The Impact of Science and Technology on the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention

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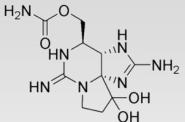


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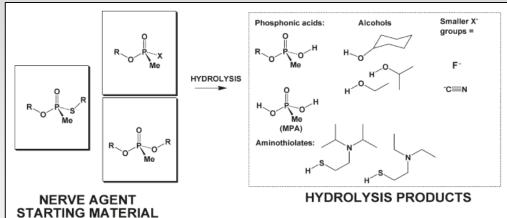
Science and Technology Underpin the CWC



Article II



Article III



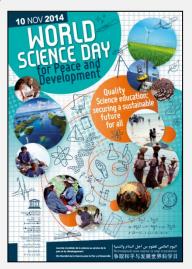
Articles IV and V





Article VIII

Articles IX and X



Article XI

The Third Review Conference

"Conviction that the provisions of the Convention are mutually reinforcing and that the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of all of its provisions, taking into account relevant developments in science, technology and industry, is of critical importance;"

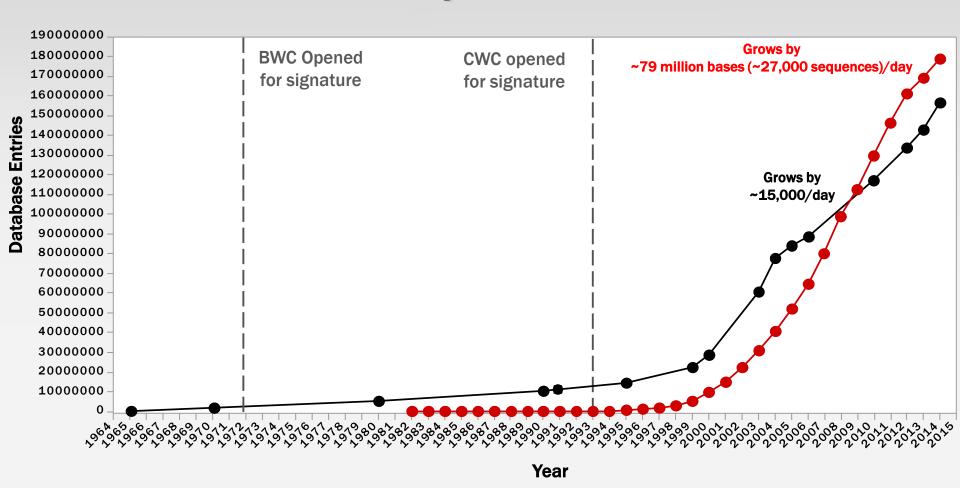
RC-3/3* paragraph 9.4

"Recognition that new challenges related to the Convention continue to arise and that its implementation may need to be improved to continue to achieve the object and purpose of the Convention and to stay abreast of developments in science and technology;"

RC-3/3*, paragraph 9.9



Scientific Developments 1965 - 2014

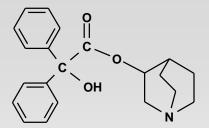


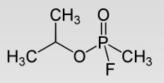
CAS Registry Numbers (Chemical Substances)

Genebank Sequences (Genes, WGA Data not included)



Understanding Chemicals





> 156 Million CAS Numbers!

How Many Possible Scheduled Chemicals?

Infinite number of possibilities! (generic structures in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2)

HN NH₂ HN OH OH

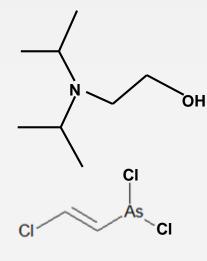
How Many Actual Scheduled Chemicals

~35,000 CAS Numbers Reported

HS

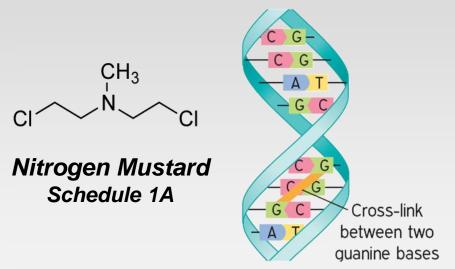
How Many Mass Spectra in OCAD?

