

# Editorial

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In the year 2019 the debates and deliberations on Biological Warfare have regained traction because of two reasons first, it marks the 47th anniversary of the Biological Weapon Convention that has prevented one of the most inhuman forms of warfare known to humanity. Second Matthew Meselson, an American biologist received 50,000 USD Future of Life Award for spearheading the fight for an international ban on biological warfare. He has also pushed for a stronger agreement as the Geneva Protocol only banned the use of biological weapons and not their stockpiling or research, and in 1972 got the Biological Weapons Convention in place.

Meselson's efforts suggest that there has always been cognizance around the world regarding the need to have stringent policies in place to counter the grave threat of biological and chemical weapons. In this context, Daniel M. Gerstein writes about the growing concern regarding an evident indifference to the support of the long-standing institution and how they have been ineffective to address the key issues and their inadequacy regarding global preparedness and response capabilities.

Shambhavi Naik in her article underscores the salience of development in technologies that have lowered the barriers of designing new bioweapons and resurrected the threat of biowarfare. Further, the relation between biological weapons and health security is brought forth in the article written by Vasudevan Tripathi.

This issue also comprises other features like the Kaleidoscope, Opinion, Book Review and Chemical and Biological News. With our readers' feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focuses on a subject of particular concern. Contributions and feedback are welcome and can be addressed to: [cbwmagazineeditor@gmail.com](mailto:cbwmagazineeditor@gmail.com).