

**Proposed Title:**  
**“International Workshop on Technical Approaches to Supporting Users of Proliferation Assessment Tools: Focus on Regulators”**

**Proposed Dates:**

February 25-27, 2009

**Location:**

TBD, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

**Sponsors/Organizers:**

- INMM Standing Committee on Proliferation Assessments and Methodologies
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**Overview:**

A large number of approaches to proliferation assessment have been developed or are currently under development. These tools are used by a number of different types of users for a range of purposes. The diffuse nature of the field may diminish the effectiveness of these tools, or result in inconsistent application or misuse. This series of workshops will focus on particular user groups and attempt to:

- Improve the user group’s understanding of available tools and approaches
- Improve the user group’s understanding of the perspective of other user groups
- Identify needs of user groups
- Develop a research agenda to address those needs

**Purpose:**

The first workshop in the series will focus on government officials and regulators that use proliferation assessments and methodologies. The goal of the workshop is to develop a research agenda that is responsive to the specific needs of this user group. The workshop will provide a venue for assessment and methodology developers to interact with government officials and users. Developers will discuss the status of the field and current research and users will discuss current and anticipated needs to which assessment and methodology approaches could contribute. From this, a consensus research agenda will be developed.

**Tentative Agenda:**

*Wednesday 25 February* – Evening opening session; open to workshop participants and wider Texas A&M community; focused on general proliferation issues

*Thursday 26 February*

Morning: short presentations by proliferation assessment experts and developers on current work; discussion

Afternoon: short presentations by users and potential users on needs; discussion

*Friday 27 February*

Morning: Identification of research needs; development of research agenda