

Biosafety Associations

- American Biosafety Association (ABSA)
- European Biosafety Association (EBSA)
- National Biosafety Associations in Japan, etc
- **Asia-Pacific Biosafety Association (A-PBA)**

Objectives of A-PBA

- To foster recognition of Biological Safety as a distinct scientific discipline
- To promote safe management of micro-organisms and the products of biological processes

Objectives of A-PBA (Cont'd)

- To establish a forum for the dissemination and continued exchange of information on biological safety
- To promote biosafety in the Asia Pacific region through the activities of APBA
- To establish links with other biosafety associations internationally

Activities

- Educational
 - Disseminate information on biosafety-related activities organised by external parties
 - A-PBA-organised seminars
 - Newsletters
- On-line forum
 - Information on biosafety principles and practices when needed
 - Web based "Ask the experts" programme

Training

- In progress: working out of a local curriculum for training for BSL3 laboratory staff. This core curriculum will be established for use for all trainers who are members.
- Site specific training guidelines to be developed both with site supervisor and, where possible, an external expert taken from within the membership
- To integrate with training provided by the other Biosafety associations, and provide members with information on such courses

Other benefits

- Exclusive association webmail
- Discounts for A-PBA seminars/conferences
- **A-PBA first AGM and Seminar, 24 - 25 Feb 2006**
- Links with other biosafety organisation for access to their publications/journals
- Login access to members-only areas
 - On-line forum

Membership

- Full membership: SGD 30.
- Associate membership: SGD 20.
- Corporate membership (allows up to 3 employees) SGD 300.
- Life subscriptions:
 - Full membership: SGD 300.
 - Associate membership: SGD 200.

LOGO

- Competition open till June 2005 for logo design for the APBA
- Prize: 3 years' membership fees

For information on how
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