



9th Meeting of the International Experts Group of Biosafety and Biosecurity Regulators

February 3 to 5, 2025
Agence nationale de sécurité du médicament et des produits de santé (ANSM)
Paris, France

AGENDA

The International Experts Group of Biosafety and Biosecurity Regulators (IEGBBR) consists of government regulatory officials from 11 countries, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States of America. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) participate as non-member observers. The IEGBBR meets on a biennial basis to network and promote international co-operation, contribute to strengthening of biosafety and biosecurity oversight mechanisms and support responses to emerging issues and threats posed by human and animal pathogens.

Meeting Objectives

- Discuss considerations and constraints of high biocontainment laboratories in urban areas and associated impacts on regulatory biosafety and biosecurity oversight, using France as a model
 - Identify regional challenges to biosafety and biosecurity oversight with a global impact and determine areas for cooperation
 - Discuss current challenges posed by emerging technologies and approaches to biosafety and biosecurity oversight
- Establish the path forward and tools for IEGBBR members to help other countries strengthen or advance their biosafety and biosecurity oversights
 - How to overcome challenges experienced with national biosafety and biosecurity oversights
- Detecting trends in laboratory exposures and their underlying biosafety breaches through incident reporting
 - Discuss the path forward for the IEGBBR and the Secretariat

DAY 1: February 3, 2025 (9:00 am – 5:00pm)*Open for external participants*

Time	Agenda Items
9:00-9:10	1. Welcome
9:10-9:15	2. Welcome by the Director of the ANSM
9:10-9:30	3. Introductions
9:30-10:45	4. High Risk Biocontainment Facilities in Urban Areas - Issue Identification: New technologies and trends, and biosafety and biosecurity challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presenter (TBC - Erasmus University) ➤ Presenter (Institut Méditerranée Infection, Marseille)
10:45-11:00	Health Break
11:00-12:30	2. High Risk Biocontainment Facilities in Urban Areas - Issue Identification: New technologies and trends, and biosafety and biosecurity challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presenter (Anses) ➤ Presenter (TBD – maybe South Africa)
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-15:00	5. Global Biosafety and Biosecurity Challenges Moderator: Trevor Smith (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Africa CDC – Dr. Jaures Noumedem (15 min) ➤ ASEAN (15 min) ➤ CARPHA (15 min) ➤ PAHO (15 min) Panel discussion follows
15:00-15:15	Health Break
15:15-16:45	3. Panel Discussion: Biosafety and Biosecurity Concerns related to Emerging Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IEGBBR Secretariat – Virgilio Cadete (10 min) ➤ US – Nucleic Acid policy– Robert Mikulak (10 min) ➤ France – General Secretariat of Defense and National Security – Dual use research of concern and challenges for regulations (10min) *There will be an opportunity to participate in the discussion
16:45-17:00	6. Closing Remarks