

FAS MATTERS

FAS NEWS FROM DC HEADQUARTERS

ScienceWonk

FAS launched a new blog, which features Dr Y - a certified health physicist, trained in nuclear power plant design and operations, with experience in nuclear power, environmental science, and planning for radiological and nuclear emergencies. FAS welcomes guest authors to submit thoughtful articles on science and security issues. If you are interested in contributing to the blog, please contact Katie Colten at kcolten@fas.org. Please visit: www.FAS.org/blogs/sciencewonk.

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION IN GENEVA

Kelsey Gregg, project manager of the FAS Biosecurity Program, traveled to the 7th Session of the Biological Weapons Convention in Geneva, Switzerland. Gregg presented an update on the Virtual Biosecurity Center (VBC) and how it can be used as a resource and communications tool for members of the biosecurity community. To learn more about the VBC, please visit: <http://virtualbiosecuritycenter.org/>.

PODCASTS

FAS produced three new podcasts. Hans Kristensen, director of the Nuclear Information Project, discusses the status of China's nuclear weapons arsenal. Dr. Ali Vaez, director of the Iran Project, talks about Iran's nuclear program and the IAEA report published on November 8, 2011. Vaez also focuses on the history of Iran's relationship with IAEA and Iranian public opinion regarding nuclear pursuits. Lindsey Marburger, manager of the Earth Systems Program discusses sustainable housing, water security and clean energy investments. Please visit: www.fas.org/podcasts/index.html.

WINTER ISSUE OF PIR

- The Threat of Space Debris
- The Legal Threats to Security in Outer Space
- The Implications of China's Space Program
- Upcoming UN Efforts to Address Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures in Space
- Space Security as National Security
- NATO vs. Russian Perspectives on the U.S. Missile Defense System

The PIR welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 300 words and may be edited for length and clarity. The deadline for the fall issue is **February 1, 2012**. To submit a letter, please email pir@fas.org or fax 202-675-1010.

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THE FAS AWARDS DINNER AND CEREMONY

FAS will honor **Dr. Steven Chu**, the United States Secretary of Energy, with the 2011 Hans Bethe Award.

The inaugural 2011 Richard L. Garwin Award will be presented to **Dr. Richard Meserve**, President of the Carnegie Institution of Science.

The evening's Master of Ceremonies is **Dr. John Holdren**, the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Science Advisor to the President of the United States.

The FAS Hans Bethe Award reaffirms Dr. Chu's work to improve energy security worldwide.

Dr. Meserve will receive the Richard L Garwin Award for distinguished service and significant contributions to nuclear safety as Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for more than 30 years of leadership in science policy.

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A photograph of two large, grey, hyperboloid cooling towers of a nuclear power plant. The towers are set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The tower on the left has a plume of white steam rising from its top. In the foreground, there are green trees and a clear sky.

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