

An advanced training course on Biorisk Management (BRM) and infectious substances shipping was held from 14 to 18 of March 2014. The BRM training was a three-day course that introduced the new concept of BRM, which combines risk assessment, risk mitigation and performance. It targeted laboratory technical staff and biosafety officers. The course gave participants an opportunity to use a robust methodology to identify and control the biosafety and laboratory biosecurity risks in bioscience laboratories.

The second training was on the WHO infectious substances shipping training. This was a two day face-to-face course to train and certify shippers of infectious substances (IS) against applicable international transport regulations. This course is recognized by the air transport authority, International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Air Transport Association.

Participants gained skills, tools and confidence to advise and guide on sustainable biorisk management and proper shipping of infectious substances that will ultimately reduce the threat of infectious disease in local laboratory environments.

Related links

[Biorisk Management Advanced Trainer Programme](#)

[Laboratory Biorisk Management: Strategic Framework for Action 2012–2016](#)

[A Guide for Shippers of Infectious Substances, 2013](#)

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