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April 10-11, 2007

Animal Lab News “The 2007 TurnKey Conference”

Boston, Massachusetts

Contact: www.animallab.com/turnkey

May 14-18, 2007

“Guidelines for Laboratory Design: Health and Safety Considerations” Conference

Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts

Contact: Phone: 617-384-8692, Fax: 617-384-8690, E-mail: contedu@hsph.harvard.edu,

Web Site: www.hsph.harvard.edu/ccpe/

October 7-10, 2007

American Biological Safety Association (ABSA) 50th Annual Conference

Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

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October 19-22, 2008

American Biological Safety Association (ABSA) 51st Annual Conference

John Ascuaga’s Nugget, Reno, Nevada

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October 18-21, 2009

American Biological Safety Association (ABSA) 52nd Annual Conference

Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, Florida

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