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1. Name of the Course:

Enhancement capacities on Laboratory Biosafety & Biosecurity: Filling Gaps in Latin American Countries

2. Institution Responsible:

**ANBio – Associação Nacional de Biossegurança
Brazilian Biosafety Association**

3. Venue of the meeting:

**Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina – Bairro Trindade - Florianópolis
Centro de Convenções da Reitoria – Salão Petúnia**

4. Final Program (see annex)

Period: April 6th to 9th, 2009

Schedule: 09:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Participants and Speakers: (see annex)

5. Material with BEP logo:

A – Banner in the auditorium with the BEP logo (see picture in annex)

B – Pictures of the meeting in annex

C- On the tape of the Cd containing the proceedings of the meeting

D – At ANBio web site www.anbio.org.br

6. Total of participants: (see lists in annex)

- 11 Speakers
- 26 Participants

The participants were selected according to the following criteria:

- 1- BSL3 workers
- 2- Public health and agriculture laboratory workers
- 3- Regional priority (preferably participants from the South region of Brazil)

7. Results of the evaluation of the course:

The meeting was the third on this subject to take place in the South region of Brazil. During the meeting as we had a request to allow some laboratory workers from the institution which hosted the meeting the final total number of participants was 26, 11 speaker, 9 from Brazil and 2 from United States of America.

The number reduced number of participants (less than previously expected) was due mainly to the following facts:

- 1- The South of the country counts with the most privileged institutions holding frequently courses on Biosafety, including post-graduation courses at the Federal University of Florianopolis;
- 2- Due to holidays in the period of the course; the change of the schedule of the course due to delay of receiving the wire transfer led to non-availability of other period for the local organizers;

There was no registration fee in order to allow fully participation of the interested participants.

The technical program included formal presentations, discussions and case studies. The region does not count with a BSL3 laboratory and for this reason there was not a visit to BSL3 lab as we had for the other regional courses.

Representatives from the Brazilian Government were present and showed some features of the Brazilian Biosafety and Biosecurity Program.

In order to allow the fully participation of interested people, the organizers provided simultaneous translation for the classes given in English.

The organizers provided an evaluation sheet, completed by the participants (see the graphics in annex). Most of the participants considered the course important and useful for the daily work, and as a result of the course it was suggested to include this type of course as a formal discipline at University courses.