

The two back to back workshops from 17 to 21 November 2013 were organized for Egyptian trainees involved in BRM and infectious substances shipment,

in collaboration with WHO headquarters and the WHO Country Office in Egypt. The courses were conducted in English and Arabic. The Biorisk Management (BRM) training was proposed and conducted by Laboratory Strengthening and Biorisk Management (LSB) team of Global Capacities, Alert and Response department in WHO.

The objective of BRM was to guide and advice on biorisk management. The course introduced the new concept of biorisk management, which combines risk assessment, risk mitigation, and performance systems. 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 biosecurity risks of bioscience laboratories. Participants gained skills, tools, and confidence to advice and guide on sustainable BRM. The course included risk assessment, risk assessment methodology, risks mitigation and performance systems. The training consisted of group work, case studies and scenarios, hands on activities, questions and answers.

The WHO infectious substances Shipping training was a two days face-to-face course to train and certify shippers of infectious substances against applicable international transport regulations. The course was recognized by the air transport authority; International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Air Transport Association. The course empowered participants with the skills, tools and confidence to advice and guide on proper shipping of infectious substances. It included different modules followed by an examination. The training targeted personnel responsible for shipping infectious substances.

Related links

[Biorisk Management Advanced Trainer Programme \(BRM ATP\)](#)

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

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

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