ABS International

Principles & Practices of Biosafety

July 9-14, 2017
Pittsburgh, PA

A COMPREHENSIVE, INTERACTIVE 5-DAY COURSE

*Principles & Practices of Biosafety* will introduce the essential elements of biosafety and provide extensive resource lists for use after the course. Interactive exercises will be used throughout to provide hands-on experience and to encourage networking and problem-solving among participants and instructors. Sessions begin at 8:00 am each day and end with a roundtable discussion between 5:15 and 5:30 pm with two coffee breaks and lunch provided. The Friday session will end at approximately 3:00 pm.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course each participant will be able to:

- Describe potentially hazardous biological materials, the risks associated with their use, and the means to minimize risk and to protect against or prevent release or exposure
- Discuss ways to provide effective technical expertise in situations involving potentially hazardous biological materials
- Identify, locate, and efficiently use key biosafety resources

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed for persons who are entering the profession and those with up to three year’s experience in biosafety. It is also suitable for persons who supervise biosafety professionals and for those who will benefit from additional knowledge of biosafety as a complement to their primary responsibilities.

AGENDA (subject to change)

**Sunday, July 9**
- Registration & Reception

**Monday, July 10**
- Molecular Biology
- Introduction to Pathogenic Microbiology
- Risk Assessment

**Tuesday, July 11**
- Human Source Materials & Mammalian Cell Lines
- Research Animals & Allergens
- Biocontainment Equipment
- Course Dinner (6:30 to 9:00 pm)

**Wednesday, July 12**
- Biocontainment Facilities
- Biocontainment Practices
- Biocontainment Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Thursday, July 13**
- Decontamination
- Disposal
- Emergency Response
- Biosecurity

**Friday, July 14**
- Shipment and Transfer of Biological Materials
- Strategies for Effective Biosafety Management & Communication
COURSE FACULTY *(not all listed faculty may serve as instructors at this offering) (Additional faculty may be added)*

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COURSE FEES

**ABSA Members $2,250**  **Nonmembers $2,460**

*Participation is limited to 40 students.*

Course fees include:

- Five full days of interactive instruction from a diversity of well-respected biological safety professionals.
- Instructor’s handouts, key resource lists, and a variety of critical biosafety information and resources.
- Lunch, beverages, and snacks for all course days.
- Welcome Reception on Sunday evening and Class Dinner on Tuesday evening (subject to change).

CONTACT HOURS

This course is approved for 36.50 P.A.C.E.® contact hours. The American Biological Safety Association is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved for **ABSA** at the **Embassy Suites—Pittsburgh Downtown**

$189/night plus tax

**EMBASSY SUITES—PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN**

535 SMITHFIELD STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

To make reservations: 1-800 Embassy or

Ask the reservations agent for the **convention/group code: “ABSA – 2017 PPB Conference”**

*Booking early allows us to make sure that all participants receive the same discounted rates.*

*The block of rooms will be available until sold out or June 20, 2017 whichever comes first.*
Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): ____________________________________________

Degree(s): ___________________________ Position Title: __________________________________

Affiliation: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _______ Country: ___________ Zip/Postal Code: ______

Phone: ____________________ Fax: ____________________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________________________________________

Emergency contact (include phone number): ____________________________________________

How many years of work experience? ____________ How many years specifically involved in biosafety? ________

**Dietary Restrictions:** At each meal, several options will be presented; however, not all meals may be suitable for all persons. We will do our best to accommodate your reasonable requests. We regret that we cannot accommodate last-minute or onsite requests.

- [ ] vegan (strictly vegetable products)
- [ ] vegetarian (dairy, egg okay)
- [ ] other restrictions (please specify): ____________________________
- [ ] vegetarian (plus fish/seafood)
- [ ] lactose-intolerant (no dairy)

**Handouts:**

- [ ] Paper copy of handouts preferred
- [ ] Electronic copy of handouts preferred

**Payment:**

- [ ] ABSA Member $2,250 U.S.D.
- [ ] Nonmember $2,460 U.S.D.
- [ ] Check enclosed (drawn in a US Bank on US funds; made payable to American Biological Safety Association)
- [ ] Visa
- [ ] MasterCard
- [ ] American Express

Credit Card Number: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ____________

Name on Credit Card: ____________________________________________

Confirmed, paid participants will be sent detailed information about the course, location, and other items of interest. Substitutions allowed with notice by June 5, 2017. There is a 15% processing fee for cancellations received before June 5, 2017. Cancellations between June 5, 2017 and June 19, 2017 will be refunded at 50% of the course fee. No refunds will be given after June 19. Cancellation fees may be waived if there is a waiting list and a replacement can be made - 15% processing fee will apply.

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