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The Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation hosted the 8th annual Winter Conference on February 6–7, 2012 at the UCDC Center in Washington, D.C. The conference was co-sponsored by the Institute for Nuclear Materials Management (INMM) and was entitled *Reducing the Risk from Radioactive and Nuclear Materials*. The conference was attended by over 100 people, including 40 alumni of the Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) bootcamp.

The Winter Conference brings forward the energy, research and focus of the IGCC Public Policy and Nuclear Threats community. As such, we had three recent PPNT alumni helping to organize the conference program. Raymond Wolfgang is an engineer at Sandia National Labs and a summer 2011 alum. Rebecca Davis Gibbons, also 2011 alum, is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Government at Georgetown University. Jeffrey Fields holds a PhD in international relations, is an analyst at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and is 2007 PPNT alum.

Distinguished speakers at the event included Rose Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary for Verification, Compliance, and Implementation and Thomas Countryman, Assistant Secretary International Security and Nonproliferation. PPNT Alumni participated in panels on nonproliferation theory, nonproliferation practices, nuclear security detection techniques, and Nuclear Security Best Practices – An International Perspective. Several alumni also presented posters on their research.

As it is every year, the conference was a chance for PPNT alumni to share what they have been working on, reconnect with friends and colleagues, discuss the impact and potential of research, and meet the newest alumni from the 2011 bootcamp.