

Select online resources

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Arms Control Today

<http://www.armscontrol.org/act/>

Access current and past articles in *Arms Control Today*, journal of the Arms Control Association. 'Chemical Weapons Chief Removed at US Initiative' (May 2002) describes the successful American-led initiative to remove the OPCW's Director-General. 'The CWC: Has it Enhanced US Security?' (April 2001) outlines how the United States has weakened the CWC by not complying fully with its affirmative obligations and by failing to make use of mechanisms within the treaty, such as challenge inspections, to resolve compliance concerns.

Chemical and Biological Arms Control Program of the Federation of American Scientists

<http://www.fas.org/bwc/index.html>

Provides links to background information, publications, press releases, etc. Good section on non-lethal weapon research. Search complete site for chemical weapon-related information, such as documents concerning Iraq's covert programme.

Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Program of the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies

<http://www.cns.miis.edu/cns/projects/cbwnp/index.htm>

Monitors the global proliferation of chemical and biological weapons and develops strategies for halting and reversing their spread. Recent papers include 'The Chemical Weapons Convention: Implementation Challenges and Solutions', 'The Conduct of Challenge Inspection Under the Chemical Weapons Convention', and 'The CWC: Issues for the First Review Conference'. The Chemical and Biological Weapons Resource Page provides links to resources concerning CBW proliferation and terrorism (<http://cns.miis.edu/research/cbw>).

Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Project of the Henry L. Stimson Center

<http://www.stimson.org/cbw>

Examines issues associated with chemical and biological weapons. Issues reports on topics such as weapons destruction technologies, the utility of export controls, terrorism involving chemical and biological weapons, and the status of chemical and biological weapons programmes in various countries. Site provides access to articles in the *CWC Chronicle*.

Chemical and Biological Weapons Reports and Statements of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs

<http://www.pugwash.org/reports/cbw/cbwlist.htm>

Posts reports of Pugwash meetings; nos. 16 and 17 are particularly relevant.

Harvard Sussex Program on Chemical and Biological Warfare Armament and Arms Limitation

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/spru/hsp/> or <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~hsp/>

Provides information about the research programme and the CBW regime, and access to the *CBW Conventions Bulletin*, which contains articles such as 'The Chemical Weapons Convention and the OPCW: The Challenges of the 21st Century' and 'What should be the scope of the CWC?'.

International Security Information Service

<http://www.isisuk.demon.co.uk/0811/isis/uk/regpapers/no75.html>

'Controlling Chemical Weapons' reviews the first two years of the convention and defines some of the linkages between the CWC and BWC.

International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

<http://www.iupac.org/news/archives/2002/report-to-OPCW.html>

Contains the report 'Impact of Scientific Developments on the Chemical Weapons Convention'.

The Markland Group

<http://www.hwcn.org/link/mkg/>

Works for compliance with disarmament treaties. Their newsletter, *Compliance Matters*, regularly features articles about chemical weapons and the OPCW. The full text of Markland Group Papers, such as 'Statement re Dismissal of OPCW Director General', are also available online.

National Council for Science and the Environment

<http://www.cnie.org/NLE/CRSreports/waste/waste-25.cfm>

'IB94029: Chemical Weapons Convention: Issues for Congress' outlines the American administration's stance on the CWC, including ratification and implementation, universality and verification. Links to relevant government documentation.

Nuclear Threat Initiative

http://www.nti.org/e_research/e3_issues.html

Issues and Analysis section of the Research Library provides links to current issue briefs, such as 'Dusty Agents and the Iraqi Chemical Weapons Arsenal'. Each brief has an introduction and an excellent set of further reading and resources. Briefs are prepared by the Center for Nonproliferation Studies. See also 'Treaty Parties Grant Significant Budget Increase', which addresses the steps taken by the OPCW to restore financial stability (http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2002/10/15/7s.html).

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons<http://www.opcw.org>

Presents the text of the convention, official documents, an introduction to the organization, news and the newsletter *Synthesis*.

Preventing Chemical Warfare: Strengthening the Chemical Weapons Convention<http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/scwc/>

Project of the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford. Newly constructed site provides background papers and conference papers concerning the Chemical Weapons Convention.

SIPRI Chemical and Biological Warfare Project<http://projects.sipri.se/cbw/>

Contains papers and fact sheets on such topics as maintaining the effectiveness of the CWC, universality, terrorism, and compliance issues. Links to relevant *SIPRI Yearbook* chapters, policy papers such as 'Maintaining the Effectiveness of the Chemical Weapons Convention', and an excellent educational module.

The South African Chemical and Biological Warfare Programme at the Centre for Conflict Resolutionhttp://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za/cbw/cbw_index.html

Undertakes research on South Africa's chemical and biological warfare programme that was established during the apartheid era. Site includes detailed weekly reports of the trial of Wouter Basson.

The Sunshine Project<http://www.sunshine-project.org>

Works to strengthen the global consensus against biological warfare and to ensure that international treaties effectively prevent the development and use of biological weapons. The site contains information on American research on chemical non-lethal weapons.

Verification, Research, Training and Information Centre<http://www.vertic.org/contents.html>

Promotes effective and efficient verification as a means of ensuring confidence in the implementation of international agreements. Relevant papers include 'Getting Verification Right: Proposals for Enhancing the Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention', 'Exploiting Synergies Between Non-Proliferation Verification Regimes: A Pragmatic Approach', and 'Verifying Chemical Weapons Destruction: a Long, Slow Haul'. Site includes access to VERTIC's journal, *Trust and Verify*.

