Scientific Openness and National Security Workshop
National Research Council
NAS Auditorium
Washington, DC
January 9, 2003

Agenda

The Center for Strategic and International Studies and the National Academies co-sponsored this public meeting to bring together scientists and policy-makers to discuss whether current publication policies and practices in the life sciences might lead to the inadvertent disclosure of "sensitive" information. The meeting's goal was to start a dialogue between the science and security communities that might eventually lead to the development of a common set of publication policies for journals in the life sciences.

8:30-9:15 Welcoming Remarks
- Bruce Alberts, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. [Text of Speech, Slides, Audio]
- Ronald Atlas, American Society for Microbiology, Washington, D.C. [Text of Speech, Audio]

9:15-9:30 Perspectives on Balancing National Security and Openness in the Life Sciences
- John Marburger, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. [Audio, Prepared Statement]

9:30 - 10:30 Panel 1: Scientific Openness and National Security -- Past as Prologue? [Audio]

Moderator: John Hamre

Presenters:
- Sheila Widnall, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. [Text of Speech]
- Elizabeth Rindskopf-Parker, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, Calif. [Text of Speech]

10:30 - 11:00 Questions & Answers
11:30 - 12:50
Panel 2: Knowledge Production in the Life Sciences: Assessing the Threat [Audio]

Moderator: Bruce Alberts

Presenters:
- David Franz, Southern Research Institute, Frederick, Md. [Text of Speech, Slides]
- Stephen S. Morse, Columbia University, New York City [Text of Speech, Slides]
- Claire Fraser, The Institute for Genomic Research, Rockville, Md. [Text of Speech, Slides]
- George Poste, Health Technology Networks, Scottsdale, Ariz. [Text of Speech, Slides]

12:50 – 1:15 Questions & Answers

2:15 - 4:30
Panel 3: "Sensitive" Information in the Life Sciences -- Review of Four Case Studies

Moderators: Nick Cozzarelli and Thomas Shenk

Presenters:

Part A
National Academy of Sciences Agroterrorism Report [Audio]
- James Cook, Washington State University, Pullman [Text of Speech]

Questions & Answers

Part B
Sensitive Research Case Studies [Audio]
- Ariella Rosengard, University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Philadelphia, P.A. [Text of Speech]
- Eckard Wimmer, State University of New York, Stony Brook [Text of Speech, Slides]
- Parney Albright, Office of Homeland Security and White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. [Text of Speech, Slides]

Questions & Answers
Part C

Editors Response [Audio]

- Don Kennedy, Science, Washington, D.C.
- Nick Cozzarelli, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Questions & Answers
5:00: - 5:40
Panel 4: Policies and Proposals [Audio]

Moderators: Ronald Atlas and Gerry Fink

Presenters:

- Linton Wells II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for C3I (DOD Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence). [Text of Speech, Slides]
- Sam Kaplan, chair, Publications Board, American Society for Microbiology, Washington, D.C. [Prepared Statement, Text of Speech]

5:40 – 6:00 Questions & Answers