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# OPCW Scientific Advisory Board Briefing to States Parties

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14 June 2019

### Outline

- ➤ Overview of the SAB
- ➤ Updates on activities since the SAB 27
- ➤ Brief summary of the SAB 28
- ➤SAB's road map to the 5<sup>th</sup> Review Conference





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A dear colleague, a committed member of the SAB, a good friend





Scientific Advisory Board 2019





### **Scientific Advisory Board 2019**

## Turnover of the SAB

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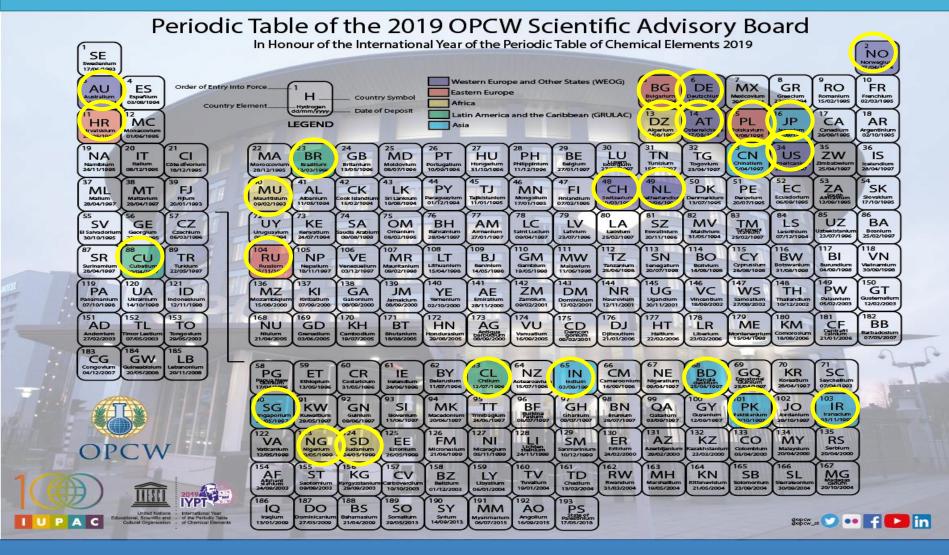




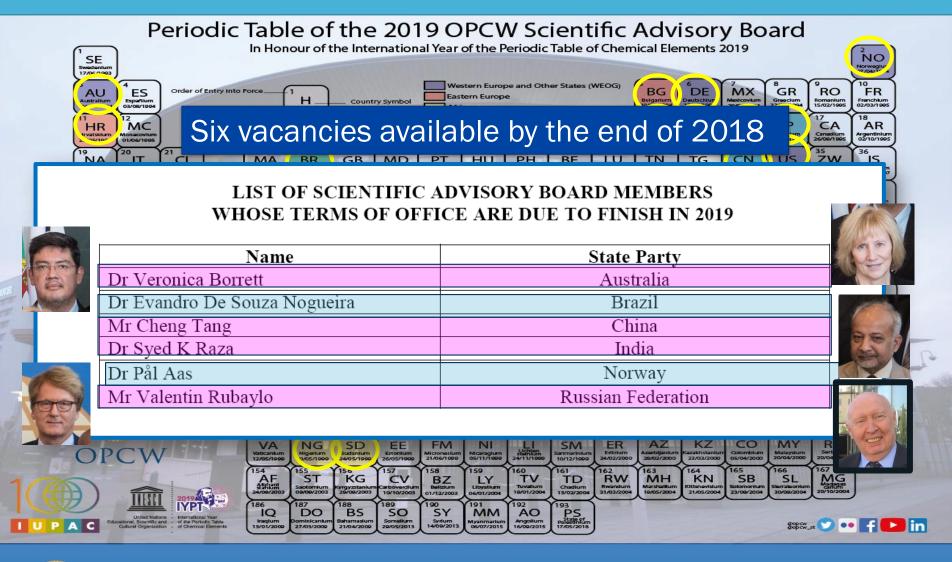
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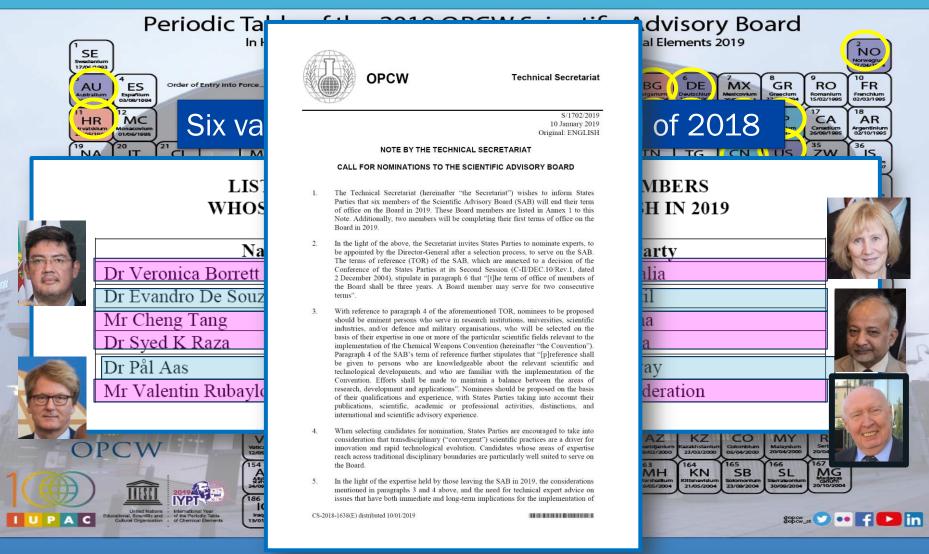




