

DOES YOUR RESEARCH RAISE SECURITY CONCERNS?

Strategies for Promoting Responsible Research in the Life Sciences

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Advances in the life sciences have the potential to transform our world. From the discovery of novel antimicrobial compounds to the emerging technologies of synthetic biology, scientific advances will lead to new approaches to address human health, environmental and agricultural challenges. However, the same research and technologies that hold such immense promise can, in the wrong hands, be misused to pose a threat to public health and national security. Such research is often called “dual use research.” The webcast will include a discussion of dual use research within the context of antimicrobial resistance and synthetic biology, as well as various approaches to manage risks associated with dual use research.

Effective global dialogue on concerns and issues regarding dual use life sciences research is essential to achieving an effective balance between public health priorities and national security concerns. This international Webcast is the second in a series of internet-based meetings aimed at engaging the international community by region. To learn more about dual use life sciences research visit www.biosecurityboard.gov.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE? Those who are engaged in or have an interest in life sciences research.

REGIONAL FOCUS: Europe. (The Webcast will be available live worldwide.)

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