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Ragonis Foundation Scholarships for 2012–2013 In Memory of Eyal Ragonis

Promoting Research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, are pleased to announce an annual scholarships distribution to promote research in counter-terrorism and homeland security.

The scholarships are being established in memory of Architect, Major Eyal Ragonis, of blessed memory, for his military and civilian accomplishments. The scholarships' aim is to promote research in counter-terrorism and homeland security by IDC students and soldiers or officers serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

A professional committee will select the outstanding research proposals and studies to be awarded. The committee will include representatives from the IDC academic staff, the IDF, and members of the Ragonis family. The selection will be made according to the following criteria:

- Quality
- Contribution to the field and applicability
- Originality and innovativeness

The following candidates will be eligible to submit a proposal:

- Students currently attending the IDC, Herzliya
- Fellows and interns at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)
- Soldiers and officers currently serving in the IDF (including at the National Security College)

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The scholarships will be awarded in two stages:

First stage: three research proposals that present a significant and notable contribution to the field of counter-terrorism research will be selected. The author(s) of each of these proposals will receive a first scholarship of 2,500 NIS, in order to conduct their research. They will be committed to complete their research within one year.

The first scholarships will be awarded at the annual memorial for Eyal Ragonis on Thursday, July 12, 2012.

Second stage: the studies conducted based on the three selected research proposals will be ranked for a second scholarship, to be distributed as follows:

- First Prize: 7,500 NIS
- Second Prize: 5,000 NIS
- Third Prize: 2,500 NIS

The principal findings of the studies will be presented one year later, at the annual memorial for Eyal Ragonis in June 2013.

The winning studies will be published on ICT Website (<http://www.ict.org.il>).

Final submission date for research proposals is June 17, 2012.

Research proposals should be sent to Ms. Hila Oved, at: ict@idc.ac.il

Each research proposal must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. The candidate's personal details: full name, address, telephone number, email address, a Curriculum Vitae (CV), a list of previous publications (if relevant), and at least two letters of recommendation.
2. A cover letter and statement of purpose written by the candidate, including the following: the reason for the choice of research topic; whether the research proposal has been previously submitted elsewhere (e.g., as a position paper, seminar assignment); if so, whether and where it has been or will be published.
3. A research proposal for review by the prize committee, not longer than three pages, stating the following:
 - a. The importance of the topic to academic research in terrorism and counter-terrorism
 - b. The research question(s)
 - c. A review of the relevant literature
 - d. Methodology

Eyal Ragonis, of Blessed Memory, 1958–1995

As it is written on his headstone: A Man, An Intelligence Officer, An Architect

Eyal was imbued with a sense of purpose and patriotism. He artfully succeeded to integrate his two main areas of interest, intelligence work, and architecture and was guided both by his love for humanity and for the Land of Israel.

Eyal served as an intelligence officer in the Paratroops elite unit and the Chief of Staff's Corps (Sayeret Matkal). During his service he led superior secret missions which have become a legend among Israel's intelligence and security communities. Eyal is called "the ultimate intelligence officer", one whose values and professional standards guided generations of intelligence officers. Eyal's strategic planning was outstanding, creative, and ground-breaking. His deep knowledge of architecture could be felt in his military intelligence work as well, where he could apply his creative thinking and express his technical and professional expertise. In his civilian life, one of his outstanding contributions was the impressive Andromeda Project in Jaffa.

Eyal was an educator by nature and a man of high moral, principles and standards. He set an example to all, for his family, his colleagues, his subordinates and his commanders. Eyal was a family man, a true offshoot of the Ragonis family from Rishon Lezion, adored son of Raya and Haim, and beloved brother of Onn, Oz and Adir.

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) is among the leading academic institutes for counter-terrorism in the world. Founded in 1996, ICT has rapidly evolved into a highly esteemed global hub for counter-terrorism research, policy recommendations and education. The goal of the ICT is to advise decision makers, initiate applied research and provide consultation and education to address terror and its effects. The institute has developed a basket of activities that are divided into branches of operation: (i) Education, (ii) Research, (iii) Policy, (iv) Conferences, (v) Publishing, and (vi) Public service Internet database and News Resource.