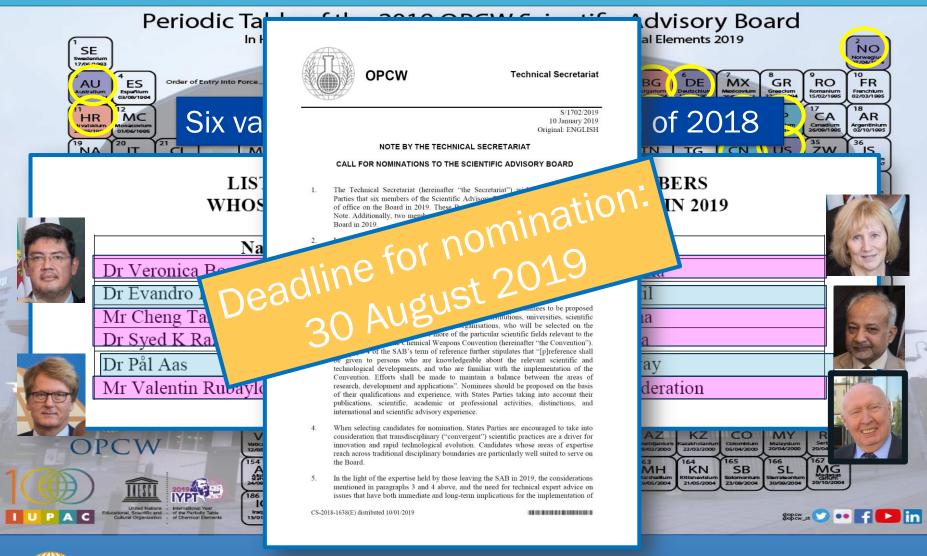












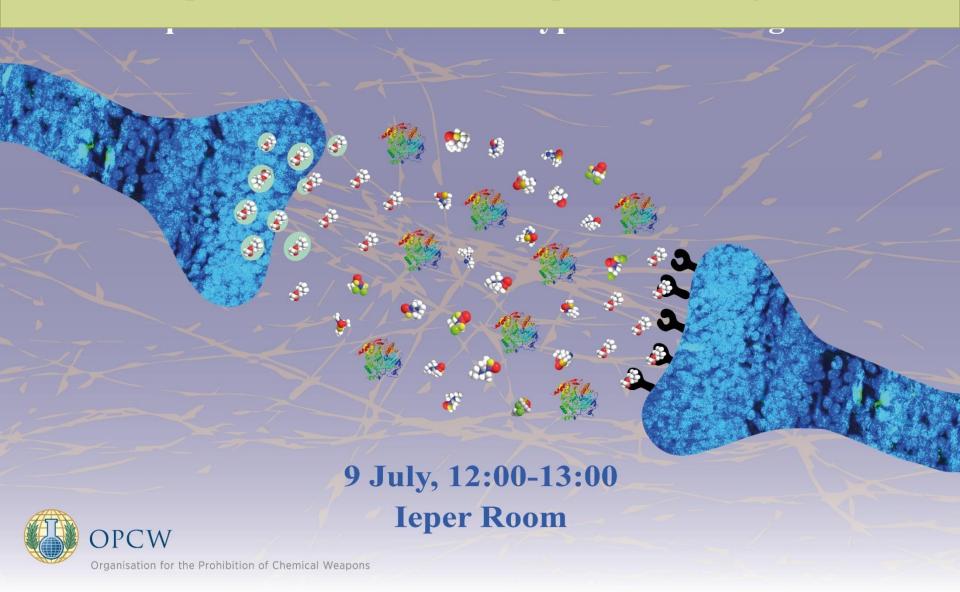


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  - to provide advice on toxic chemicals that have been identified as, or are suspected of being, new types of nerve agents
  - to brief SPs/the delegations before the 88<sup>th</sup> EC Session (11 -13 July 2018)

#### The DG's requested to the SAB dated 30 April 2018

#### DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REQUEST TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON NEW TYPES OF NERVE AGENTS

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  United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have drawn considerable attention
  internationally, including in the scientific community. While the Malaysia incident
  involved a well-known V-series nerve agent, the incident in the United Kingdom involved
  a highly toxic nerve agent with a structure that has appeared in open literature but has never
  been declared under the Chemical Weapons Convention. For the chemical identified in the
  United Kingdom incident, no information has been reported in peer-reviewed scientific
  literature.
- 2. The possibility that new types of nerve agents have been developed as weapons has been a topic of discussion for many years among experts outside the OPCW.<sup>1</sup> The toxic chemicals discussed have included organophosphorus structures that would fall under schedule 2B.04 of the Convention's Annex on Chemicals, as well as related organophosphorus structures that would not belong to any of the current schedules. The chemical identified from the United Kingdom incident is not included in the current schedules. As a result of the incident in the United Kingdom, articles are now appearing in scientific society membership publications<sup>2</sup> and journals<sup>3</sup> speculating on the structure and properties of the chemical used and other related chemicals that might have been developed as nerve agents. These publications have broad international distribution.
- Given the potential relevance of new types of toxic chemicals to the Convention and with
  a view to preventing the re-emergence of chemical weapons, a clear, factual basis will be
  needed for future discussions. Information is necessary as background for consideration by
  States Parties of possible measures to address the potential threat of hostile use of such
  chemicals.

See paragraphs 11.1 to 11.3 of the report of the Scientific Advisory Board at its Sixteenth Session (SAB-161), dated 6 April 2011); www.opcw.org/fileadmin/OPCW/SAB/en/sab-16-01\_e\_pdf.

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### Scientific Advisory Board Briefing on the Director-General's Request for Advice on New Types of Nerve Agents



Scientific Advisory Board

Twenty-Eighth Session

SAB-28/WP.1 ENGLISH only

RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REQUEST TO THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON NEW TYPES OF NERVE AGENTS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report provides advice from the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) on toxic chemicals that have been identified as, or are suspected of belonging to a new generation of nerve agents in response to a request by the Director-General. This request was initiated following a review of the findings of the March 2018 technical assistance visit (TAV) to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.2 The TAV had been requested in regard to an incident involving a nerve agent in the city of Salisbury on 4 March 2018 ("the Salisbury Incident").3 The full text of the request to the SAB is contained in the Annex to
- The SAB was informed that the chemical identified by authorities in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and confirmed by the TAV had never been declared under the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter, the "Convention"), and did not appear in the Annex on Chemicals.4 Public information on the incident described the chemical as a type of nerve agent using the terminology "Novichok" (which means "newcomer"). However, the chemical structure was not made public and speculation from open literature on the identity of the chemical could not be verified.
- The Director-General tasked the SAB for advice and also requested that States Parties, in a position to do so, provide information to assist the SAB. See: Note by the Director-General Request for Information from States Parties on New Types of Nerve Agents; S/1621/2018, dated 2 May 2018; www.opcw.org/fileadmin/OPCW/S\_series/2018/en/s-1621-2018\_e\_.pdf.
- Note by the Technical Secretariat: Summary of the Report on Activities Carried Out in Support of a Request for Technical Assistance by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Technical Assistance Visit TAV/02/18); S/1612/2018, dated 12 April 2018; www.opcw.org/fileadmin/OPCW/S series/2018/en/s-1612-2018 e 1 .pdf.
- Information from OPCW on the Salisbury Incident is available at
- www.opcw.org/special-sections/salisbury-incident/.
- Annex on Chemicals, Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, Organisations for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The Hague, 1997; www.opcw.org/chemical-weapons-convention/annexes/annex-on-chemicals/. Chemical structure
- www.opcw.org/fileadmin/OPCW/Science\_Technology/Guide\_to\_Schedules.pdf. Due to OPCW confidentiality requirements, the SAB was not provided with information on the name or structure of the chemical contained within the Salisbury Incident TAV report.

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Final Report (SAB-28/WP.1)
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Scheduled Chemicals under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)

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Schedule 1

Guidelines for Schedule 1

The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a costs chamical or procursor should be included in Schedule 11.

(a) it has been developed, produced, stockpiled or used as a chemical weapon as

defined in Article II; (b) it poses otherwise a high risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its high potential for use in activities prohibited under this

Convention because one or more of the following conditions are met:

(i) It possesses a chemical structure closely related to that of other toxic chemicals listed in Schedule s, and has, or can be expected to have,

(ii) It possesses such lethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that would enable it to be used as a chemical weapon.
(iii) It may be used as a presenter in the final single technological stage of production of a toxic chemical letted in Schedule 1, regardless of

whether this stage takes place in facilities, in reunitions as abowhere; it is has little or no use for purposes not prohibited under this Convention. Schedule 2

Guidelines for Schedule 2

The following offeria shall be taken into account in considering whether a took chamical not fested in Schedule 1 or a precursor to a Schedule 1 observicel or to a chamical listed in Schedule 2, part. A should be included in Schedule 2.

(a) It poses a significant risk to the object and perpose of this Convention because it possesses such tethal or incapacitating toxicity as well as other properties that could enable it to be used as a chemical weapone;

(b) It may be used as a precursor in one of the chemical reactions at the final stage of formation of a chemical listed in Schedule 1 or Schedule 1, part A; (1) It poses a significant risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of a chemical listed in Schedule 1 or

(d) It is not produced in large commercial quantities for purposes not prohibited

under this Convention.

