienna. In 2005 he was Civil-Military Coordinator for the Tsunami Relief Operation in Aceh.

**Erwin KAUER** (\*1955, Austrian) holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and specialized in welding. He was trained as reserve officer in the Austrian Armed Forces. He attended numerous military courses and gained extensive international experience, especially in the UN peacekeeping missions in Cyprus and Western Sahara as well as in the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan. Since 2002 he has been deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, holding – first within SFOR and subsequently within EUFOR – the position of a Staff Officer in the Joint Military Affairs division, which is in charge of all arms control activities.

**Glenn S. McDONALD** (\*1958, Canadian) studied law and international relations in Montreal and Geneva. He holds several degrees, one as Doctor in International Relations. Dr. McDonald conducted research for different organisations and academic institutions and contributed to numerous publications. He gained field experience working for UNOSOM II in Somalia and for UNDP in Rwanda. Since 2000 he has worked at the Geneva-based research institute *Small Arms Survey*, where he holds the post of Senior Researcher and Yearbook Coordinator. In 2004–05 he was an Advisor to the Chairman of UN negotiations on an international instrument to trace illicit small arms and light weapons.

**Claes NILSSON** (\*1954, Swedish) is a career officer of the Swedish Armed Forces, where he was commissioned Lieutenant in 1981. He served in the Swedish battalion in UNEF II, as military observer with

UNTSO and as commander of a mechanized company in UNPROFOR. 1995-97 he attended the Austrian General Staff Course at the National Defence Academy in Vienna. After different staff postings he became Military Adviser of the Permanent Delegation of Sweden to the OSCE.

**Tobias PIETZ** (\*1973, German) studied Political Science in Heidelberg and Maryland (USA) as well as Peace and Security Studies in Hamburg. He gained his first work experience as a journalist before he joined the International Labour Organisation (ILO), dealing mainly with Gender issues. He published widely on the issues of Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration, and small arms control. From 2003 to 2006 he worked for the Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC). Since 2007 he has worked for the Centre for International Peace Operations (ZIF) in Berlin, where he manages a project concerning „Local Ownership in Peace-building Processes in Failed States”.

**Jürgen RATHNER** (\*1969, Austrian) studied technical engineering. He worked as an engineer in Austria and Germany before becoming a teacher for technical engineering in Upper Austria. He received military training as a reserve officer and participated in several UN peace operations in the Middle East, in Iraq and in Western Sahara. In 2005-06 he served as a monitor in the European Union Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM).

**Andreas STRUB** (\*1960 in Italy, German) holds a Banking degree and a Doctorate in Law. In 1991 he started working as official at the Council of the European Union. After having covered various geographical files (former Soviet Union, Western Balkans) he joined the Cabinet of the Secretary General of the Council as Adviser for Common Foreign and Security Policy. In 1999 he joined the Policy Unit reporting to the High Representative for the CFSP. Since 2004 Dr. Strub has held the position of Coordinator of the Office of the Personal Representative to HR Solana for non-proliferation, which is also in charge of export control and SALW issues.