

# American Biological Safety Association

## 2013 International Forum

*CWA 15793 Implementation: An examination of global application, successes, challenges and options for the future*

**Sunday 20 October - 1pm to 5pm**

**Empire Room – Sheraton Crown Center**

The CEN Workshop Agreement 15793 (Laboratory Biorisk Management) has been in place since 2008. Many biosafety and biosecurity professionals around the world are utilizing this document, and the accompanying guidance document (CWA 16393) as a framework for defining a biorisk management system. The biorisk management community is at a critical juncture in determining whether these documents will be moved to a more permanent status. This determination depends on examples of applications, successes, and challenges of implementing the core principles of CWA 15793. The ABSA Council is convening the 2013 International Forum to give space for presentations, exercises, and discussions about the utility of CWA 15793 in past and current biorisk management implementation strategies and in moving forward as biorisk management is improved both domestically and globally. Your voice is critical to this discussion. Please plan to attend.

Noon	<b>International Forum Poster Session: <i>Travel Around the World: The International Landscape of Biorisk Management</i></b> As many as 24 international presenters will be available to discuss posters describing their work in implementation of biorisk management in their institutions and countries (see next page for invitation to present a poster during this session)
1:00pm	<b>International Forum begins</b> <b>Welcome – Barbara Fox Nellis, ABSA President</b>
1:10pm	<b>Opening Remarks – Patty Olinger, ABSA representative to CEN Workshop for CWA 15793 and 16393</b> What is CWA 15793? What is the status? What are some of the current issues?
1:25pm	<b>Introduction to Presentations – LouAnn Burnett, moderator</b>
1:35pm	<b>Presentation 1 :</b> <b>Science &amp; Technology Research Institute for Defence, Malaysia: Zalini Yunus (confirmed)</b>
2:05pm	<b>Presentation 2:</b> <b>Central Veterinary Laboratory, Iraq: Majida Saeed or Laith Ali (unconfirmed)</b>
2:35pm	<b>BREAK &amp; Poster Presentations</b>
2:55pm	<b>Presentation 3:</b> <b>Emory University, USA: Patty Olinger (confirmed)</b>
3:25pm	<b>Presentation 4:</b> <b>Surveys (past, present and yet to come) regarding CWA 15793: Speaker(s) TBD</b>
3:50pm	<b>Interactive Exercise &amp; Discussion: Analysis for Future Use/Applicability of CWA 15793 – LouAnn Burnett, moderator</b>
4:55pm	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Dismissal – Barbara Fox Nellis, ABSA President</b>
Until 5:30pm	<b>Poster presentations</b>

**CALL FOR POSTERS!**

**International Forum Poster Session:**  
***Travel Around the World: The International Landscape of Biorisk Management***

Those wishing to present their work in international implementation of biorisk management are invited to submit a poster for the international forum. Posters may not be larger than 36 inches by 48 inches. There is no specific format required although the poster should display the title of the presentation, the author(s), the affiliation, country, and a description of the implementation of biorisk management undertaken and conclusions and recommendations. There is limited space available. Those wishing to display should contact the ABSA office (kariann@absaoffice.org) as soon as possible. Space will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to international presenters\*.

Posters must be installed no later than noon on Sunday 20 October and presenters will be expected to be available to discuss their poster with attendees from noon to 1pm; 2:35 to 2:55pm; and 5 to 5:30pm on Sunday 20 October. Presenters are encouraged to attend the International Forum and participate in presentations, exercises, and discussions about application, successes, and challenges of using CWA 15793 as a framework for biorisk management implementation.

A limited number of booklets with copies of the posters from the session will be created and available on a first come, first served basis. Accepted presenters will be provided instructions for providing their posters ahead of time for the printing of this booklet.

\*All presenters are responsible for producing their own poster and providing their own transportation, travel, and lodging. Conference registration is required to attend this event.