

# Editorial

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The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Third Review Conference is scheduled to be held between 8 to 19 April, 2013. This is one of the most important events in the CWC calendar. With this upcoming event as the backdrop, this issue of the magazine, attempts to discuss and debate the developments around CWC.

Mirza Sadaqat Huda discusses the Third Review Conference and its relevance to the South Asian region. Ralf Trapp in his article highlights the role of civil society in framing regimes against chemical weapons. He argues that with the constant developments in the field of science and technology the civil society will play an increasingly crucial role with respect to CWC.

In his article Y. Ashok Babu discusses the developments in the biological field namely healthcare. He argues that as India faces major challenges in healthcare, it should work towards building alliances with other countries in the region in order to be able to successfully counter the threats.

This issue also includes other regular features like Country Profile, Kaleidoscope, Chemical and Biological News and Book Review.

With our readers' feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern.

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