

**Biological Weapons Convention: Meeting of Experts 2008**

**List of Organizations Attending the Meeting (as at 29 July 2008)**

**International & Regional Organizations**

1. European Community, Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection (EC SANCO)
2. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
3. International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)
4. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
5. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
6. UNEP (Global Environment Facility (GEF) Initial Strategy on Biosafety & Biosafety Capacity Building Programmes)
7. UNESCO / World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)
8. World Health Organization (WHO)
9. World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

**Scientific, Professional and Academic Associations**

1. American Biological Safety Association (ABSA)

Professional association founded in 1984 that represents the interests and needs of practitioners of biological safety in over 20 countries, and provides a forum for the continued and timely exchange of biosafety information. <http://www.absa.org/>

2. African Academy of Sciences (AAS)

Scientific organisation covering 28 African countries that aims to encourage the development of the research and technology base throughout Africa. <http://www.aasciences.org/>

3. Asia-Pacific Biosafety Association (A-PBA)

Professional association founded in 2005 for the promotion of biological safety and the sharing of biosafety information in the Asia-Pacific region. Represents over 220 biosafety professionals in Singapore, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and Myanmar. <http://www.a-pba.org/>

4. Det Norske Veritas (DNV)

Independent foundation, based in Norway with offices in 100 countries, providing risk-management services worldwide, including a biorisk management programme. <http://www.dnv.com/>

#### 5. European Biosafety Association (EBSA)

Professional association representing those working in the field of biosafety and associated activities in over 15 countries in Europe, as well as other regions. Disciplines represented include healthcare, academia, emergency response, pharmaceutical/biotech industries and regulatory affairs. <http://www.ebsaweb.eu/>

#### 6. InterAcademy Panel on International Issues (IAP)

Global network of the world's science academies, launched in 1993, with the goal of helping member academies work together to advise citizens and public officials on the scientific aspects of critical global issues. <http://www.interacademies.net/>

#### 7. International Biosafety Working Group (IBWG)

International forum to support and promote biosafety through collaboration among national and regional biosafety organizations worldwide. Members include ABSA, EBSA, A-PBA and IVBWG. <http://www.internationalbiosafety.org/>

#### 8. International Council for Science (ICSU)

Scientific umbrella organization representing a global membership that includes both national scientific bodies (113 members) and international scientific unions (29 members). <http://www.icsu.org/>

#### 9. International Council for the Life Sciences (ICLS)

Non-profit organization helping to enhance global biological security and safety through international standards and sharing of best practices. <http://www.iclscharter.org/>

#### 10. International Network of Engineers and Scientists (INES)

Independent non-profit-organisation founded in 1991, interested in the impact of science and technology on society, including ethics in science, responsibilities of scientists, and the responsible use of science and technology. <http://www.inesglobal.com/>

#### 11. International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB)

Unites biochemists and molecular biologists in 77 countries. Promotes research and education in biochemistry and molecular biology worldwide and gives particular attention to areas where the subject is still in its early development. <http://www.iubmb.org/>

#### 12. International Union of Biological Science (IUBS)

Member of ICSU, established in 1919 to promote the study of biological sciences and to initiate, facilitate and coordinate research and other scientific activities necessitating international, interdisciplinary cooperation. <http://www.iubs.org/>

### 13. International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS)

Member of ICSU, founded in 1927 to promote the study of microbiological sciences internationally; initiate, facilitate and coordinate research and other scientific activities which involve international cooperation; and maintain contact with other international organizations. <http://www.iums.org/>

### 14. International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC)

Scientific organisation with the goal of advancing the worldwide aspects of the chemical sciences and addressing many global issues involving the chemical sciences. <http://www.iupac.org/>

### 15. International Veterinary Biosafety Workgroup (IVBWG)

International forum to promote microbiological biocontainment and safety in veterinary laboratories that have national responsibility for the health of large animals, and which operate at biosafety level 3 or higher. <http://www.vetbiosafety.org/>

### 16. National Biosafety Association - AnBio (Brazil)

Founded in 1999 to disseminate information about advances in modern biotechnology and its control mechanisms. Disciplines represented include biology, biomedicine, agronomy, food science, pharmacy, chemistry, medicine, nursing, nutrition, architecture and law. <http://www.anbio.org.br/english/index.htm>

### 17. National Academies (United States)

National scientific organization comprising the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council National and bringing together committees of scientific and technological experts to address critical national issues and advise government. <http://www.nationalacademies.org/>

### **Individual Experts from Industry / Private Sector / Other**

- Dr. John Keddie (GlaxoSmithKline)
- Dr. Robert Friedman (J. Craig Venter Institute)
- Dr. Gail Cassell (Eli Lilly and Company)
- Dr. Gary Burns (AstraZeneca PLC)
- Dr. Brooke Rogers (King's Centre for Risk Management, UK)

(Yet to be confirmed – awaiting replies from:

- Biocon Limited, India
- Getz Pharma (Private) Limited, Pakistan
- Cape Biotech Trust, South Africa
- Microbiologica Quimica e Farmaceutica, Brazil
- Association of Asian Biotechnology Associations
- Arab Science & Technology Foundation)