Schedule 3

Guidelines for Schedule 3

The following criteria shall be taken into account to considering whether a tools shared or presenter, not listed in other Schedules, should be included in Schedules.

(a) It has been produced, stockpilled or used so a chemical weapon;

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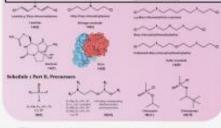
(c) It poses a risk to the object and purpose of this Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of one or more chemicals listed in Schedule s. or Schedule s, part b;

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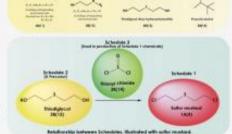
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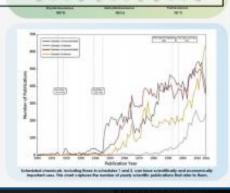
In line with Scientific Advisory Board recommendations to the Fourth Review Conference about chemicals, consideration of whether any changes to the Schedules, involving new nerve agents and their precursors, would be warranted to ensure appropriate restrictions on, and monitoring of, such chemicals.



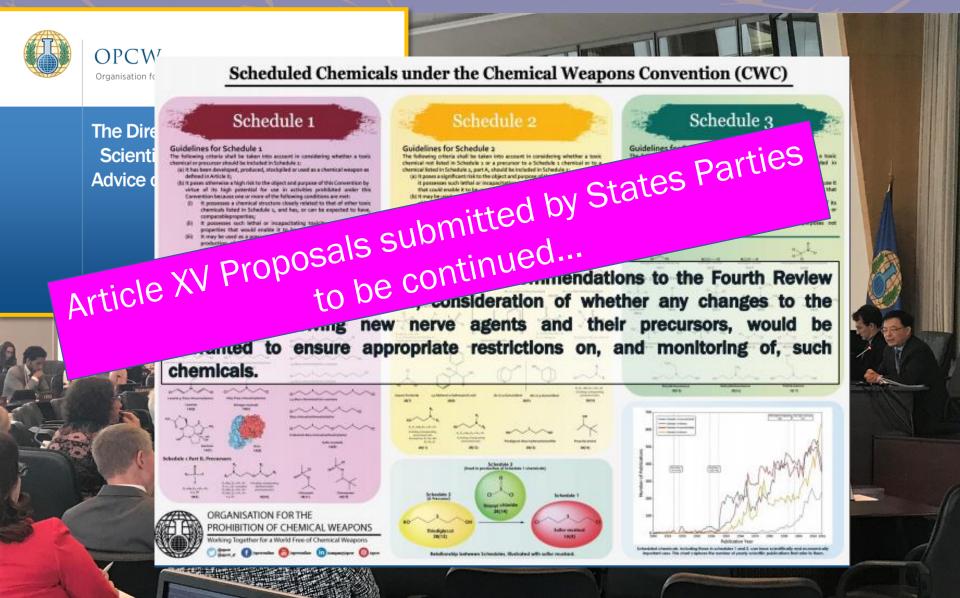








# Scientific Advisory Board Briefing on the Director-General's Request for Advice on New Types of Nerve Agents









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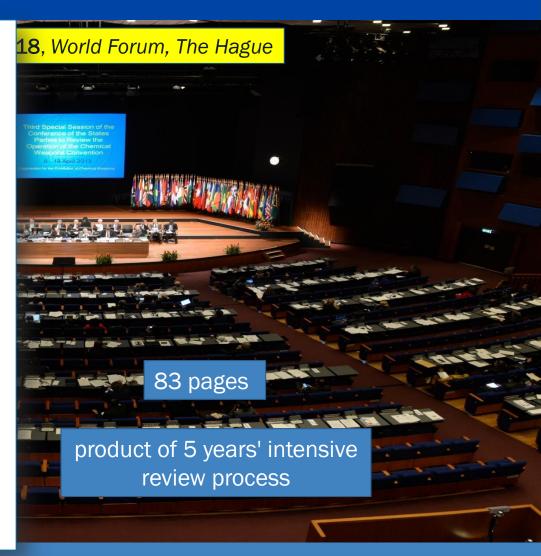
Fourth Session 21 - 30 November 2018 RC-4/DG.1 30 April 2018 Original: ENGLISH

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD
ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FOURTH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW
THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

#### Introduction

- 1. The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) was established by the Director-General in accordance with subparagraph 21(h) and paragraph 45 of Article VIII of the Chemical Wespons Convention (hereinafter "the Council"), so that he could reader to the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter "the Conference") and the Executive Council (hereinafter "the Council") specialized advice in areas of science and technology relevant to the Convention. In keeping with this mandate, and as its countburbon to the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Wespons Convention (hereinafter "the Fourth Review Conference"), to be held from 21 to 30 November 2018, the SAB has prepared this report, which analyses relevant developments in science and technology over the past five years and presents recommendations and observations that the SAB considers to be important for the review of the operation of the Convention and its furture implementation.
- 2. This report contains an executive summary and recommendations addressing issues that may impact the implementation of the Convention and the work of the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter "the Secretariat"). The analysis of developments in science and technology that informed the recommendations, as well as additional, more detailed recommendations, are provided in Annex 1.
- 3. This is the fourth report for a Review Conference by the SAB on developments in science and technology relevant to the Convention. The three earlier reports were presented to the First Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Wespons Convention (Exercine Terminal Review Conference), the Second Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Wespons Convention (the Sinter The Second Review Conference), and the Third Special Session of the Conference

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RC-1/DG.2, dated 23 April 2003.

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### 747 Attendees

289 individuals

- 58 Nationalities

### **453 Speakers**

- 201 individuals
- 58 Nationalities 32 Reports

#### **Engagement in Scientific**

**Communities** 

Scientific Advisory Board's Recommendations to the Fourth Review Conference of the Chemical Weapons Convention



A quick reference guide to the executive summary recommendations of the OPCW Scientific Advisory Board's report on developments in science and technology to the Fource Review Conference (RC-4/DG.1, dated 30 April 2018).



recommendations focused on 8 thematic areas













# SAB's report to the 4th Review Conference



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**Review Conference** 

Fourth Session 21 - 30 November 2018 RC-4/3/Rev.1 30 November 2018 Original: ENGLISH

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE)

The Chairperson of the Fourth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter "the Fourth Review Conference") issues this report under the general powers of the presiding officer (Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the States Parties). Before presenting this report the Chairperson submitted a Draft Informal Report on the Review of the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention for the consideration of the Fourth Review Conference. Based on comments received, he concluded that, despite broad consultations and best efforts, consensus could not be achieved. The Review Conference worked on the principle that nothing was agreed until everything was agreed.





