

International Forum on Biosecurity

Agenda

20-22 March 2005

Como, Italy*

Saturday, March 19th

Participants arrive

Sunday, March 20th

- 9:00 a.m. Registration/coffee
- 10:00 Welcome, Introduction to the Forum
Chair: Michael Clegg, U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- Remarks by –
Representative of ICSU -- Francis Gudyanga, Research Council of Zimbabwe
Representative of IAP -- Yves Quere, Academie des Sciences
Representative of IAMP – Sir Peter Lachmann, Centre for Veterinary Science
- 10:30 Opening Plenary -- Keynote addresses
Chair: Michael Clegg
- Speakers:
“Biological Threats to Security: Overview of the Problem” – Mark Smolinski, Nuclear Threat Initiative
- “New Challenges from Life Sciences/Biomedical Research” – Emmanuelle Tuerlings, WHO
- “Sustaining International Scientific Collaboration” – Leda Mendonca–Hagler, Universidade Federal Rio de Janeiro
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Plenary – “Examples of Contentious Research”
Chair: Indira Nath, Asian Institute of Medicine, Science, and Technology
- Speaker: Philip Campbell, Nature
- 15:30 Break
- 16:00 “Responsible Stewardship in the Life Sciences”
Chair: Eduardo Vesentini, Accademia dei Lincei
- Speakers:
Dominique Loye, International Committee of the Red Cross
Ronald Atlas, University of Louisville
Ray Dixon, John Innes Centre
Chris Dean, OECD
Carthage Smith, ICSU
- 18:00 Adjourn for the day; Welcome reception

* The Forum will be held at the Società del Casino, which is located in the Social Theater in the center of Como; the address is Via Bellini 1.

Monday, March 21st

9:00 Meeting begins – Parallel sessions

Session #1 – “Guidelines and principles for professional conduct”

(includes but not limited to codes of conduct; emphasis on underlying issues and comparison of different approaches)

Chair: Willem Levelt, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

Rapporteur: Nick Green, Royal Society

Overviews: Brian Rappert, University of Exeter; Margo Sommerville, McGill University

Session #2 – “Dissemination and Communication of Research Results”

(includes but not limited to publication)

Chair: Hernan Chaimovich, Institute of Chemistry, Universidade de São Paulo

Rapporteur: Carthage Smith, ICSU

Overviews: Gerald Epstein, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Nigel Fletcher-Jones, Blackwell Publishing; Leslie Chan, *Bioline*

Session #3 – Oversight of research

(includes existing and potential systems to provide oversight, both via formal regulation and forms of self-governance)

Chair: Marie Muller, University of Pretoria

Rapporteur: Jo Husbands, U.S. National Academy of Sciences

Overviews: Malcolm Dando, Bradford University; Gigi Kwik Gronvall, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

10:30 Break

11:00 Parallel session resumes

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Parallel sessions continue

16:00 Break

16:30 Parallel sessions continue

20:30 Dinner, Villa Geno restaurant, Viale Geno 12 (this is a 15/20 minute walk from the hotels along the lake; a map will be provided)

Tuesday, March 22nd

9:00 Meeting begins – Final plenary
Chair: Julia Higgins, Royal Society

Highlights of parallel sessions (presented by session chairs)

9:30 Discussion – Further actions and next steps

10:30 Break

11:00 Discussion continues

12:30 Closing remarks

13:00 Conference adjourns; Lunch