



Emerging Biological Threats and Public Health Preparedness

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Message from the Guest Editors

Potential use of biological agents as terrorism agents is an intrinsically complex matter, as demonstrated by the unsuccessful attempts to fully implement a shared regime of verification and prohibition of the production of biological weapons through the Biological Weapons Convention, unlike what happens with the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Treaty for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Recent facts show us that the first and most effective line of defense in the fight against epidemics/pandemics or potential acts of bioterrorism remains the ability of public health to intercept and identify the onset of such potential events, as well as the full awareness of public health capacity and capabilities and the optimization of their management, to deal with such events as well as the ability to operate synergically at local, national, and supranational levels.





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