~5,000





Chemicals Have Multiple Uses





and Anti-Cancer Drug
(as a salt)



Research On Toxic Substances

THE BACTERIAL TOXIN TOOLKIT

Giampietro Schiavo* and F. Gisou van der Goot‡

Pathogenic bacteria and higher eukaryotes have spent a long time together, leading to a precise understanding of one another's way of functioning. Through rapid evolution, bacteria have engineered increasingly sophisticated weapons to hit exactly where it hurts, interfering with fundamental host functions. However, toxins are not only useful to the bacteria — they have also become an essential asset for life scientists, who can now use them as toolkits to explore cellular processes.

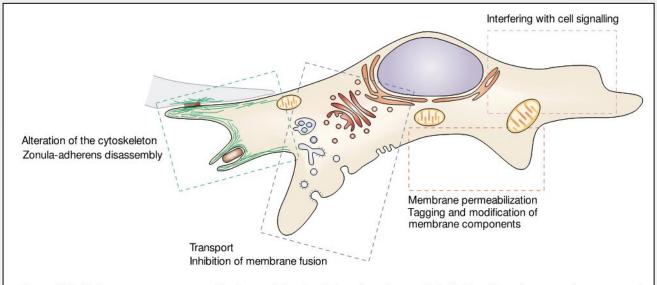
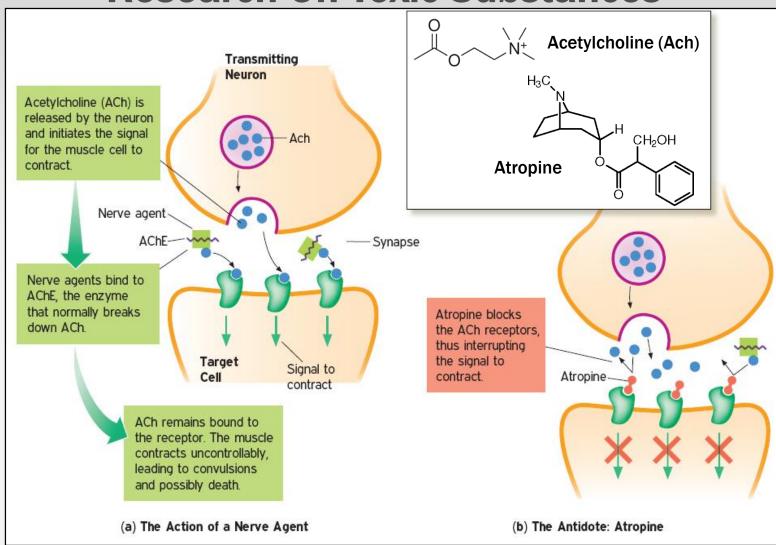


Figure 1 | Cellular processes targeted by bacterial toxins. These have been subdivided into four classes, each represented by examples in FIGS 2 to 5.

Nature Reviews, Molecular cell Biology, 2001, 531-537



Research On Toxic Substances





Can This be Easily Discussed?





We Must Maintain our Skills and Knowledge!

- Critical Knowledge
 - Analytical capabilities
 - Chemicals (CW)
 - Chemical production
- Science and Technology
 - Look for opportunities
 - Understand challenges





OPCW Scientific Advisory Board



25 Members, nominated by States Parties and appointed by Director-General https://www.opcw.org/special-sections/science-technology/scientific-advisory-board/



