

# International Biosecurity Symposium

*Organized by the Netherlands Biosecurity Office*

**14 May 2025**  
**Maastricht, the Netherlands**

The Netherlands Biosecurity Office will organize an **International Biosecurity Symposium** at the MECC in Maastricht. Leading international speakers will talk about biosecurity and dual-use. The symposium will take place prior to the annual conference of the European Biosafety Association ([EBSA](#)) at the same location. Registration is free of charge.

- 14.00 hrs** Opening and welcome by the Netherlands Biosecurity Office
- 14.10 hrs** **Biosecurity, AI and emerging technologies**  
*Jaime Yassif, NTI Global Biological Policy and Programs, NTI | bio, USA*
- 14.35 hrs** **Dual-use of emerging technologies & WHO dual use guidance**  
*Filippa Lentzos, Kings College London, UK*
- 15.10 hrs** **Putting the WHO Global Guidance Framework into action: Case studies across the world**  
*Maria J. Espona, Health Security Partners, Argentina*
- 15.30 hrs** Coffee break & networking
- 16.00 hrs** **Biosecurity and dual-use in practice in Denmark**  
*Cyril Martel, Centre for Biosecurity and Biopreparedness (CBB), Denmark*
- 16.25 hrs** **Biosecurity and dual-use in practice in the Netherlands**  
*Marcel van Bergen, UMC Radboud, the Netherlands*
- 16.50 hrs** **Bridging policy and action: Gain-of-function research at the Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness**  
*J.T. Paulley, CSIRO Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, Australia*
- 17.10 hrs** Short break
- 17.30 hrs** **Bridging policy and practice: Implementing the WHO Laboratory Biosecurity Guidance**  
*Kathrin Summermatter, University of Berne, Switzerland*
- 17.55 hrs** **Culture of biosafety and biosecurity: What gets measured gets done**  
*Dana Perkins, USA*
- 18.20 hrs** Closure by Biosecurity Office and EBSA president
- 18.30 hrs** End of meeting

**Venue:** MECC Maastricht, Forum 100, 6229 GV, Maastricht, The Netherlands

**Register:** [www.bureaubiosecurity.nl/symposium](http://www.bureaubiosecurity.nl/symposium)