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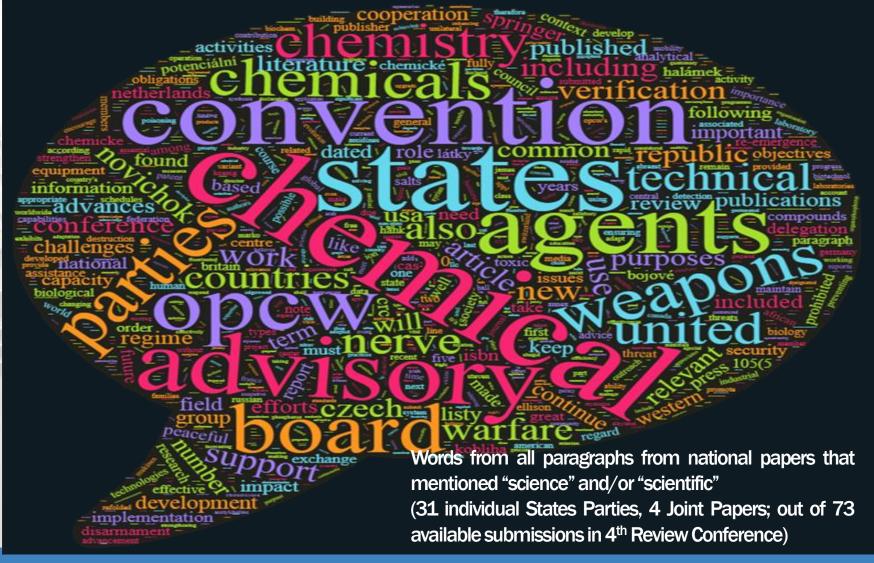
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### Remarks from Individual States Parties





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Fourth Session
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Positive comments
and support

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**BULGARIA** 

STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR KRASSIMIR KOSTOV
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
TO THE OPCW AT THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO REVIEW
THE OPERATION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS

On the eve of the 150th anniversary of the Mendeleev Table, which we will celebrate next year, we have a special word of gratitude to all colleagues from the OPCW and, in particular, to Dr Jonathan Forman, OPCW Science Policy Adviser and Secretary to the SAB, for naming the fifth element on the just published Periodic Table of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention "Bulgarium" in recognition of the fact that my country was the fifth to join the Chemical Weapons Convention.



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Words from all paragraphs from national papers that mentioned "science" and/or "scientific" (31 individual States Parties, 4 Joint Papers; out of 73 available submissions in 4<sup>th</sup> Review Conference)





#### ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

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#### **Temporary Working Group on Investigative Science and Technology**

Reporting to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), the Temporary Working Group (TWG) will in particular consider the following questions:

#### Question 1:

Which methods and capabilities used in the forensic sciences could usefully be developed and/or adopted for Chemical Weapons Convention-based investigations?



#### Question 2:

What are the best practices and analysis tools used in the forensic sciences for effectively cross-referencing, validating, and linking together information related to investigation sites, materials collected/analysed, and individuals interviewed?



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What are the best practices for management of data collected in investigations, including compilation, curation, and analytics?



#### Question 4:

What are the best practices for the collection, handling, curation and storage, and annotation of evidence?



#### Duestion 5:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) allow point-of-care and non-destructive measurements at an investigation site to help guide evidence collection?



#### **Question 6:**

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used in the provenancing of chemical and/or material samples collected in an investigation?



#### Question 7:

Which methods are available (or are being developed) for the sampling and analysis of environmental and biomedical materials and can be used in the detection of toxic industrial chemical relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention?



#### Question 8:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used in ensuring chain of custody and verifying authenticity (especially in regard to digital images and video recordings)?



#### Question 9

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used to ensure the integrity of an investigation site?



#### **Question 10:**

Do collections of physical objects, samples, and other information for chemical weapons-related analysis exist and can they be made available to investigators for retrospective review? How might these collections be used to support investigations?



#### Question 11:

Are there stakeholders that the Technical Secretariat could usefully engage with to leverage their capabilities on investigative matters?



In addition, the TWG will provide advice on Technical Secretariat proposals for methodologies, procedures, technologies, and equipment for investigative purposes.





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- First meeting was held 12 to 14 February 2018
- Second meeting was held 14 to 16 November 2018
- Third meeting 2 to 4 April 2019

#### REPORTING

- Report to the SAB
- Potential for Interim Report
- Potential for DG request to SAB for Advice

First Meeting February 2018 Second Meeting November 2018

Further Meetings 2019

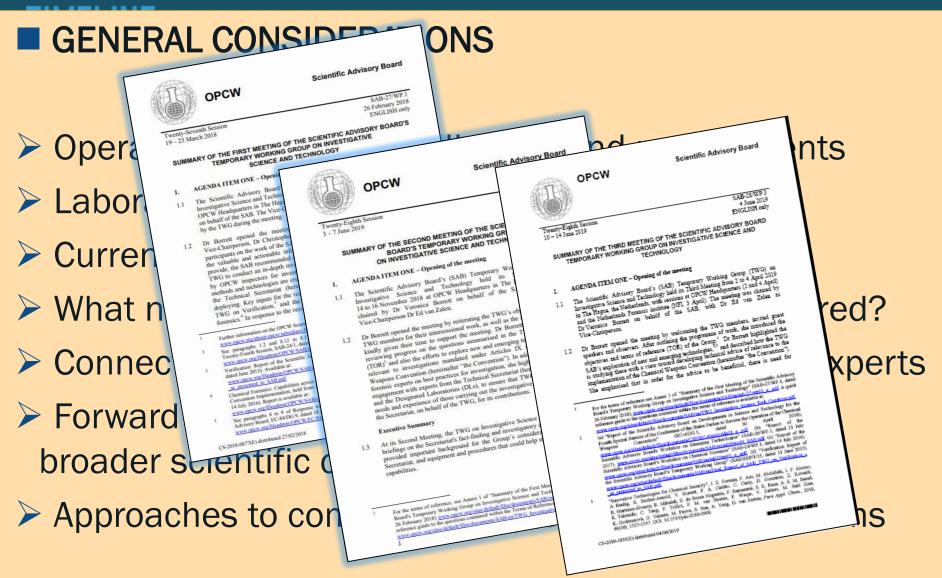
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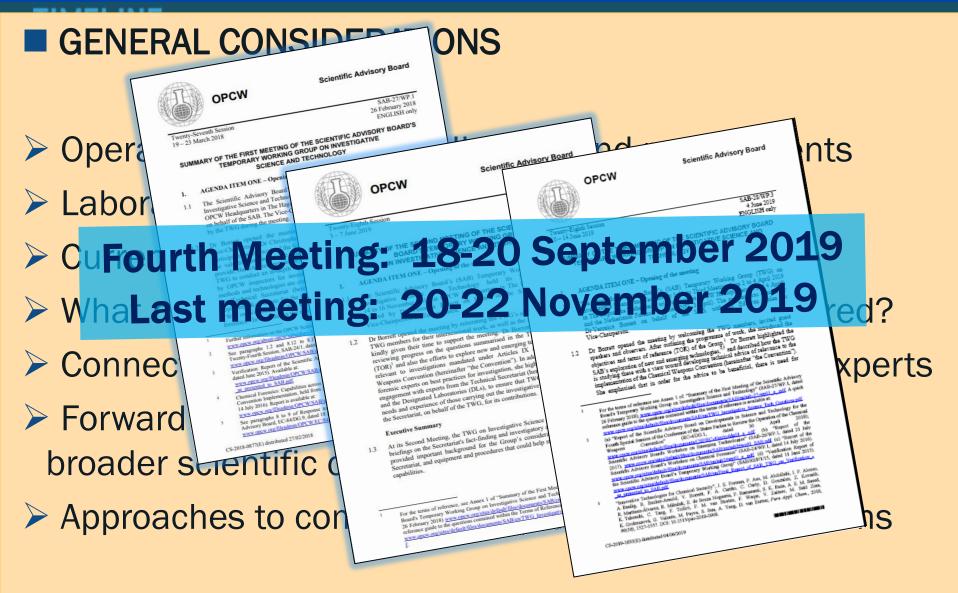
2-year timeframe

Intersessional work of the Sub Groups

#### ■ GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Operational context challenges and requirements
- Laboratory capabilities
- Current best-practice and SOPs
- What new capabilities and connections are required?
- > Connections with forensic community and other experts
- Forward thinking and emerging technologies from broader scientific community
- > Approaches to combine multiple information streams





