

Summary of the First Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board's Temporary Working Group (TWG) on Investigative Science and Technology. (SAB- 27/WP.1, dated 26 February 2018)



Summary of the Second Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board's Temporary Working Group (TWG) on Investigative Science and Technology. (SAB-28/WP.2, dated 21 January 2019)



Summary of the Third Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board's Temporary Working Group (TWG) on Investigative Science and Technology. (SAB-28/WP.3, dated 4 June 2019)



The Temporary Working Group at Science for Diplomats, November 2018. "solving chemical mysteries".



Solving the mystery:





ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Working Together For a World Free of Chemical Weapons

Temporary Working Group on Investigative Science and Technology

Reporting to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), the Temporary Working Group (TWG) will in particular consider the following questions:

Question 1:

Which methods and capabilities used in the forensic sciences could usefully be developed and/or adopted for Chemical Weapons Convention-based investigations?



Question 2:

What are the best practices and analysis tools used in the forensic sciences for effectively cross-referencing, validating, and linking together information related to investigation sites, materials collected/analysed, and individuals interviewed?



Question 3:

What are the best practices for management of data collected in investigations, including compilation, curation, and analytics?



Question 4:

What are the best practices for the collection, handling, curation and storage, and annotation of evidence?



Question 5:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) allow point-of-care and non-destructive measurements at an investigation site to help guide evidence collection?



Question 6:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used in the provenancing of chemical and/or material samples collected in an investigation?



Question 7:

Which methods are available (or are being developed) for the sampling and analysis of environmental and biomedical materials and can be used in the detection of toxic industrial chemicals relevant to the Chemical Weapons Convention?



Question 8:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used in ensuring chain of custody and verifying authenticity (especially in regard to digital images and video recordings)?



Question 9:

Which technologies and methodologies (whether established or new) can be used to ensure the integrity of an investigation site?



Question 10:

Do collections of physical objects, samples, and other information for chemical weapons-related analysis exist and can they be made available to investigators for retrospective review? How might these collections be used to support investigations?



Question 11:

Are there stakeholders that the Technical Secretariat could usefully engage with to leverage their capabilities on investigative matters?



In addition, the TWG will provide advice on Technical Secretariat proposals for methodologies, procedures, technologies, and equipment for investigative purposes.



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