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The Honorable Lord Paddy Ashdown: Keynote Speaker on Montalto

From the American Revolution to the Arab Spring, people have challenged and changed forms of government. On Oct. 26, 2013, the American Academy of Diplomacy and the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello co-hosted a conference to examine the roles and requirements of American diplomats in times of foreign political transition. *Diplomacy and Transitioning Governments: Critical Lessons* brought the Hon. Lord Paddy Ashdown;

American Ambassadors Margaret Scobey, Jack Matlock and Thomas McNamara; and other experts together to discuss this important topic.

Ashdown, a British politician and diplomat, best known as UN High Commissioner for Bosnia, gave the keynote address. "The world is changing immensely. ... We'll need some new models to think about the world and we'll need some new models for how we work in that world," he said. Historical case

studies from around the globe were presented and discussed. Ashdown added that participating in "the clash of ideas" at the conference was both an exercise that Jefferson would have appreciated and a vital tool for young people "gathering the history and the knowledge that enables them to make proper judgments about new circumstances." Excerpts from Ashdown's speech and interview are available online at www.youtube.com/MonticelloVisit



At the AAD Conference at Montalto (from left to right): Thomas Jefferson Foundation President and CEO, Leslie Greene Bowman; Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Vice President and Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies; Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann (ret.), President, American Academy of Diplomacy; Keynote Speaker, The Rt. Hon. Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon, GCMG, KBE, PC; Ambassador Thomas E. McNamara; Ambassador Jack F. Matlock, Jr.; Ruhi Ramazani, Edward R. Stettinius Professor Emeritus of Government and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia; Ambassador Margaret Scobey; and Ambassador Robert M. Beecroft (ret.).