# Engagement with the BWC communities



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@OPCW breakfast side event on Disarmament and Technological Change #1972BWC #BWCMX #BWCMX2 @OPCW\_ST #SciTech

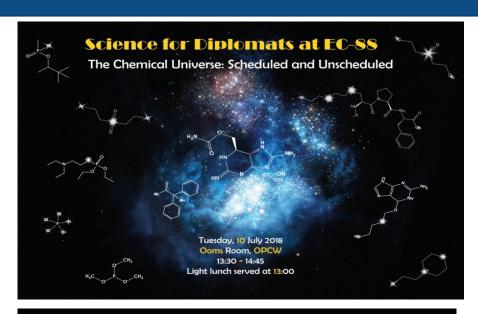
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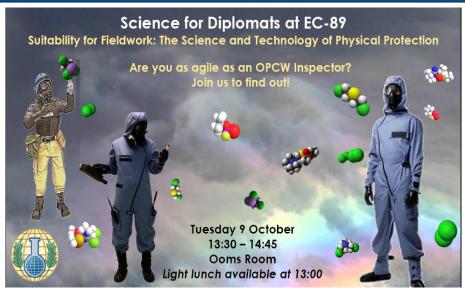


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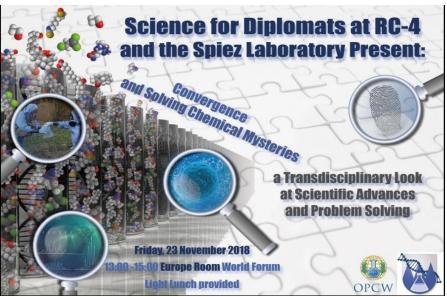


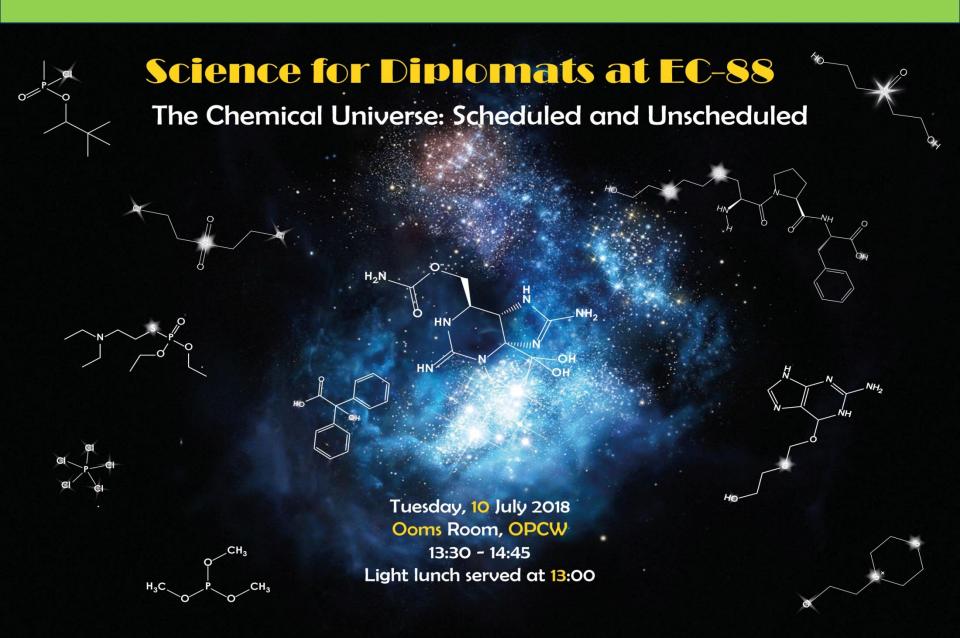
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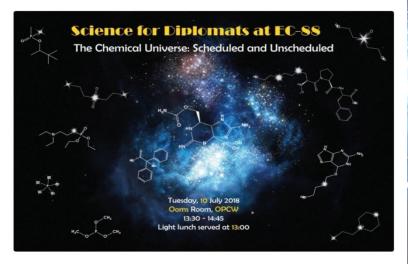






Join us at EC-88 for #ScienceforDiplomats, a journey across the chemical universe & a look at the @OPCW Scientific Advisory Board #CWCRC4 recommendations on schedules.

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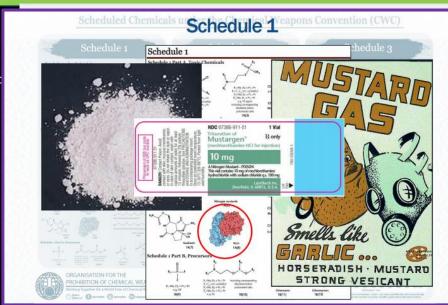
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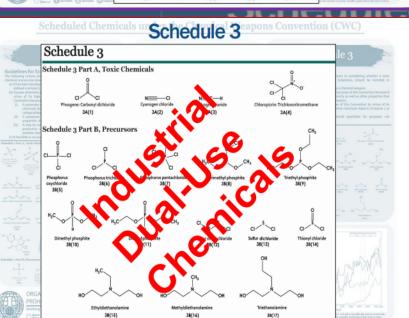
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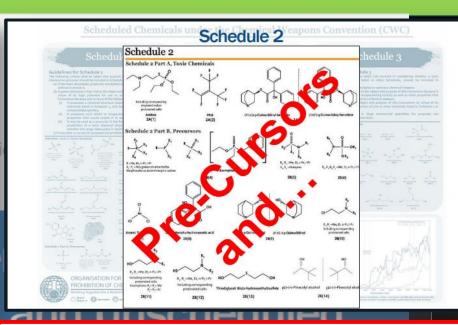
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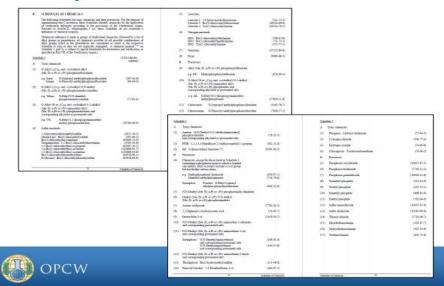
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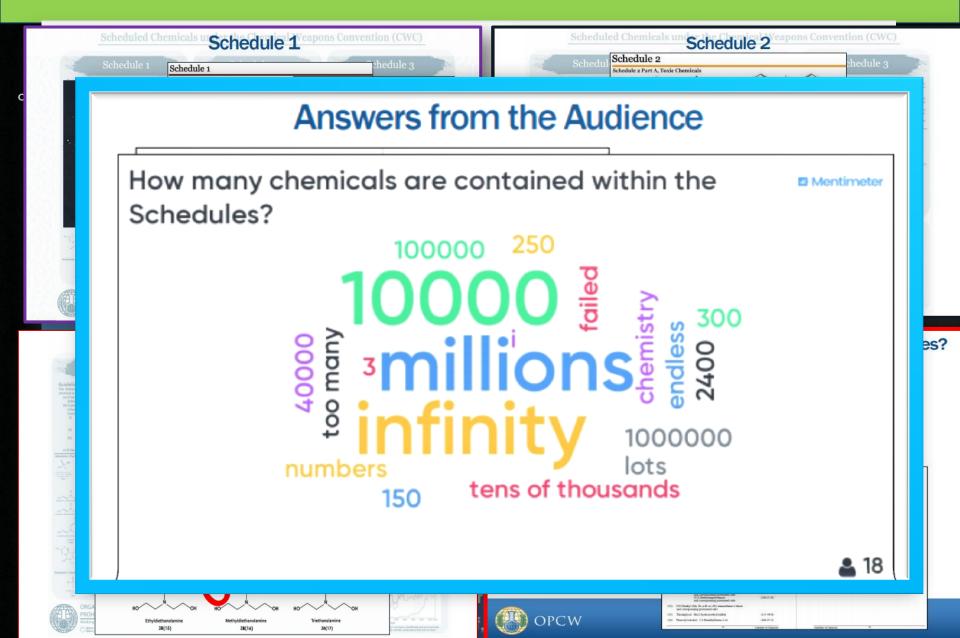






