



ABSA Principles & Practices of Biosafety *Sponsorship Opportunities* September 14-18, 2009 Chicago, IL

What is ABSA's *Principles & Practices of Biosafety*?

The next ABSA Principles & Practices of Biosafety course will be offered in **Chicago, IL from Monday, September 14 to Friday, September 18, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Lakefront.**

This 5-day course introduces the essential elements of biosafety and provides extensive resource lists for use after the course. Interactive exercises are used throughout the course and are designed to provide hands-on experience and to encourage networking and problem-solving among participants and instructors.

This course is designed for persons who are entering the profession and those with up to three years experience in biosafety. It may also be suitable for persons who supervise biosafety professionals and for those who may benefit from additional knowledge of biosafety as a complement to their primary responsibilities. Class participation is capped at 40 students – we expect to have a full house!

What are the opportunities for sponsors or exhibitors?

These entry-level students are not aware of the many products and services available to biosafety professionals or the customers we serve. **We encourage you to consider sponsoring a day of the course at the very reasonable fee of \$500.** In exchange, a sponsor representative is welcome to visit with our participants during lunch on the day you sponsor (see attached schedule for specific times) This may be an ideal opportunity for local sales representatives to network with up and coming biosafety professionals who may be in their region. We will have a 6 ft. table available to set up your display and materials – you will be able to set up the morning of your sponsored day.

Alternately, in return for a day sponsorship, the course facilitators would be happy to distribute literature to the students, if a company representative is not able to be on-site.

As much as possible we would like to target the timing of the exhibit to the subject matter of the course. For example, it may be appropriate to have a biological safety cabinet vendor available during the portion of the course that containment equipment is discussed – a biosafety cabinet certification company may also be appropriate. Or a demonstration of safety sharps in conjunction with the topic of bloodborne pathogens and occupational health. Please see the table below for the slots that are available and see if your company might fit with our curriculum. Slots will be filled first come, first served.

ABSA will also accept gifts-in-kind. We are in need of lanyards for nametags, pens/pencils, highlighters, tote bags, notepads, etc. If you would like to make a contribution of this sort of item for 50 persons, please let us know (contact information below). *Please note that due to time constraints, we cannot offer companies who donate gifts-in-kind (without day sponsorship) any contact time with our participants.*

Your sponsorship or donations will be noted in our course notebook – we will also include any other single page advertisement that you provide to us (preferably 3-hole punched). Your sponsorship will be noted verbally during the course at least three times on the day of your sponsorship and at least twice additionally during the course of the week.

Sponsorship Registration
 ABSA Principles & Practices of Biosafety

Monday, September 14, 2009	
Module 1 – Risk Assessment Module 2 – Microbiology Module 3 – Molecular Biology	Day 1 Sponsorship (Lunch: 12:15am to 1pm) <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend in person <input type="checkbox"/> I will send materials for distribution
Tuesday, September 15, 2009	
Module 4 – Cells, Body Fluids, Tuberculosis, etc. Module 5 – Animals/Allergens Module 6 – Decontamination	Day 2 Sponsorship (Lunch: noon to 12:45pm) <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend in person <input type="checkbox"/> I will send materials for distribution
Wednesday, September 16, 2009	
Module 7 – Containment Facilities & Equipment Module 8 – Emerging Issues	Day 3 Sponsorship (Lunch: 11:45am to 12:30pm) <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend in person <input type="checkbox"/> I will send materials for distribution
Thursday, September 17, 2009	
Module 9 – Containment Practices & PPE Module 10 – Disposal Module 11 – Emergency Response	Day 4 Sponsorship (Lunch: noon to 12:45pm) <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend in person <input type="checkbox"/> I will send materials for distribution
Friday, September 18, 2009	
Module 12 – Shipment and Transportation Module 13 – Communication & Management Strategies	Day 5 Sponsorship (Lunch: 12:15am to 1pm) <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend in person <input type="checkbox"/> I will send materials for distribution

* all sponsorship slots are \$500

I would like to donate gifts-in kind (please send 50 items to the ABSA office at the address below – they must ARRIVE by August 14, 2009)

Preferred Items: pens tote bags post-it-notes lanyards highlighters

Other (please describe): _____

I will send material to distribute to the participants

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name/Cell phone of representative(s) attending: _____

Fax, email, or mail this form to the ABSA Office:
 Phone: (866) 425-1325; Fax: (847) 566-4580; Email: absa@absa.org
 1200 Allanson Road, Mundelein, IL 60060-3808

Thank you for your consideration, we appreciate your support!!