

The 2nd Gain-of-Function Symposium

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Basic Information

March 10-11, 2016

NAS Auditorium, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW

Registration and other information, including materials from the first symposium, on project website:

<http://dels.nas.edu/Upcoming-Event/Potential-Risks-Benefits-Gain/AUTO-9-61-70-Q>

Inquiries or comments may be sent to: GOF@nas.edu

Statement of Task: Providing a Forum

The second symposium will focus on discussion of the draft recommendations of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB) regarding GOF research. This meeting will also include discussions of the results of the risk-benefit assessment commissioned by NIH as well as risk interpretation and analysis to inform decision-making. The second symposium will provide **a mechanism to engage the life sciences community as well as solicit feedback** on optimal approaches to ensure effective federal oversight of GOF research. The public **symposium will not include the development of consensus recommendations**, but rather **should elicit individual perspectives and robust discussion** on the topics described above. Discussions at this symposium will inform the development of the NSABB's final recommendations.

Products

- Comments welcome prior to and during the symposium at GOF@nas.edu
- Symposium will be webcast
- Archived webcast and background materials will be posted
- Unedited transcript will be posted
- Summary report prepared by a rapporteur within 6 weeks

Planning Committee

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- **SIR JOHN SKEHEL**, Emeritus Research Fellow, Mill Hill Laboratory Francis Crick Institute, London, United Kingdom

Messages for this meeting

- The committee has put together a draft agenda but will be taking advantage of the discussions at this meeting to augment and lend specificity to it.
- There will be a committee conference call during the week of January 11th, with more details about the agenda available following that.
- The committee is very interested in using the period between the NSABB meeting and the symposium to gather ideas and comments, so that the symposium can focus on the key issues and questions that emerge and thus provide the best possible forum for discussion.
- The staff is compiling a listserv to keep people updated, but the best place to find information is on the project website (<http://dels.nas.edu/Upcoming-Event/Potential-Risks-Benefits-Gain/AUTO-9-61-70-Q>) or by contacting us at GOF@nas.edu.

THANK YOU!

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