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The interested candidates may fill up the enclosed registration form along with DD of Rs. 1000/- in favor of Society for Biosafety, Bhopal or cash (on the spot registration) and send it to the organizing secretary or co-organising secretary. The advance copy of the application may be sent by email (admin@biosafetysociety.in) on or before 28th of February, 2015. **Approximately 50 participants will be selected on first come first serve basis.**

REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name & Designation:
2. Qualification:
3. Area of Work:
4. Age (Years): Gender:
5. Address for correspondence:
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Pin Code:
6. Phone/ Mobile No.:
7. Email address:
8. Details of payment for registration fee:
Amount (Rs): DD No.:
Dated: Bank Name:
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9. Details of Travel Plan
10. **Arrival at** Bhopal Railway Station/ Bhopal Air Port
Date: Time: Train Name/ Flight No.:
Departure from Bhopal Railway Station/ Bhopal Air Port
Date: Time: Train Name/ Flight No.:

Date:

Signature:

Announcement



SBS-ASM-ICAR Biosafety Awareness Programme,
including workshops on:
"Culture of Responsibility"
"Pathogen Inventory Management" and
"Safety is the Rule: Fundamentals of working
with Biosafety Cabinets"
March 13-14, 2015
Organized Jointly by
Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
American Society for Microbiology (ASM)
Society for Biosafety, India (SBS)
At
ICAR – National Institute of High Security
Animal Diseases (ICAR-NIHSAD), Bhopal

"Laboratory biosafety" refers to the application of combinations of laboratory practices and procedures, laboratory facilities, safety equipment, and appropriate occupational health programs to mitigate the risks associated with handling potentially infectious microorganisms and other biological hazards. India is in the process of establishing a chain of containment laboratories under human and animal health sectors. However, only a few are exposed to biosafety norms that are important in day-to-day working with high risk pathogens and operation of biosafety laboratories. In addition to bio-containment laboratories, the concept of biosafety needs to be extended to each and every establishment that handles infectious pathogens.

About the Organizers

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous organization under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. The Council is the apex body for coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including animal sciences in the entire country. With 100 ICAR institutes and more than 50 agricultural and veterinary universities spread across the country, this is one of the largest national agricultural systems in the world. The ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (Formerly HSADL, IVRI) is a premier institute of India dealing with laboratory biosafety, biosecurity and biocontainment,

American Society for Microbiology (ASM) is a global organization with over 40,000 members worldwide. ASM strengthens microbiology worldwide by supporting programs of education, training and public information, publication of journals and books, convening scientific meetings and workshops, and other capacity building activities.

Society for Biosafety, India (SBS) has been working as a professional association in collaboration with various organizations in promoting the concept of biosafety and biocontainment among teachers, students, scientists, and bio-engineering professionals. The primary goal of the society is to promote the concept of biosafety to cater to the needs of the country in handling high-risk pathogens, including exotic and emerging diseases of humans and animals. In this endeavor, the society has been affiliating with a number of international organizations working in the areas of biosafety and biosecurity with an aim to disseminate the knowledge on biosafety through seminars, meetings, awareness programmes and guest lectures at various institutions.

About the Programme

As a part of its initiative to promote the concept of biosafety and responsible conduct while handling infectious agents, the Society for Biosafety, along with ASM and ICAR as coordinating partners, is organizing a two-day **biosafety awareness program**, including a workshop on “**Culture of Responsibility**” (CoR), on **13th and 14th March, 2015** at the **ICAR- National Institute for High Security Animal Diseases, Anand Nagar, Bhopal**. The CoR workshop will include three modules:

- **Part I** – Biological Safety addresses safety in the laboratory by looking at laboratory-acquired infections (LAIs) and how to mitigate the chain of infection through risk assessment, use of primary and secondary containment, and best practices.
- **Part II**- Biosecurity and Biorisk Management discusses physical, pathogen, personnel, and data security for the laboratory, as well as incident and emergency response, and communicating biorisk issues to the public.
- **Part III**- Responsible Conduct of Research focuses on dual-use research and the public service aspect of research.

The modules have been developed by the following leading experts: Dr. Debra Hunt, Director of Biological Safety at Duke University, co-editor of ASM's *Biological Safety: Principles and Practices* and past-president of the American Biological Safety Association (ABSA); Dr. Natasha Griffith, Director of High Containment Facilities at the University of California in Los Angeles; and Dr. Michael Imperiale, Professor at the University of Michigan and member of the U.S. National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB).

In addition to the CoR modules, the programme will also include detailed presentations on Pathogen Inventory Management, Biosafety Cabinets, and biosafety regulations and rules in India. The programme will be conducted by Dr. Natasha Griffith, Director of High Containment Facilities at the University of California in Los Angeles, Dr. Harshad Murugkar, Principal Scientist and Biosafety Officer, ICAR-NIHSAD and Dr. Richa Sood and Dr. G. Venkatesh, Senior Scientists and Assistant Biosafety Officers, ICAR-NIHSAD.

Dates: 13-14 March 2015

Location: ICAR - National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal

Target Audience: Faculty and post-graduates working in infectious disease laboratories

Registration and Logistics: There is a 1,000 INR registration fee for the programme. SBS and ASM will provide all the necessary training materials, including the workshop manuals. Lunch and coffee/tea breaks will also be provided during the workshop. **In view of budgetary limitations, participants are required to bear the expenses for travel and stay for the programme. However, limited number of travel (by train upto AC II tier) and accommodation awards are available for participants traveling from other cities.** Participants needing these grants should apply directly to the American Society for Microbiology by February 25, 2015, either by filling in the form at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2009897/Travel-Grant-Application-Bhopal-Biosafety-Workshop> or by sending the enclosed form to **Janelle Winters** at india@asmusa.org. These arrangements must be confirmed with conference organizers prior to arrival. If a specific request is made, accommodations will be arranged for the participants at the ICAR institute guest houses or hotels on payment basis.