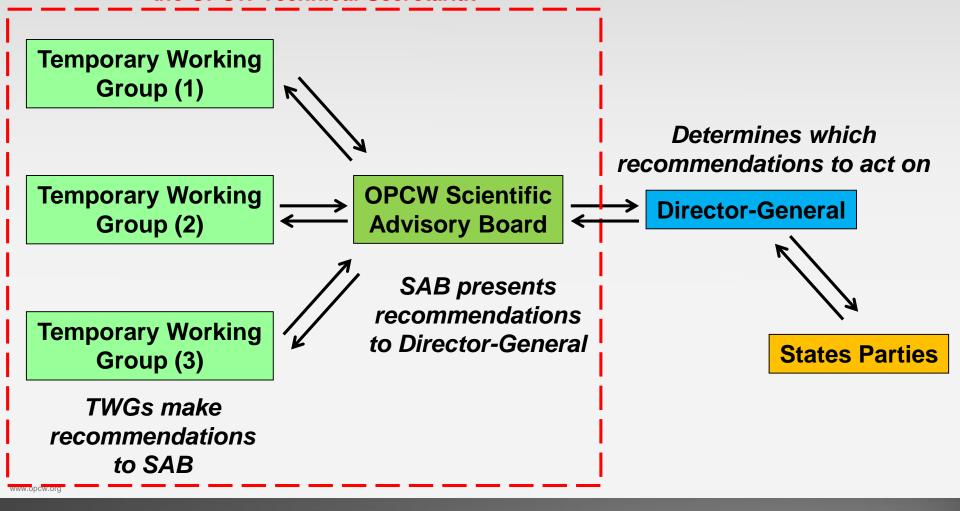
Scientific Advisory Board

- Independent Experts
- Assess developments in science and technology
 - Emerging technologies
 - Methodologies for verification
- Provide advice on proposed changes to the Annex on Chemicals
- Provide scientific and technological advice relevant to the Convention, including in relation to cooperation and assistance
- Temporary Working Groups (TWGs) to address substantive issues



Mechanism for Bringing SAB Recommendations Forward

Recommendations are made independent of the OPCW Technical Secretariat

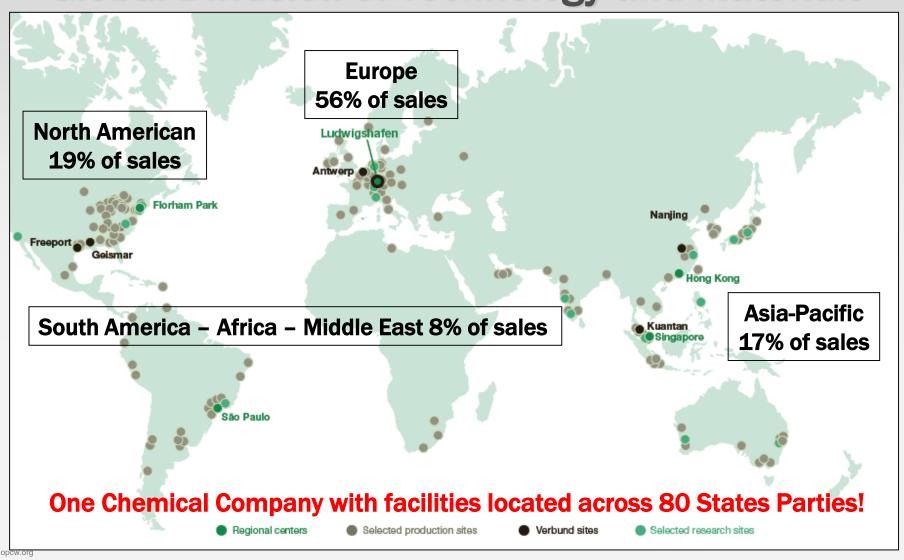




Industry, Chemistry and Biology



Global Diffusion of Technology and Materials





Chemistry is a Science of Change









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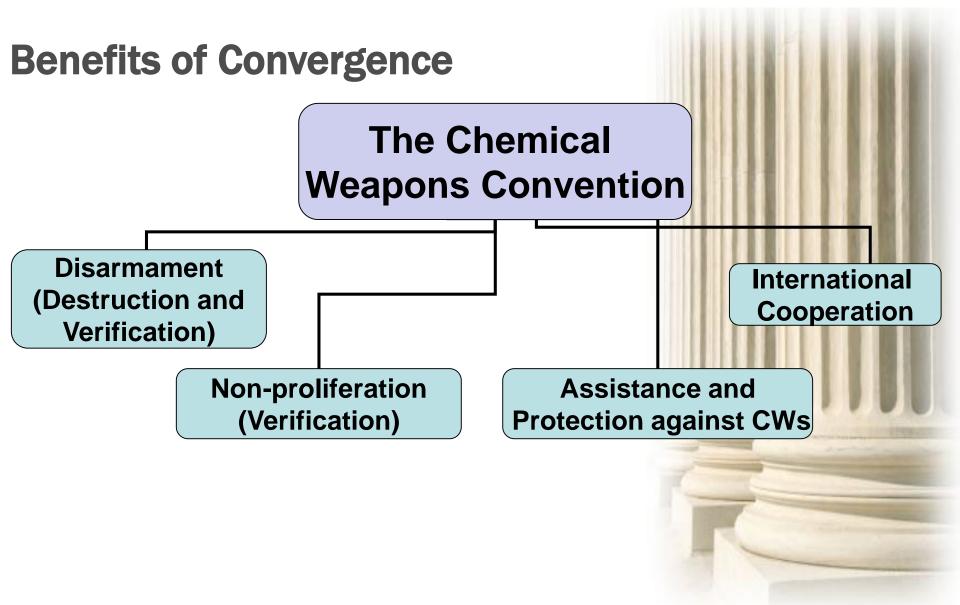
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Benefits of Convergence

