

ABSA

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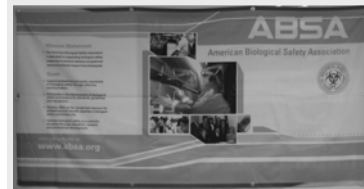


June 18, 2008
College Park, MD

Janet Peterson
ABSA Councilor

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ABSA



- Founded in 1984 to promote biosafety as a scientific discipline and serve the growing needs of biosafety professionals throughout the world
- Goals:
 - provide a professional association that represents the interests and needs of practitioners of biological safety
 - provide a forum for the continued and timely exchange of biosafety information

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2008 Council

- Christina Thompson, President
- Bob Hawley, Past-President
- Bob Ellis, President-Elect
- Paul Meechan, Secretary
- Leslie Delpin, Treasurer
- Joe Kozlovac, Councilor
- Joe Kanabrocki, Councilor
- Janet Peterson, Councilor
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ABSA 2008 Council



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(MRI)



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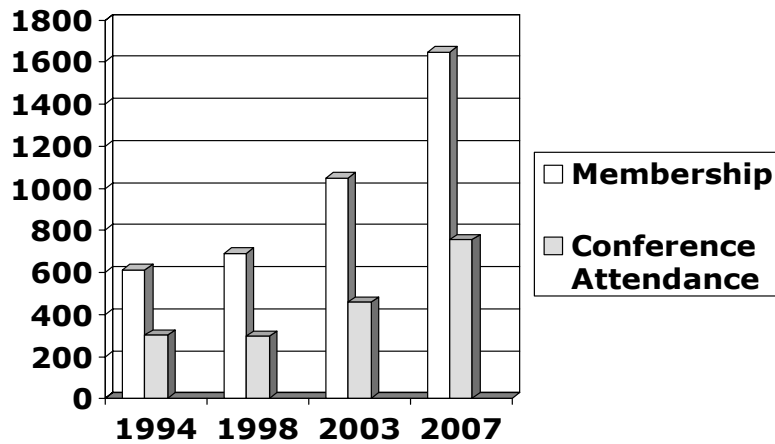
Janet Peterson
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LouAnn Burnett
(Vanderbilt Univ)

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ABSA Membership



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ABSA Preconference Courses (examples)

- Biohazard Risk Assessment
- Disinfection and Decontamination
- Select Agent Compliance
- Effective Biosafety Committees
- Molecular Biology 101
- Basic Virology
- Fundamentals of Microbiology
- BSL-3 Facilities Design
- BSL-3 Operations
- Transport of Infectious and Biological Substances
- Indoor Air Quality

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ABSA Courses

- Summer Seminar Series and Certification Review Course
June 23-26, 2008
Baltimore, MD
- Principles and Practices of Biosafety
August 4-8, 2008
Rochester, NY

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Biosafety Credentials

- Registered Biosafety Professional (RBP)
 - Based on education and experience
 - Application and recommendations
- Certified Biological Safety Professional (CBSP)
 - Exam administered through ASM/NRM (SM/NRM)
 - Certification granted by ABSA

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ABSA Alliances

- AALAS
- AIHA
- APIC
- ASM
- CSHEMA
- EPA
- Elizabeth R. Griffin Research Foundation
- FBI
- OSHA
- Sandia National Laboratories
- UN
- USDA
- WHO

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ABSA Affiliates and Other Biosafety Organizations



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American Biological Safety Association

Current Projects

■ International Biosafety and Biosecurity Laboratory Standard Development Initiative

Sponsors:

- ABSA - Stefan Wagener (Chair)
- EBSA - Gary Burns (Vice Chair)

- Managed by Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
- Predicated on understanding and managing the risks
- Standard is management system-based; will not replace national regulatory requirements

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Recent Accomplishments

- Developed Animal Biosafety Training Video (DVD) -- funded by Griffin Foundation
- Established an historical archive of biosafety documents and equipment at USDA Library
- Received IACET approval for ABSA courses (CEUs)
- Commented on NSABB "Proposed Framework for the Oversight of Dual Use Life Sciences Research"



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Events Participation

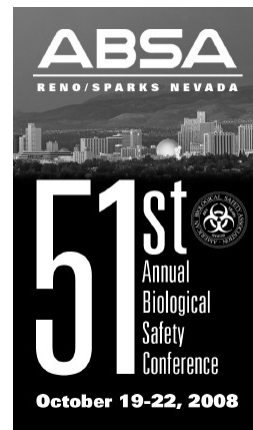


- *Tradeline Biocontainment Conference*
Washington, DC April 21-22, 2008
- European Biological Safety Association
(EBSA) Florence, Italy April 3-4, 2008
- ABSA Winter Council Meeting
Orlando, FL March 13-16, 2008
- Biological Weapons Convention

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2008 Annual Conference

- Reno, NV – October 19-22
- Pre-conference Courses,
October 16 -19
- Details at www.absa.org



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Benefits of Membership

- *Applied Biosafety*, quarterly journal
- ABSA Anthology of Biosafety Series (member discount)
- ABSA Website (www.absa.org)
- Discounted annual conference and course fees
- Notices of special events and other biosafety-related information
- Great Networking!

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