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And Now... Your Chance to Hear Directly from the Inspectors



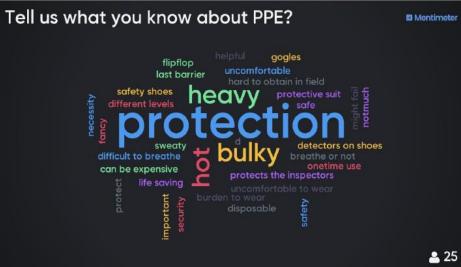




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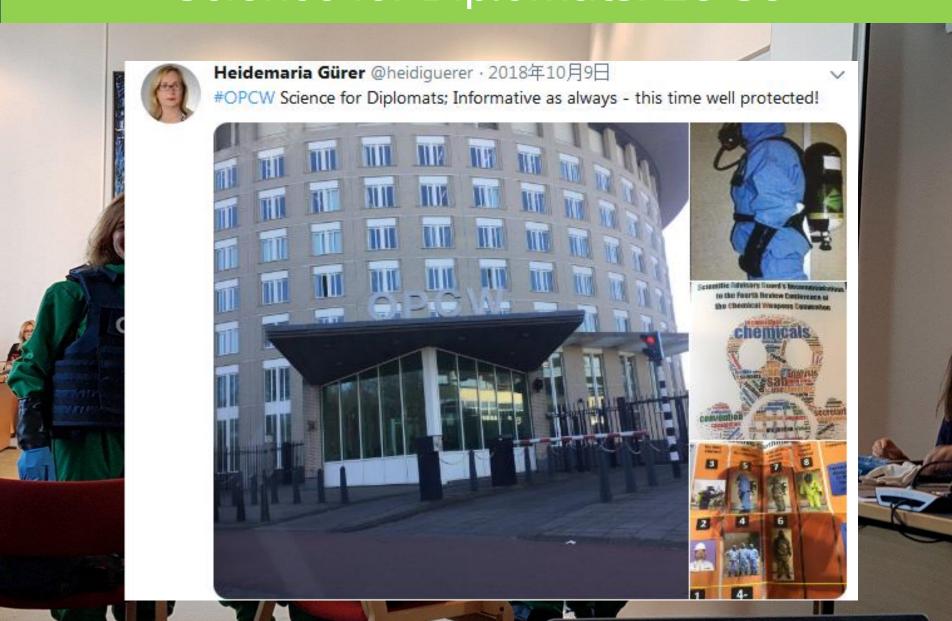


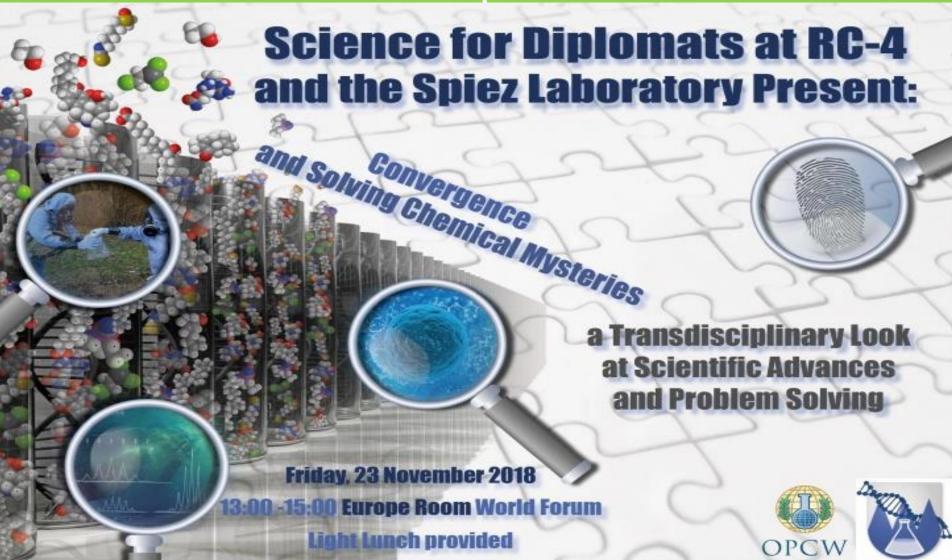
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#### **Spiez CONVERGENCE 2018**

**S&T** @ crossroad of chemistry and biology RC-4, Science for Diplomats, 23 Nov. 2018

Stefan Mogl, Beat Schmidt Spiez Laboratory



#### Spiez CONVERGENCE workshop series 2014 / 2016 / 2018



- Explore S&T challenges to CWC and BWC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Review of S&T at intersection of biology and chemistry
- Participants from academia, industry, arms control

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#### TWG ON INVESTIGATIVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

- The ability to access and apply new technology solutions for evaluating and documenting a scene or equipment, and detection and sampling.
  - help highlight sampling hotspots (the best place to take a sample)
    - can reduce the number of samples and increase their utility, reduce logistic burden and workload for OPCW lab and DL
    - increase effectiveness of time spent at the scene
  - support risk assessment for inspectors
  - support planning to reduce the time required at a scene e.g. to reduce hazards that may be associated with working in personal protective equipment
- Robust forensic methods to ensure the integrity of information and sampled materials
  - Best practice for chain of custody, scene documentation, detection and analysis
- Site assessment, documentation, sampling and analysis, and Chain of Custody may benefit from the application of technology solutions, such as:
  - UGV/UAVs.
  - imaging (particularly satellite imaging),
  - 3D and 2D scanning, and
  - inclusion of RFIDs (i.e. electronic tags) for monitoring, tracking and Chain of Custody.











Renate Backer-Arnold (SAB Member):

Leading the digital transformation in chemicals





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Tuesday 12 March 2019
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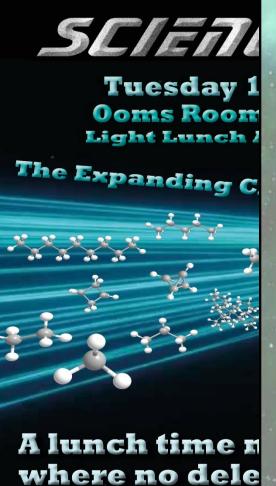
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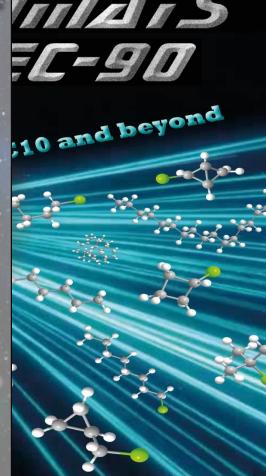






