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UPDATE
Fifth Annual Summer Programme on
Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass
Destruction in a Changing World

THE ROLE OF DIPLOMACY IN REDUCING WMDs
&
CONVERGENCE OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY

We are pleased to announce two special sessions in this year's WMD summer programme.

The session on "**the Role of Diplomacy in Reducing WMDs**" on the opening day of this year's Summer Programme will feature a top line-up of experienced diplomats: **H.E. Tibor Toth**, former Executive Secretary of the CTBTO in Vienna; **Mr Richard Lennane**, former head of the BWC Implementation Support Group in Geneva; and the OPCW's own **Malik Ellahi**, a special adviser on Syria who headed the fact-finding mission to investigate alleged uses of chlorine there.

The convergence of chemistry and biology is presenting a growing challenge to effective implementation of the existing treaty regimes that ban chemical and biological weapons. **Jonathan Forman**, the Science Policy Adviser to the OPCW, will examine some of the challenges and how the OPCW is addressing them to keep the Chemical Weapons Convention abreast of developments in science and technology.

The WMD summer programme will also include field visits to the nuclear research reactor in Delft, the OPCW equipment store in Rijswijk and a live exercise of an alleged use of a chemical weapons hosted by the Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO).

From 1 – 5 September 2014 the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in partnership with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), will organise the '**Fifth Annual Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World**'. Further information can be found on our [website](#).

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