

# **Bioterror and Biowar: Past Present and Potential Futures**

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This topic is probably the least well known to participants. The aim of the initial presentation is therefore to provide a broad context for the discussion period by first providing an account of the evolution of bioweapons after the founding of scientific microbiology in the late 19th century. Current concerns over the possible impacts of the revolution in the life sciences are then described, and different future trajectories - depending on the development of the international control mechanism - are outlined. Some detailed examples of possible bioterror attacks will also be available should this issue feature strongly in the discussion period. Overall the objective is to provide a basis on which consideration of bioterrorism can be on a sound factual basis.