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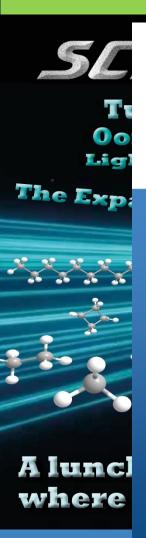
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# The Expanding Chemical Universe: From C1 to C10 and Beyond

Science for Diplomats at EC-90 The Hague, 12 March 2019

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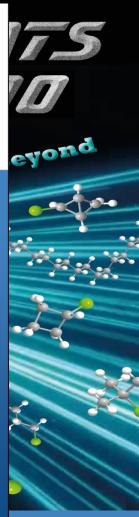
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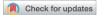


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#### **REVIEW**



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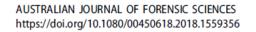
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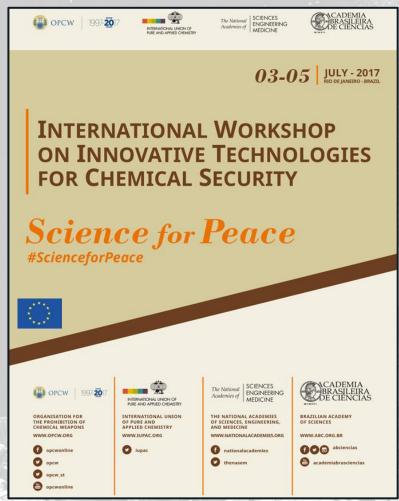
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The DG opened the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the SAB

- Asked the Board to continue its valuable considerations on where emerging tools and new scientific approaches fit into the dynamic and evolving operating environment of the Secretariat:
  - science and technology will only continue advancing at rapid pace, leaving us with open-ended questions on its implications for the Convention;
  - science advice for our decision makers must be practical and understandable, and it must address the needs of the OPCW;
  - the Board's views should serve to inspire and guide the OPCW in seizing enabling opportunities arising from technological change;
  - To support the project to upgrade the OPCW Laboratory into a "Centre for Chemistry and Technology", and especially to draw upon the findings from the TWG on investigative science and technology for formulating advice.



#### Agenda of the SAB 28

- Overview of development at the OPCW since the last session of the Scientific Advisory Board
- Outreach and engagement
- Advice on chemicals
- ◆Investigative science
- Legacy chemical weapons
- Scientific and technological element of verification technologies, emerging technologies and new equipment
- Assistance and protection
- Digitalisation
- OPCW Laboratory
- Development in science and technology



#### Investigative science and technology

- □ Identification and Investigation Team (IIT)
  Briefing (Mr Santiago Oñate, IIT)
- Second and third meetings of the temporary working (TWG) group on investigative science and technology (Dr Veronica Borrett)
- Scenario based planning for non-routine missions (Dr Michael Hoefer, Head of Capacity Building & Contingency Planning Cell)
- ☐ Further considerations on investigative science and technology (Dr Veronica Borrett)



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Contingency Planning Cell)

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## Overview of development at the OPCW since the last session of the Scientific Advisory Board



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#### Updates After SAB-27

28th Session of the Scientific Advisory Board 10 - 14 June 2019



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#### **Chemical Information** Repository

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#### Outreach and engagement









# Outreach and engagement





#### Advice on chemicals



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The Scientific Advisory Board's Report on
New Types of Nerve Agents
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28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Scientific Advisory Board The Hague, 16 November 2018

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#### Advice on chemicals





# Legacy chemical weapons



Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research

**Utilizing hyperaccumulators** 

to clean up abandoned CWs contaminated soils

take arsenic as an example

The 28th Session of the Scientific Advisory Board of OPCW

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Director, Resource Engineering and Environmental Remediation Lab

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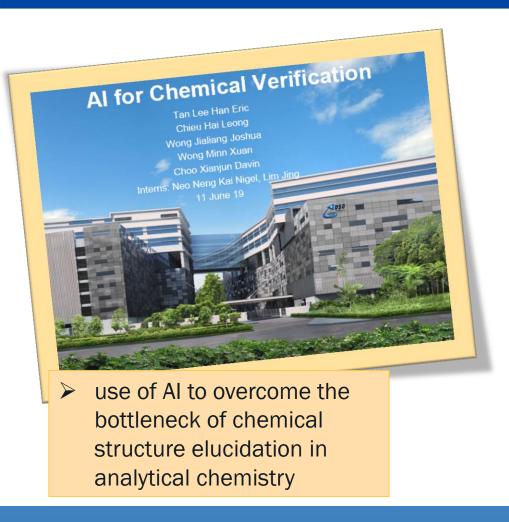
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➤ an information platform on sea dumped chemical weapons that has been developed through international projects around the Baltic Sea.

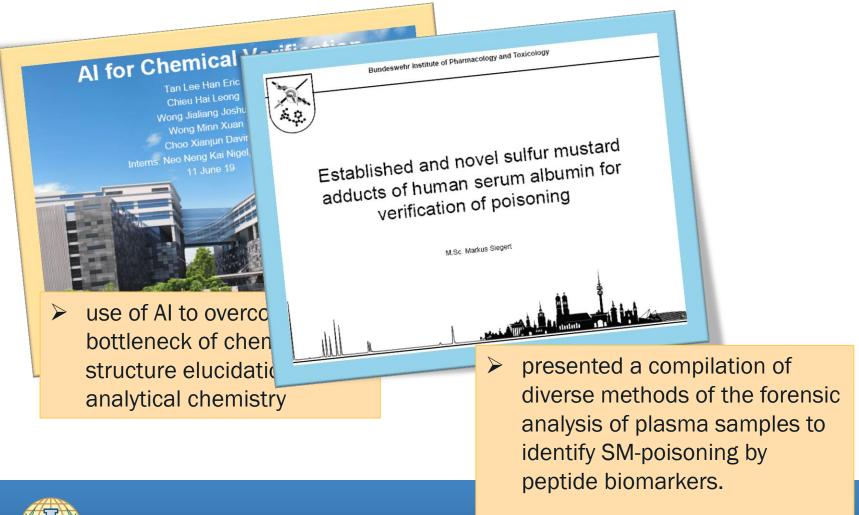


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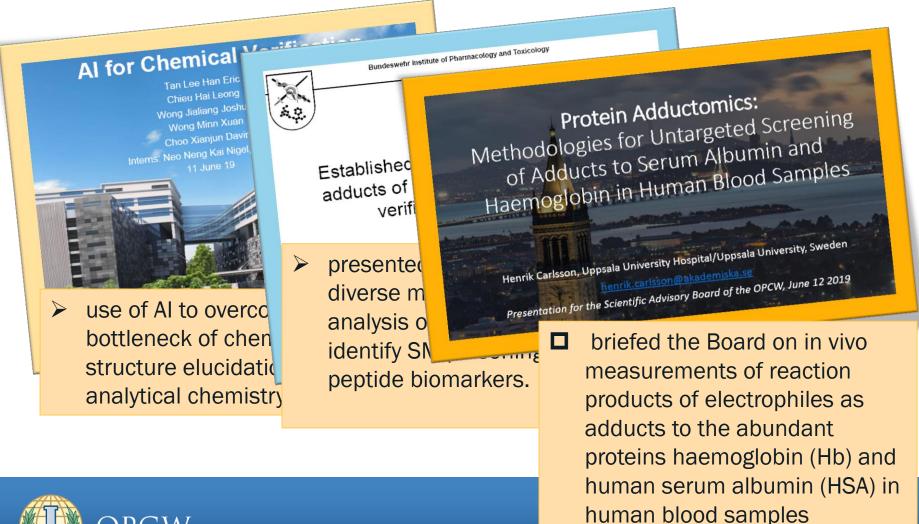


