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Gain-of-Function Research: Biosafety vs. Biosecurity

A distance learning opportunity

June 25, 2024

11:00 – 12:30 PM (CDT)

Gain-of-function research: biosafety v. biosecurity is a webinar designed for biosafety/biosecurity professionals and communicators to understand “gain-of-function” research that involves the creation of novel pathogens with pandemic potential. The goal is to develop an understanding and the tools to explain what gain-of-function research is; communicate why it is an important policy issue; and dispel myths about these and other studies that may constitute “dual-use research of concern”. The webinar will discuss the history and current debate, policy initiatives currently under consideration, and common myths and misunderstandings about these kinds of studies. A particular focus will be the difference between gain-of-function as a biosafety issue, compared to its biosecurity implications. At the conclusion, participants will grasp the policy, ethics, and history of gain-of-function research. The webinar will be led by a biosecurity expert with over 15 years’ experience studying, teaching on, and crafting policy for biosecurity for a variety of national and international groups.

This webinar will be a 1.5-hour session on Tuesday, June 25 at 11:00 am (CDT). For the webinar session, you should plan on logging in 15 minutes prior to the start time. You are required to attend the webinar sessions, complete and/or access all the modules in the course on the training site to receive the completion certificate through the ABSA International Training Site. The link in the invitation will be unique to the user and cannot be shared.

Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Summarize what gain-of-function research is and why it is a live policy issue
- Paraphrase how current initiatives to regulate gain-of-function research address biosafety and biosecurity issues
- Communicate effectively about gain-of-function research to researchers, other professionals, policymakers, and the public

The webinar will be presented by the following subject matter expert: **Nicholas G. Evans, PhD**, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Biosafety professionals in government, industry, academic and other institutions/organizations
- Anyone who regularly communicates about biosafety with the public or non-biosafety professionals

COURSE FEES

___ ABSA Members	\$110.00 USD
___ Nonmembers	\$185.00 USD

To obtain the ABSA member rate, the participant will need to be an ABSA member in the **year** in which the training is offered. Course fees include: course handouts, access to the ABSA International training site, and 1.5 hours of interactive instruction from a well-respected subject matter expert.

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QUESTIONS

Please direct questions about this webinar to:

Kari DeServi, MEd, Director of Education, ABSA Office, 866.425.1385 (toll free), Email: education@absa.org

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For the group discount, please call the ABSA Office to register the participants.

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