



PROGRAMME

COUNTERING CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 September 2007

871st WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

in co-operation with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office

How can chemical and biological weapons (CBW) anti-proliferation regimes be strengthened? What issues are likely to be contentious at the 2008 Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Review Conference? What future for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)? How can acquisition of CBW by terrorists be prevented? Do new technological developments blur the distinction between CW and BW? With what effect on regimes?

Speakers invited and themes proposed

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

- 1500-1515 **Welcome to Wilton Park**
Mark SMITH
Programme Director, Security and Defence, Wilton Park, Steyning
- 1515-1630 1 **THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF CBW PROLIFERATION**
What constitutes proliferation? Who are the players? What are the modes (networks etc)
- Julian ROBINSON**
Director, Harvard Sussex Programme, SPRU, Science & Technology Policy Research,
University of Sussex, Brighton
- Frank VAN BEUNINGEN**
Senior Advisor for Security Affairs and Non-Proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The
Hague
- 1630-1715 Tea and photograph
- 1715-1845 2 **BIOWEAPONS PROLIFERATION AND THE LIFE SCIENCES**
*How does the international life sciences community and governments define, standardize,
and implement biosecurity/biosafety norms to facilitate the management of biological threat
agents?*
- Session Chair: Larry KERR**, Senior Bio Adviser, Office of the Director of National
Intelligence, Washington DC
- Jonathan TUCKER**
Senior Fellow, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), Monterey Institute
of International Studies, Washington DC
- Steve ELEY**
Technical Authority for CBR Hazard Assessment, Defence Science Technology
Laboratory, Porton Down
- 1900 Drinks reception
1930 Dinner

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

- 0915-1045 3 **BTWC REVIEW CONFERENCE: LOOKING AHEAD**
A year after the 2006 BTWC RevCon, what do the conclusions and decisions made in Geneva mean for the future? How can these decisions be implemented and what remains to be resolved?
- Masood KHAN**
President of the 6th Biological and Toxin Weapons Review Conference; Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Office; Geneva
- Paula DESUTTER**
Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Verification, Compliance and Implementation, US Department of State, Washington DC
- 1045 Coffee
- 1115-1200 4 **Plenary presentations followed by**
1200-1330 **discussion in smaller groups**
- The chemical weapons regime beyond 2012: What are the implications of the enterprise on chemical weapons moving from a disarmament institution to a non-proliferation institution?*
- Ralf TRAPP**
International Disarmament Consultant, Chessenaz
- Chem-bio crossover: what are the implications of a blurring boundary between biological and chemical technology?*
- Brian NORDMANN**
Director, Office of Biological Weapons Affairs, Bureau of Verification Compliance and Implementation, US Department of State, Washington DC
- 1330 Lunch
- 1530-1700 5 **NON-LETHAL WEAPONS: GRASPING THE NETTLE**
What are the implications of riot control agents and incapacitants for the CWC and BTWC? What of the chem-bio crossover?
- Donald NEILL**
Senior Analyst, Directorate of Strategic Analysis, Centre for Operational Research and Analysis, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa
- Vivienne NATHANSON**
Director of Professional Activities, British Medical Association, London
- 1700-1730 Tea
- 1730-1745 6 **FEEDBACK FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS**
- 1745-1900 7 **CWC REVIEW CONFERENCE 2008: LOOKING AHEAD**
What will count as a successful Review Conference? How might this be achieved and what are the obstacles?
- Session Chair: Julian ROBINSON**, Director, Harvard Sussex Programme, SPRU, Science & Technology Policy Research, University of Sussex, Brighton
- Rogelio PFIRTER**
Director-General, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The Hague
- 2000 Dinner

SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

0915-1045 8 **CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AS PUBLIC CONCERNS**
What is the role of the media in the public understanding of CBW proliferation? Is the impact of CBW terrorism something that has been distorted or 'hyperbolised' by media representations? What role can the media play in the non-proliferation/disarmament enterprise?

Bill DUODIE

Senior Lecturer, Risk and Security, Cranfield University, Swindon

Colin MACILWAIN

Editor, Business and Comment, Nature, Edinburgh

Gordon CORERA

Security Correspondent, BBC News, London

1045 Coffee

1115-1245 9 **CONCLUSIONS:
IS THE CURRENT COUNTER-PROLIFERATION REGIME UP TO THE CHALLENGE?
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN IT?**

Donald MAHLEY

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control Implementation, US Department of State, Washington DC

Nikita SMIDOVICH

Chief of Training, United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), New York

1245 Lunch

1415 Participants depart