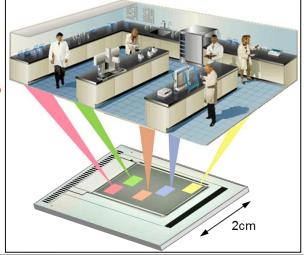
Microbial breakdown of chemicals

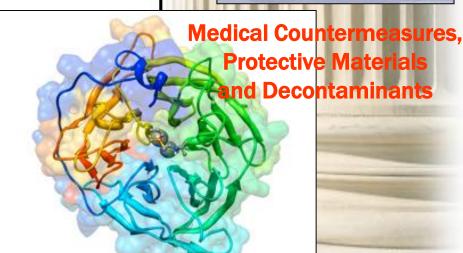
The Chemical Weapons Convention

Opportunities for International Scientific Collaboration



And diagnostic devices







Benefits of Con

Microbial breakdown of chemicals



Biosensors
And
diagnostic
devices

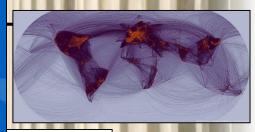




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JUNE 2014

Opportunities for International Scientific Collaboration



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and Decontaminants</mark>



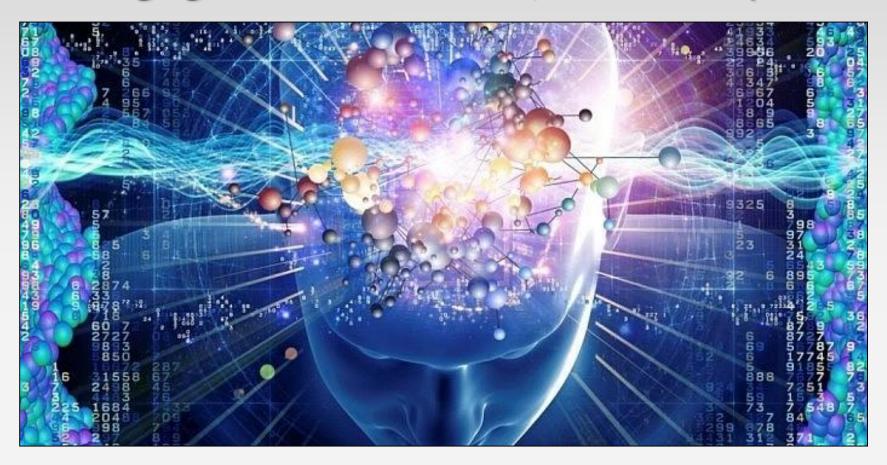
ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION



A Twenty-First Century World



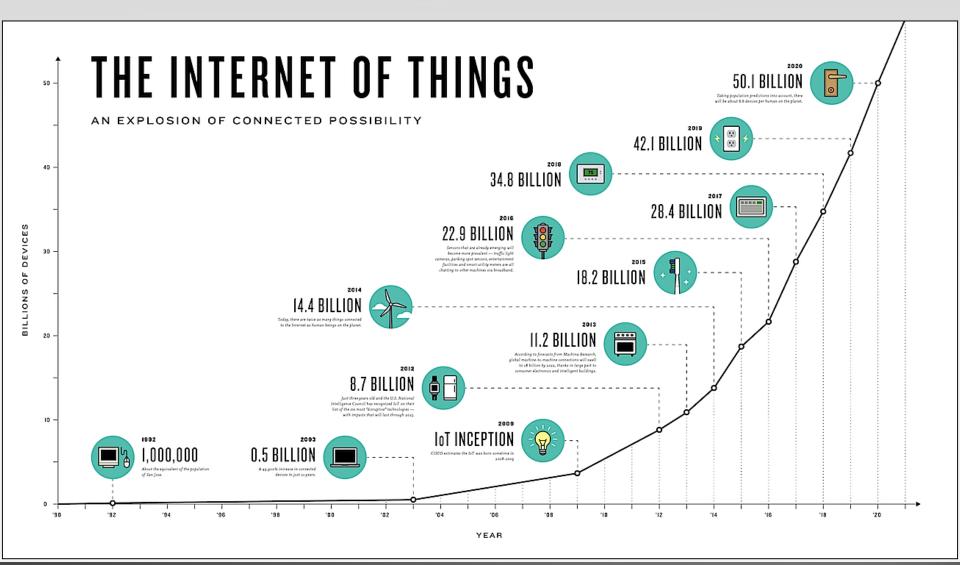
Converging Science is the Norm, Not the Exception!



