

MEMOS ON INTERNATIONAL
BIORISK MANAGEMENT NETWORKS

International Experts Group of Biosafety and Biosecurity Regulators (IEGBBR)

Purpose

IEGBBR seeks to serve as an international forum where biosafety and biosecurity regulators can share lessons learned and experiences in managing high-risk research; discuss coordination of national regulatory schemes and oversight mechanisms to better align biosafety and biosecurity regulations internationally; and promote cooperation as a way to strengthen biosecurity practices globally.

Formation

IEGBBR was formed in 2007.

Structure

IEGBBR is composed of 11 state members, represented by their biosafety and biosecurity regulatory bodies, and two non-member observers.

Steering Committee: IEGBBR's leadership is composed of a chair, co-chair, and member, drawn from each of the three regions (Americas, Europe, and Asia-Pacific). The Steering Committee is currently chaired by Canada, with the Netherlands as co-chair and Australia as member.



Membership

Australia

Office of Health Protection and Response, Department of Health and Aged Care

Canada

Centre for Biosecurity, Public Health Agency of Canada

Denmark

Centre for Biosecurity and Biopreparedness, Statens Serum Institut

France

French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety (ANSM)

Germany

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs; and Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Japan

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; and National Institute of Public Health

The Netherlands

National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

Singapore

Ministry of Health

Switzerland

Federal Office of Public Health, Federal Department of Home Affairs

United Kingdom

Health and Safety Executive, Department for Work and Pensions

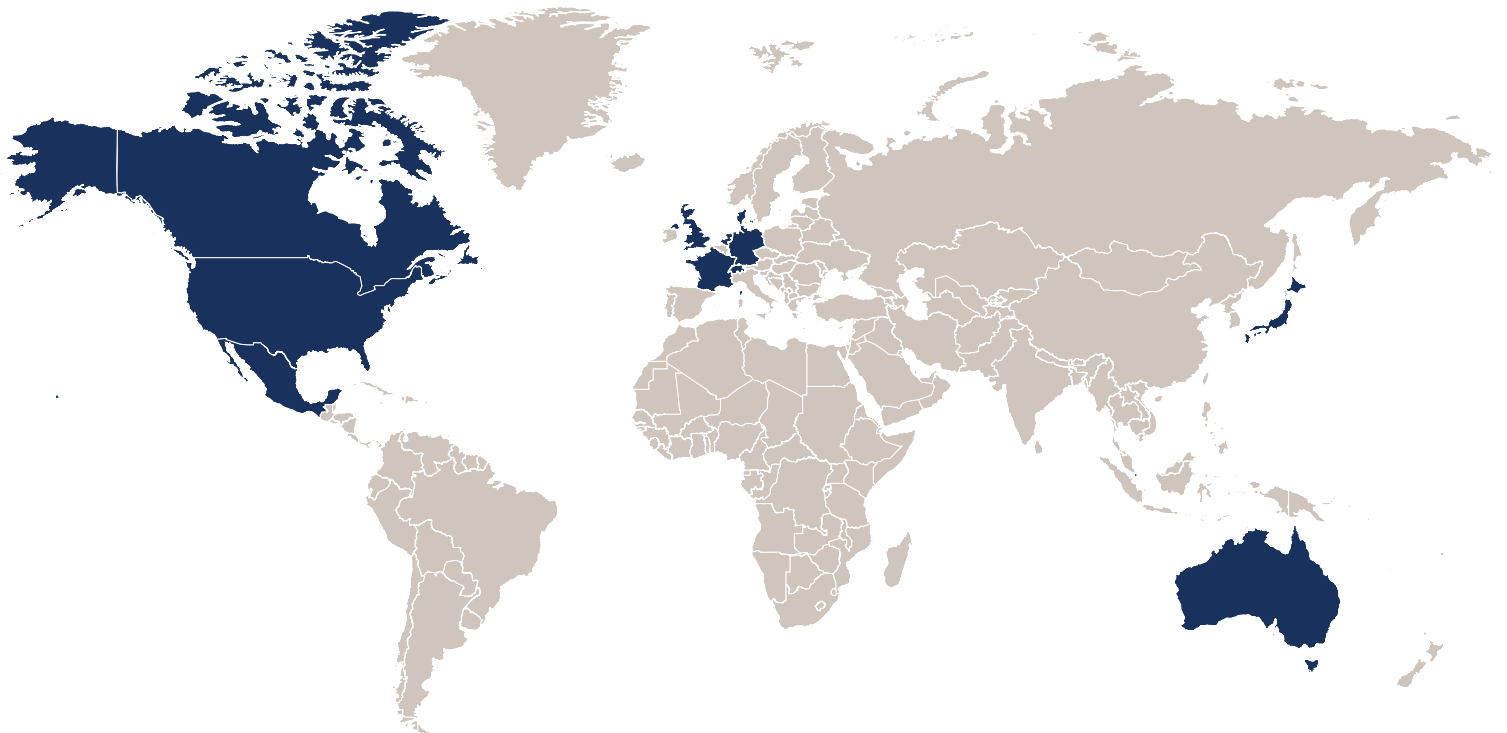
United States

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services

Non-member observer organisations

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)



Key Activities

Member Meetings

The IEGBBR holds in-person meetings every two years where members share lessons learned in implementing, changing, or creating biosafety and biosecurity regulations. Members are encouraged to engage in joint-projects that lead to alignment in regulatory and oversight approaches.



The Compendium App

A key activity undertaken by IEGBBR was the development of the Compendium App, a free mobile-based tool that can be used to research, save, and export materials on IEGBBR members and international biosafety and biosecurity regulatory frameworks. The app provides information and references on how member countries implement biosecurity and biosafety oversight and regulatory systems. It can serve as a quick reference tool for other countries when developing or strengthening their own regulatory and oversight systems. Within the app, there are searchable fields and filters for IEGBBR member oversight systems; regulatory frameworks; processes, procedures, and records management; risk assessment requirements; compliance frameworks; accountability and personnel requirements, training, outreach, and awareness; and international agreements, conventions, and capacity-building.

Key Resources

IEGBBR website

iegbbbr.org/index.html ▶

The Compendium App

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2021 IEGBBR Meeting Report

iegbbbr.org/documents/IEGBBR-8th-biennial-report.pdf ▶