CISR envisions a world where people can build peaceful and prosperous futures free from the repercussions of conflict and disaster.

The Journal:
Documenting 20 Years of Mine Action

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Why we do what we do.
History of CISR

- Founded in 1996 (formerly the Mine Action Information Center-MAIC), we are now in our 21st year!
- Formed through bi-partisan congressional effort in cooperation with the U.S. Department’s of State and Defense
- Operates through partnerships with nongovernmental organizations and government agencies in the U.S. and other countries
- Majority of funding is through external grants
Global Training Expertise
Senior Management Training

- Designed for senior-level staff in mine action and weapons destruction
- Ten courses at JMU from 2004–16 (193 participants from 41 countries on campus)
- Other management training courses: Jordan (2009–2011) and Peru (2011)
- Totaling more than 350 participants from 48 conflict-affected countries (2004–2016)

Facilitated by CISR staff and JMU faculty, with subject matter experts sharing current best practices from the field
Victim Assistance Programs

Disability rights, peer support and psychosocial support programs in: Burundi, Colombia, Lebanon, Rwanda, Uganda, United States, and Vietnam

• Resettled Refugees in Harrisonburg, VA (2015-16)
  • Worked with local high school and refugee resettlement office to help refugee students new to the United States

• Disability Rights in Vietnam (2013-15)
  • Provided training to Vietnamese organizations to assist with implementation of Disability Rights laws

• Pathways to Resilience in Lebanon (2011)
  • Trained persons with disabilities from Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon & Yemen in peer support techniques
Mine Risk Education


2009–2010:
- Produced “We Love Life” theatrical play and art activities to teach landmine safety to children
- Play was seen by 15,000 children
- Worked with local partner in Jordan, the Jordanian government, and JMU faculty

2013–14:
- “Train-the-trainer” mine risk education workshops with 75 adult Syrian refugees living in Jordan
- Conducted school-based arts workshops to teach mine risk education for 500 Jordanian and Syrian children
THE JOURNAL

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- Published 3x per year
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- No fee to publish in The Journal
Launched in 1997 as the *Journal of Humanitarian Demining:* a tool for the budding field of humanitarian demining to share information and lessons learned.

- First three issues were online only
- First issue only had 4 articles!
The Journal of Mine Action

Title changed to *Journal of Mine Action* in 1997 and broadened the focus of articles to include the five pillars of mine action

- Issue 3.3 published in 1999 focused on Victim Assistance and featured Ken Rutherford on the cover. Ken became CISR director in 2010!

Title changed in 2008 to *The Journal of ERW and Mine Action* in response to the expanding role of mine action

- UXO
- Cluster munitions
- Gender in mine action
- Environmental impacts, etc.
Title changed in 2016 to *The Journal Conventional Weapons Destruction* to include:

- Residual environmental, physical and psychological effects of conflict.
- Programs that increase civilian security by protecting lives and property
- Survivor assistance, risk education, and capacity building
- Clearance, physical stockpile and security management (PSSM), small arms and light weapons (SA/LW), and IEDs
- Destruction of stockpiles of surplus, obsolete or otherwise at-risk conventional weapons of war

Each issue contains:

- Editorials
- Feature on a specific topic related to CWD
- Spotlight on activities occurring in a targeted country or region
- Special Report*
- Research & Development Section
Research & Development Section

Technical articles on current equipment, technology, trends and developments in the field of mine action and conventional weapons destruction will be considered. R&D articles should follow scientific methods and present testing methodology and results for new technologies or procedures. Commercial companies, NGO’s, and researchers are encouraged to submit.

Topics may include but are not limited:
• Current equipment
• Detection and neutralization of landmines, ERW, ordnance, and IEDs
• Mobile technologies
• Data fusion and information technology
• Biosensors (animals, plants, etc.)
• GIS, mapping, and terrain analysis

Peer Review: R&D articles are submitted to three subject-matter experts for anonymous peer review. Two of the three reviewers must approve the article for publication. Reviewers approve articles, suggest revisions or reject articles for publication.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PEER REVIEWERS! If you are interested please see Jennifer or Heather.
Submission Guidelines

- There is no cost to the author to submit and publish articles in *The Journal*.

- Works that have been published previously and for which the author retains publishing rights may be submitted. Reprint permission may be provided.

- Articles should be 800 - 1,200 words and submitted in Microsoft Word (or a digital file in a simple text format). R&D articles can be up to 2,500 words.

- The author should provide photos and figures with captions and credit information. Images must be in a digital format at 300 dpi or better when scaled. The larger the file size the better quality the photo when printed.
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SPOTLIGHT
Southeast Asia
How are international NGOs and national mine action operators in Southeast Asia addressing threats? What has changed in the way data is collected and analyzed? What lessons learned can be shared with the broader CWD community?

Of particular interest are Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand, and Vietnam.

FEATURE
Evolving Nature of Survey and Mobile Technologies
How has the prevalence of mobile technology changed the survey documentation process? What are some of the successes and challenges faced by CWD organizations when conducting surveys? How is the scope of a country's contamination measured? How is quality assurance measured prior to land release?

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SPOTLIGHT
Western Hemisphere
How have negotiations between governments and nonstate armed groups affected the demining process in Central and South America? What lessons learned can be taken from the ongoing demining operations conducted by military forces and their collaboration with newly accredited civilian deminers?

FEATURE
Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM)
What are the most common challenges faced by organizations attempting to curb the spread of illicit small arms and light weapons? What lessons learned can be shared with the broader community? Potential topics relating to PSSM include ammunition disposal, stockpile management, surplus reduction, improved marking and tracing capabilities, and the destruction of illicit and obsolete SA/LW.
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