Chemistry - Biology - Physics - Engineering - Informatics and More...

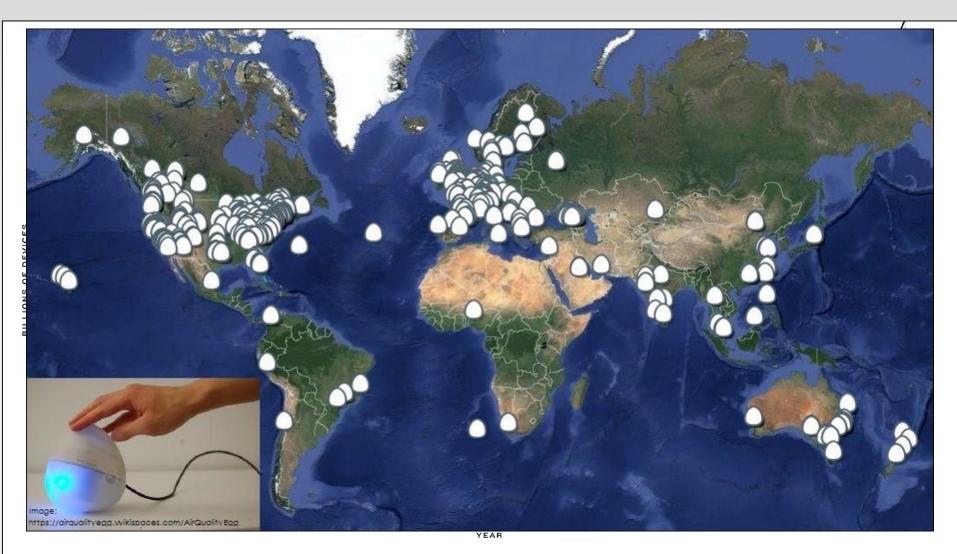


Global Communication and Data Collection



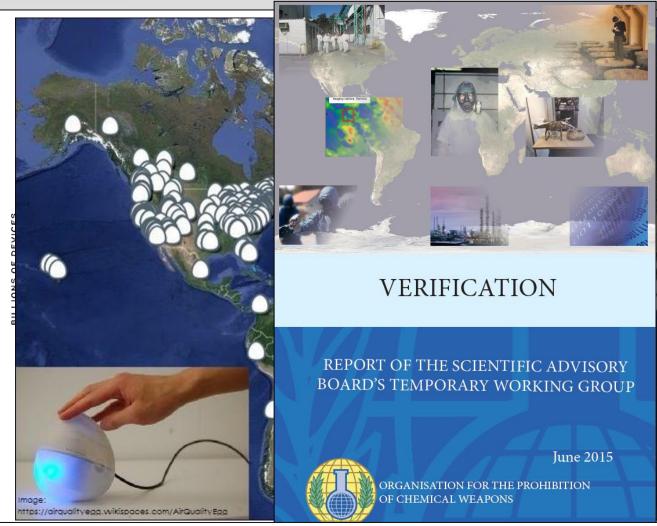


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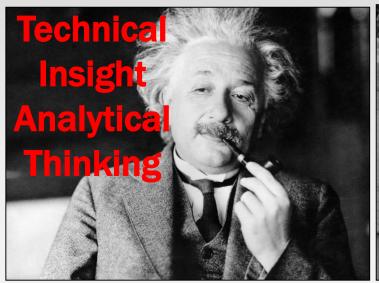


