

**Side Event**

**Implementation in Action: Contributions of ASEAN Scientists and Scientific Organizations to the BWC**

**Monday, 14 December 2015**

**13:00—15:00**

**Room XXIV**

The impact of the discussions and decisions in Geneva ultimately depends on actions by governments and nongovernmental stakeholders around the world. The main aim of this side event is to provide participants in the MSP with the opportunity to interact with life scientists from the ASEAN region and discuss examples of how key stakeholders are working to support the goals of the BWC. During the side event the main results of a preconference held on 13 December about biosecurity activities in the ASEAN region by scientists and scientific organizations will be presented, so that BWC-representatives and NGOs from other parts of the world can be informed about the work being done to support effective implementation of the BWC. Looking forward, discussion will also focus on how (ASEAN) life scientists can contribute to the preparation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Review Conference of the BTWC.

**Programme**

Chair: Ambassador *Henk Cor van der Kwast*, *Permanent Representative Disarmament Affairs Delegation of The Netherlands*

13:00 Lunch: sandwiches, coffee, tea, water

13.30 Welcome and opening remarks *Jo Husbands*

13.35 Comments by invited representatives *Herawati Sudoyo, Zalini binti Yunnus, Meg Flanagan and Ayse Aydin*

13.45 Developments in ASEAN life sciences and relevance of biosecurity awareness *Mohd Jamil Bin Maah*

14.05 Presentation of the main results of the discussion at the preconference workshop in reference to possible contribution of ASEAN scientists to and participation at the 8th Review Conference *Abhimanyu Veerakumarasivam and Edith Salagang*

14.25 Plenary discussion with diplomats, delegation members and the audience following the presentation

14.55 Closing remarks *Koos van der Bruggen*