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Dear Members,

EXECUTIVE DISPATCH 3/18

The Executive Committee's out-of-session work has continued behind the scenes. The key issues to report are as follows:

- The President attended the RUSI National Conference in Canberra from 18-19 October. RUSIQ supported the proposed nominations to the National Board. Air Commodore (Ret) Anker Brodersen succeeded Rear Admiral (Ret) Simon Cullen as RUSIDSS-A President, but in an Acting President role and capacity. There will be a report on the National Conference presented to the RUSIQ Executive for review.
- The Vice President Operations (VP Ops) has met with prospective presenters for the May 2019 Seminar, including Bapak Endy Bayuni (Senior Editor at the Jakarta Post), Lieutenant General (Ret) Peter Leahy, and Dr Greta Nabbs-Keller (University of Queensland). The VP Ops has also had discussions with Mr Hugh Ritchie (Chairman of the Australia-Indonesia Business Council – Queensland) and has a meeting scheduled with Mr Peter Varghese (Chancellor University of Queensland) with a view to engaging them in the seminar.
- The Vice President Administration (VP Admin) has been developing the RUSIQ strategic plan which should be ready for comment before the end of the year. MAJ O'Donnell is developing a complementary strategic communications plan.
- The Treasurer has been working with the Military Bank to get our accounts updated to reflect the recent changes in the Executive. A review of membership dues is in process.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to RUSIQ in the interests of defence and national security.

Peter Mapp
President