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Happy New Year From POTI:



Seated left to right: Ramona Taheri, Harvey Langholtz, Joseph Paetz. Standing left to right: Timothy Paetz, Marianne Wrightson, Susan Terrien, Vanessa Anderson, Michelle Marshall.

Thank you for your work each day in the interest of peace. All of us at the Peace Operations Training Institute Wish you a Joyful Holiday Season Together with Health, Happiness and Peace in the New Year.

Records Set:

The [Ebola Virus Disease: Awareness and Precautions for Peacekeeping Personnel](#) (EVD) course which was developed in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), has set new records at POTI. During its first month of release more than 2,500 people signed up to study EVD and more than 1,000 people passed the end of course examination! [Sign up for the free course now.](#)

POTI Executive Director Addresses Annual Conference of African Peace Support Trainers Association



Above: POTI Executive Director Harvey Langholtz and APSTA Executive Director Festus Aboagye at the APSTA annual meeting December 10, 2014 discuss the impact of e-learning on peacekeeping training.

The African Peace Support Trainers Association (APSTA) held its 12th annual conference and annual general meeting 8-10 December in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Commandants and representatives of African national and regional peacekeeping training centres convened to discuss topics of common interest including standardization and harmonization in the selection and training of military personnel, police, and civilians for deployment on UN, AU, and hybrid missions. Representatives of the United Nations DPKO Integrated Training Service, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), Save the Children, and other organizations from Africa and beyond were also present. The group was addressed by Mr. Sivuyile Bam, Head of the African Union's Peace Support Operations Division. POTI's Executive Director, Harvey Langholtz, met with delegates and gave two presentations as part of the formal agenda. His first presentation was on the [National Training Centre E-learning Platform \(NTCELP\)](#) which is funded by the UK and provided by POTI to African national peacekeeping training centres. The second was on the use of blended learning as an economical and effective way to integrate classroom learning and e-learning.



Student Spotlight: Francesca Adjoa Quayson (Ghana) has recently worked with PAE Inc. which offered Base Operating Support Services in support of the USAFRICOM Mission based in Djibouti. *"I have seen the enormous benefits of all the courses I have taken so far: I am much more enlightened and enriched, I feel much more integrated into global current affairs especially as it pertains to peace and security."*

E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS) will continue in 2015

We are pleased to announce that E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS)) will continue throughout 2015 with financial support from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. ELMS provides twelve courses at no charge to all UN, AU and hybrid mission personnel. All personnel serving on a mission qualify for free courses; military personnel; police; international staff; national staff; and United Nations Volunteers (UNVs). [Learn more about this valuable training opportunity.](#)

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