



Preconference Continuing Education Programs San Francisco, California, October 2002

Once again, the Training and Education Committee (TEC) will offer a wide range of courses for those new to the profession, as well as for experienced biosafety professionals.

Last year's programs were outstanding both in terms of their high quality and the numbers attending the workshops. To capitalize on this momentum, the TEC has scheduled 19 courses that blend classic core biosafety programs with new workshops designed to assist members to gain insights into current challenges in the field. The new courses for the October 2002 conference in San Francisco, California include: Biosafety Auditing; Radiation Safety for Biosafety Professionals; Biosafety Level 4 Awareness; Effective Institutional Biosafety Committees; Large-Space Decontamination; Risk Communication in Biosafety; and a unique, hands-on laboratory offering on Modern Molecular Biology Techniques.

Returning programs from the 2001 Conference include: Biological Toxins; Certification Review; Fundamentals of Biosafety; Biosafety Program Management; Large-Scale Biosafety, along with a free Biosafety

Training Exercises Demonstration class. Rounding out the preconference roster of courses are the following core programs: Animal Biosafety; Plant Biosafety; Introductory-Advanced Ventilation-Laboratory Design (each of the three segments is 4 hours in duration); Advanced Disinfection; Risk Assessment; and Occupational Health Issues in Biological Safety.

Courses will once again be offered on the Friday preceding the Conference (October 18, 2002). Look for the final list of topics, instructors, and times in the Conference Program to be mailed in mid-summer or on the Web at www.absa.org.

The Training and Education Committee would like to express its sincere appreciation to the members and 2001 attendees who completed their member survey and course evaluations. This information was critical in designing the programs for this year's Conference. We trust that the 2002 continuing education programs are equally engaging and informative. The Committee hopes to see all members in San Francisco this coming October.