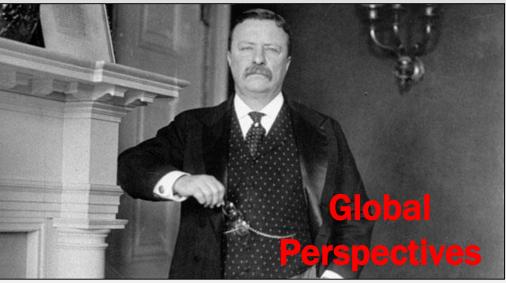


Effective Science Advice



Science and Policy: Learning to Communicate





Scientists

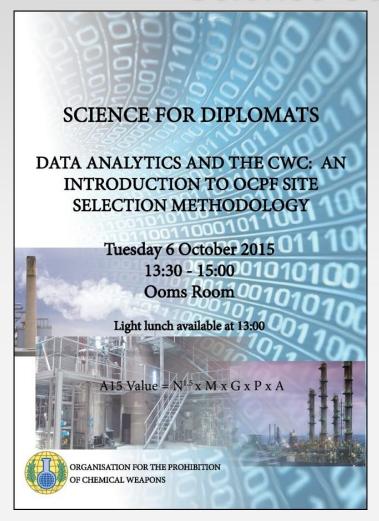
Ask Questions
Analyze Data
Uncertainty
Create Solutions

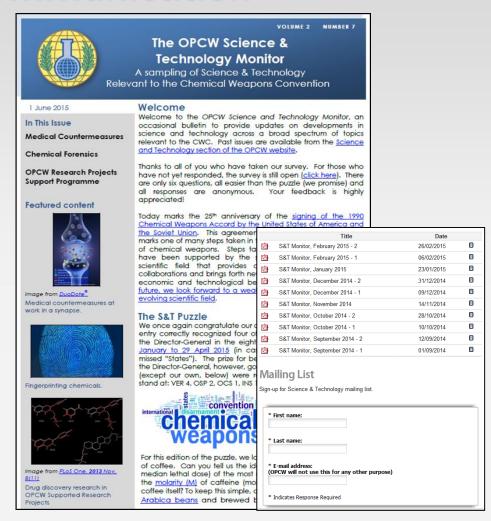
Policy Makers

Seek Answers
Present Conclusions
Certainty
Find Solutions



Science Communication

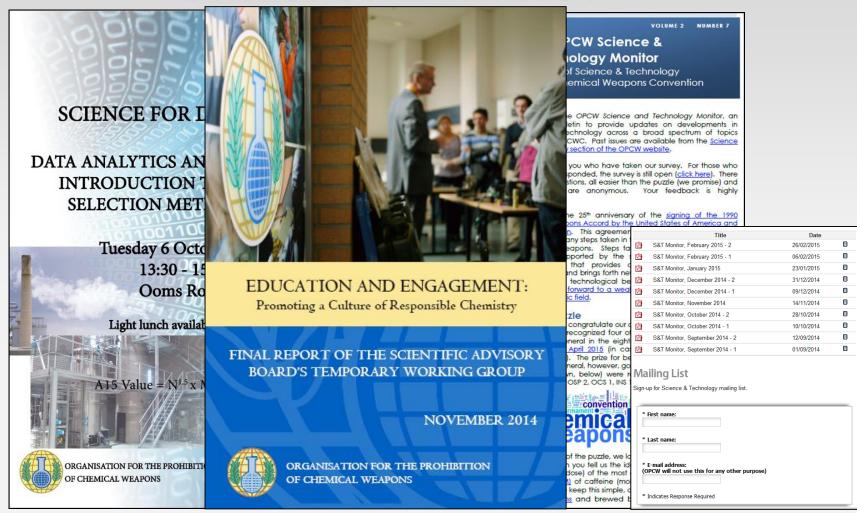




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Science, Technology and Treaty Implementation

- Science is dynamic, convergent, and collaborative
 - Identifying threats or benefits requires understanding driving forces in scientific development
- Understand adoption and application of new technologies
 - Economics, Technology "life cycles" and Practicality
 - Look across scientific disciplines/applications to understand use
- Maintaining an on-going dialogue with those driving new technology development is critical
 - Recognize S&T Opportunities



Science



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Working together for a world free of chemical weapons

The Scientific Advisory Board

Science "To enable the Director-General, in the performance of his functions, to render specialized advice in areas of sci-Identi ence and technology relevant to this Convention, to the Conference, the Executive Council or States Parties." scient CWC Article VIII, Paragraph 21(h)

Recent advice includes:

- The Convergence of Chemistry and Biology
- Medical Treatment for Blister and Nerve Agents
- **Understa** - Riot Control Agents (RCAs)
 - New Approaches to Verification **Econo**
 - Education and Outreach in Science & Technology

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The SAB with the Deputy Director-General at their 22nd session. 8 June 2015



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Reports of the SAB and TWGs
 <u>https://www.opcw.org/about-opcw/subsidiary-bodies/scientific-advisory-board/documents/reports/</u>

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