



**PMAC** | PRINCE MAHIDOL  
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## **PLENARY SESSION 2**

**FUTURES OF PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SAFER WORLD**



## | BACKGROUND

This plenary is an interactive session that will introduce four core questions, based on the Futures approach, to shape the discourse of partnerships for greater biosecurity in the world. It will begin with an introduction of Futures thinking by Dr. Sohail Inayatullah, UNESCO Chair of Futures Studies and Professor at Tamkang University, Taiwan. Then, the plenary will involve a short discussion on the current state of partnerships or lack of in certain thematic areas, and challenges in forging effective partnerships. It will delve into exploring various futures for partnerships and what effective and inclusive partnerships can achieve to make the world a safer place for all. Attempting to jointly uncover the “unknown unknowns” within a Futures methodology will lead to an innovative approach in organizing an interactive plenary that would hopefully lead to new directions and interesting discussions within the parallel sessions.

## | OBJECTIVES

- To jointly envision possible scenarios for the future of partnerships in EID and AMR.
- To generate excitement in creating effective partnerships for a safer world by imagining alternate futures based on Futures techniques. It is envisioned that the novelty of the technique will add to the richness of PMAC and to bring in cross-disciplinary approaches into a Public Health conference.
- To get participants to think creatively in an out-of-the-box manner on working collaboratively together to build greater biosecurity for all.



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Moderator

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Professor Sohail Inayatullah is the first Unesco Chair in Futures Studies held at USIM, Malaysia. He is a political scientist/futurist at Tamkang University, Taiwan and the University of the Sunshine Coast. He is also an associate at Melbourne Business School, the University of Melbourne and is the Director of Metafuture.org, an international think-tank focused on creating alternative and preferred futures. Professor Inayatullah has authored/edited thirty books, journal special issues and cdroms and over 350 journal articles and book chapters as well contributed to the Oxford Encyclopedia of Peace, the Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, The Macmillan Encyclopedia of the Future and the Unesco Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems.