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Editorial

It is one year since the inaugural issue of the *Journal for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism* was published. In that time, the journal, which originated at Macquarie University's Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, has gained a reach of authors and readers beyond an Australian audience, as this current issue of the journal demonstrates.

That the journal should provide an Australian platform for considering issues of national, regional and international interest was one of the primary goals of the Editorial Committee. We believe that the areas of debate covered by the journal should not only include, but go well beyond, localised perspectives both in their theoretical and practical interests, in order to provide a lively forum for broad input and discussion.

It is with this international perspective in mind that, with great pleasure, we offer readers of the *Journal* this special issue, focusing on intelligence and counter terrorism. The contributions to the issue were assembled by two guest editors from Switzerland—Stefan Brem, from the Federal Office for Civil Protection, and Doron Zimmermann, from the Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich. The impetus for the issue arose from the collaborations of an international group of experts whose presentations on the 'Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism' panel at the *7th International Security Forum (ISF)* held in Zurich in October 2006 inspired further projects as well as the contributions to this journal.

As Ambassador Jacques Pitteloud alludes to in his Foreword to this issue, it is the extent to which information and insights about areas such as intelligence can be networked and interlinked globally that will create the new means to combat terrorism. The various articles in this issue by prominent experts in the field of intelligence and counter terrorism—John P. Sullivan, Farhana Ali, Abraham Wagner, and Daniel Roussy—as well as the introduction by Stefan Brem and Doron Zimmermann, reinforce this fundamental message. They provide insights into the historical, political, social, economic, cultural, and religious issues that currently impact on intelligence strategies, concerns, and operations. The authors also make important recommendations on ways in which intelligence operations can be strengthened for future counter terrorism initiatives. The issue concludes with a book review by Belinda Helmke of Daniel Byman's, *Deadly Connections: States that Sponsor Terrorism*.

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We welcome feedback and comments from our readers on this first special issue of the *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*.

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