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### 2007 WACA National Conference

February 1 - February 4, Washington, DC

This year's conference **Bridging the Desert: The Middle East in the Next Decade** will examine the diversity of views and ideas being put forth by such voices, while providing an opportunity for participants to engage in dialogues with representatives from throughout the Middle East.

This year's conference will include Pre-conference staff workshops on January 31 and February 1. During the conference there will be Ambassadorial Luncheons, Embassy Receptions, and Sessions with Amb. Dennis Ross, John Esposito, Milton Viorst, Mary Eisenhower and many others.

At the Chairman's Dinner, we will honor former Secretary of Defense William Cohen for his contributions in the field of international relations.

Councils will receive brochures in early November to distribute to their members.

[For more information and to register...](#)

### Featuring a Council

Madeline Albright in Kansas City

The International Relation Council (IRC) of Kansas City recently hosted its largest event, since the 1980s, thanks to Madeleine Albright. 735 people were in attendance during the annual banquet, which honored Dr. Albright for International Statesmanship, an award defined by success in international relations, as well as a connection to Kansas and Missouri. After the banquet, Dr. Albright graciously stayed to sign books for anyone who wanted them signed.

Linda Trout attributed their great success to perseverance and flexibility. After failing to secure Dr. Albright for last year's banquet, the IRC continued to call and politely request her visit. When Dr. Albright announced an open date in October, the Council agreed to host her despite the fact that their banquet is normally held in December.

Congratulations to Linda and her team at IRCKC on an excellent program.

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### Academic WorldQuest 2007

March 23-25, 2007

Remember to pledge your team for the 2007 competition by December 2. There is no fee to enter a team in the competition, although some councils choose to pay their team's costs for the weekend. We do not need team details at this time.

To pledge a team, send an e-mail to Melissa Lawrence at [melissa@worldaffairsCouncils.org](mailto:melissa@worldaffairsCouncils.org) with council contact information and competition date.

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