

# **Working Group on International Collaboration**

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# Working Group Charge

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**Recommend strategies for fostering international collaboration for the effective oversight of dual use biological research.**

# Membership

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# Recent Activities

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## **Preparations for Intl. Roundtable:**

- **First in a series of meetings with international science/policy community;**
- **Small workshop;**
- **In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO);**
- **2 days in early 2007**

# Other Recent Collaborative Activities

- Drs. Franz & Keim participated in the **Royal Society Meeting** (with NAS and IAP) in the UK in Sep 2006;
- Dr. Nicholson presented NSABB at the Lab Network WG meetings of **Global Health Security Action Group** held in Canada in Jun 06.
- Dr. Franz involved in **RAS-NAS CISAC** in Moscow and in **Beijing** in Jun 06 and at **WHO** WG meeting on Life Science Research and Global Health Security in Oct 06
- Dr. Cohen discussed NSABB activities at **ABSA**, Oct 06
- Dr. Rubin presented NSABB overview at **IDSA** in Toronto, Oct 06

# Next Steps

To solicit input on common principles or dual-use and NSABB draft tools and to enhance awareness regarding an effective national oversight strategy for potential dual use life sciences research.

- Continue to build database of international contacts in science and science policy;
- Continue working on plans for International Roundtable in early 07;
- Participate in the following **upcoming meetings**:
  - Dr. Rubin will present NSABB Dual-Use science issues at **Student Pugwash** meeting at NAS Oct 06.
  - Drs. Levy and Kasper will present “Dual-Use Science” at **BIO2007** in Boston
  - Dr. Franz to participate in the **European Union’s** meeting on Codes of Conduct in Berlin in December.
  - Dr. Enquist is involved in preparations for NSABB symposium at **AAAS**, San Francisco, Feb 07