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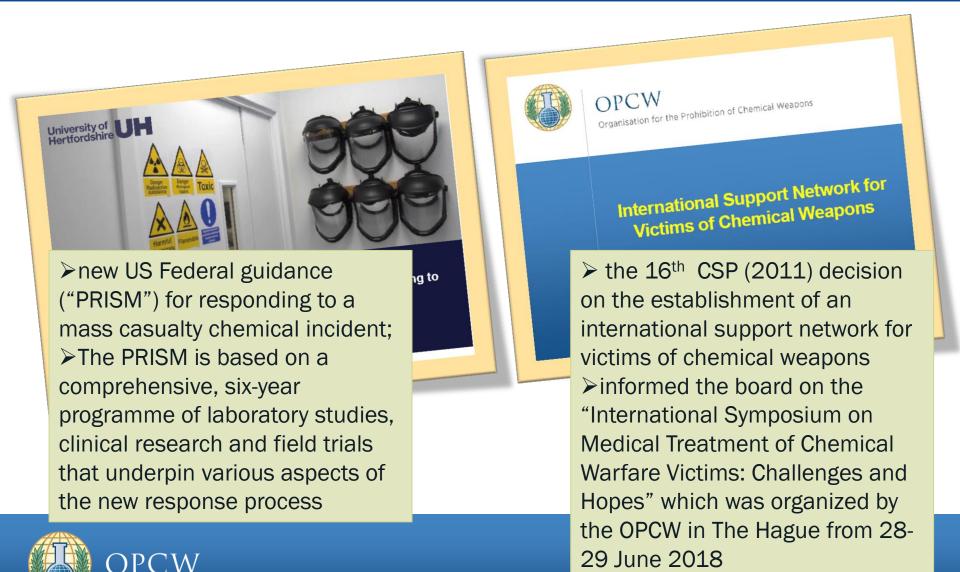
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#### HOSPREP Decon Overview for SAB

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 ➤ a model of a decontamination shower system designed to be assembled from easily available materials and suitable to resource limited settings was demonstrated,

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#### Digitalisation

- Digital transformation powered by Al and related cybersecurity considerations (Mr Maciej Surowiec, Microsoft)
- Digitalisation in the chemical industry (Dr Carsten Hoff, BASF Digitalization Team)
- From EDNA to EDIS, the new Electronic Declarations platform (Mr Alejandro Hernandez, Data Analytics, Reporting and Quality Control Section, OPCW Declarations Branch)



#### **OPCW Laboratory**

- □ OPCW ChemTech Centre Project (Ms Sakiko Hayakawa, Senior planning officer from ODG, *Dr Marc-Michael Blum, Head OPCW Laboratory*
- □ OPCW Laboratory Updates (Dr Marc-Michael Blum, Head OPCW Laboratory)



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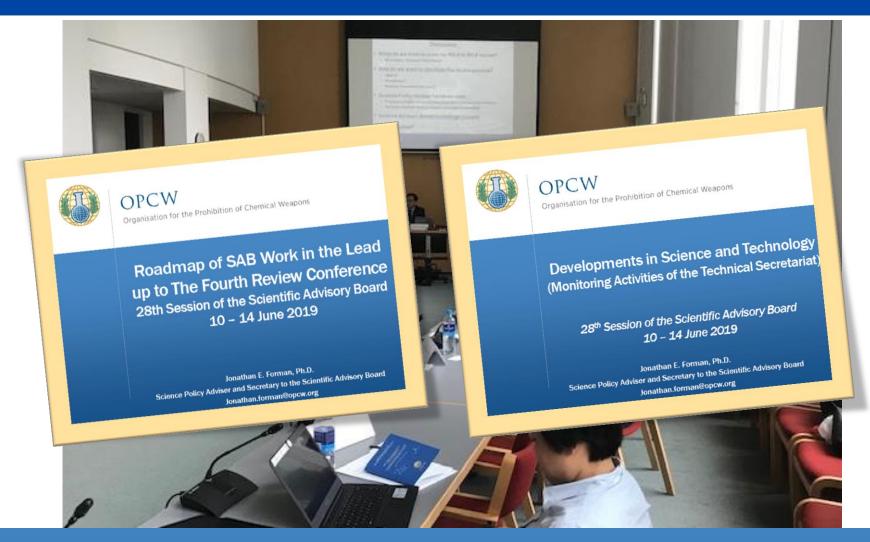


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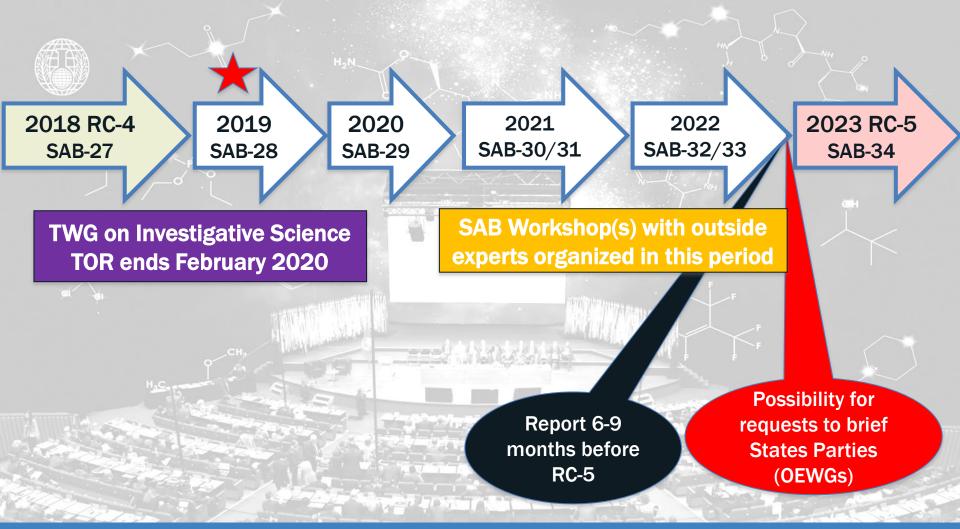
- The Director-General's response to the recommendations to the Fourth Review Conference (Dr Jonathan Forman)
- SAB Recommendations and the Inspectorate and Verification Division

Dr Carolyn Browne, Director Verification;

Dr Evandoro de Sousa Nogueira, Director Inspectorate



# Proposal for Road map towards RC-5 (SAB to further discuss and define)





### Summary

- We are now living in an era of unprecedented scientific advancement and technological innovation with equally unprecedented access to, and diffusion of, scientific knowledge.
- As the dynamism of science can both improve and potentially undermine the ability to maintain an effective disarmament regime. The SAB must continue its efforts to review the development of science and technology and its impact to the implementation of the CWC and to enable the Director-General to render specialised advice to the States Parties



- ■Support from all States Parties, including, attending our regular briefings and Science for Diplomats events
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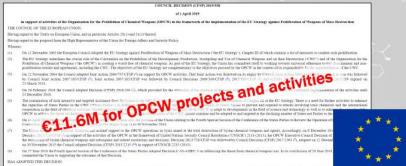
 Australia donated ~€13,000 to SAB Trust Fund



 Saudi Arabia made available ~€6,000 for science communication activities



#### **Funding: European Union Grant**



- €300,000 for TWGs
  - Previous TWG grant covered TWGs and SAB workshops
- €250,000 for "Plant Biomarker Challenge"
  - Requires setting up a project review committee to include SAB members







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