# OBA News

**News from the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities**

**October 2, 2009**

^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^

**OBA to Webcast Panel Discussion on Dual Use Research for International Audience** -- The charge of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity includes fostering an international dialogue on dual use life sciences research - or life sciences research that is conducted for legitimate scientific purposes but produces information, knowledge, or technology that may be misused to threaten human, animal or plant health and/or national security. Toward that end, OBA will be hosting on October 22 a moderated discussion with participants across the Americas to address the concepts of "dual use research" and "dual use research of concern," how risks associated with dual use research of concern can be meaningfully assessed, and strategies for managing and addressing these risks.

Session presenters include Amy P. Patterson, M.D., Acting Associate Director for Science Policy, National Institutes of Health; Dennis L. Kasper, M.D., NSABB Chair, Harvard Medical School; David R. Franz, D.V.M., Ph.D., Chair of NSABB International Engagement Working Group, Midwest Research Institute; and Stuart B. Levy, M.D. Co-Chair of NSABB International Engagement Working Group, Tufts School of Medicine. Remote participants in South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America will submit questions and comments for the panel to consider. All interested individuals are welcomed to view this informative event through the Internet. For more information on the agenda and specific instructions on accessing the Webcast, connect to:
http://oba.od.nih.gov/biosecurity/internationalwebcast.html

For more information, contact Abby Rives at 301-496-9838 or by email at rivesa@od.nih.gov