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Recent evidence from multiple outbreak sites demonstrates that the H1N1 pandemic virus has established itself rapidly and is now the dominant influenza strain in most parts of the world. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimated that the pandemic will persist in the coming months as the virus continues to move through susceptible populations. Moreover, studies have detected no signs that the virus has mutated to a more virulent or lethal form. The last issue of the magazine had dealt with this pandemic. However this issue appears to be far from over.

The current issue of the magazine looks at the national implementation measures for the use of micro-organisms with respect to the concerns raised by the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC). This has been dealt in great depth by Dr. B M Gandhi.

Alok Mukhopadhyay in his article highlights the EU's approach towards chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) security and Peter Garretson puts forward his viewpoint on counter bio-terrorism.

This issue also features other regular sections like country profile, kaleidoscope, chemical and biological news and book review.

With our reader's feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern.

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