Safe and Secure Biomaterials; Matching Resources to Reality
17 May 2012, Chatham House, London

Draft Agenda

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08.30 – 09.00 Registration and Tea & coffee

Welcome and Keynote Address
09.00 – 09.20

Speaker: Professor Nigel Lightfoot, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House

Topics: What is the context and historical background to this topic?
What are the types of bio-material threats?
How have existing standards come about and where do they fall short?

SESSION 1 | Understanding the challenges presented by differing resources
09.20 – 10.30

Chair: Andrew Jack, Financial Times

09.20 Chair’s Remarks

09.30 Topics: Understanding the differences in approaches. Who and what are driving standards? What allowances can be made while still maintaining effectiveness?

- Speaker: Sandra Fry, Public Health Agency of Canada
- Speaker: Colin Gilmore-Merchant, HOK

10.00 Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Tea & coffee
SESSION 2 | Case Studies from Around the World
11.00 – 12.30

Chair: Maureen Ellis, International Federation of Biosafety Associations

11.00 Chair’s Remarks

11.10 Country Case Studies

- US: Cristina Bressler, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA
- Afghanistan: Samuel Yingst, Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences
- Asia Pacific: Teck-Mean Chua, Asia-Pacific Biosafety Association
- Pakistan: Syed Uzair ul Ghani Irfan, Pakistan Biological Safety Association, Pakistan

12.00 Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

SESSION 3 | Getting More for Less – Technological Innovation and Possible Solutions
13.30 – 15.00

Chair: Nicoletta Previsani, World Health Organization

13.30 Chair’s Remarks

13.40 Topics: Resources, Funding, and Technology. How can greater safety be achieved for less funding?

- Speaker: James Atkinson, Biodesign Global
- Speaker: Mark Fitzgerald, HDR, Inc
- Speaker: Peter James, HEEPI, University of Bradford

14.30 Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 pm Tea & coffee

SESSION 4 | Looking Forward – Identifying acceptable performance measures
15.30 pm – 17.00 pm

Chair: Dr. Patricia Lewis, International Security research, Chatham House

15.30 Chair’s Remarks

15.40 Topics: Assessing the delivery of standards in the future; what technology responses might there be in the future?

- Speaker: Dina Ibrahim, Ministry of Science and Technology, Central Lab, Sudan
- Speaker: Heather Sheeley, Health Protection Agency

16.30 Discussion

Concluding Address – Professor David L. Heymann, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House

17.30 – 19.00 Reception

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