

# LAUNCHING A GLOBAL RESEARCH AGENDA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED BIOSAFETY



*Join Us to Shape the Future of Applied Biosafety*

## ATTEND A WORKSHOP

We are hosting a series of workshops to build a global biorisk research agenda. Join us at a workshop to contribute your input! Participants will have the opportunity to directly shape potential future research projects and to collaborate with multisectoral experts from around the world. The research agenda will identify high priority research topics to be tackled by the global biorisk management community and will be circulated with interested funders. Each in-person, two-day workshop will be held on the sidelines of an international conference.

In 2024, workshops will focus on data needs underlying:

- **Engineering Controls and Facilities**
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in Antwerp, Belgium, adjacent to the Annual European Biosafety Association (EBSA) Conference
- **Biorisk Management System Implementation and Evaluation**
  - September in Manila, Philippines, adjacent to the Joint Asia-Pacific Biosafety Association (A-PBA) and BioRisk Association of the Philippines (BRAP) Conference
- **Safe Work Practices in Research Laboratories**
  - Dates and location TBA

In 2023, three workshops were held that focused on data needs underlying:

- **Decontamination and Waste Management**
- **Safe Work Practices with Agricultural and Veterinary Pathogens**
- **Safe Work Practices in Clinical and Diagnostic Laboratories**

## PURPOSE

Effective biorisk management is critical for mitigating biological threats in laboratories handling high consequence pathogens around the world, yet current practices are often based on outdated research, non-biological practices, or ad-hoc protocols that lack a proven scientific evidence base. A global biorisk research agenda will facilitate the research needed to bolster evidence-based biorisk management. The final agenda will be disseminated to researchers, policy makers, and regulators to guide the implementation of new biosafety research projects and, ultimately, inform scientifically sound biorisk management practices, strengthen international networks, and foster sustainable global expertise.

## PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

We are looking to bring together technical experts from across the one health spectrum and from countries of all resources levels who are interested in shaping the direction of future applied biosafety research. We are seeking participants with subject matter expertise in pathogen research, biorisk management, and the biosafety focus areas of each workshop. Participants should have direct experience assessing and mitigating biorisks, whether in their capacity as a researcher, laboratory manager, clinical scientist, biosafety practitioner, containment engineer, or other role.

## TRAVEL

Participants may already be in attendance at the adjacent conference or may indicate a need for travel support when submitting their nomination (funded by DOS/ISN/NDF). All travel awards are subject to review by the funder. Workshops will be conducted in English.

## PARTICIPANT NOMINATION

If you are interested in participating or nominating someone to participate in one or more workshops, please complete the form at the link below. The project team will review all nominations before issuing formal invitations to selected participants. More event details are available through the link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bioriskresearchagenda>

**Not ready to apply but want to stay in the loop? Reach out for information or with questions:**  
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