

Workshop on European Containment Diagnostics Laboratories



Aim of the Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to generate discussions on the current status of the design and construction of containment laboratories of biosafety level 3 and 4, as well as the training of biosafety professionals in European countries. We believe that this workshop will provide valuable information for all those who are interested in building and maintaining a containment diagnostics or research laboratory.

Venue

The workshop will be held at SPEIZ LABORATORY on the picturesque Lake of Thun in the Bernese Oberland. The laboratory can be reached by car from the highway (exit Spiez) or by train via Bern-Thun-Spiez. Change the train in Spiez to the line towards Zweisimmen and get off at Lattigen (only stops on request!). From there we are within walking distance. There are also car parking facilities at the laboratory site.

For overnight accommodation in Spiez and the region, please contact the local tourist office: Spiez Tourismus, 3700 Spiez, phone +41 33 655 90 00, fax +41 33 655 90 09, e-mail: spiez@thunersee.ch, Internet: www.thunersee.ch

Preliminary Programme

23 August 2005

08.30 Registration

09.00 Presentation of b-safe GmbH and SPIEZ LABORATORY

09.30 **Biosafety and Security Standards, Guidelines and Training**

Chair: Thomas Binz, Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland

Key speaker: Nicoletta Previsani, WHO: Biosafety training and education

Round table: A curriculum of a biosafety officer and its implementation

Invited experts: Jürgen Mertsching, MHH Hannover, Germany
Samuel Roulin, Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland
Kathrin Summermatter, b-safe GmbH, Switzerland

11.30 Lunch

13.00 **Current High Containment Technology**

Chair: Martin Schütz, SPIEZ LABORATORY, Switzerland

Session 1: General design parameters, Peter Mani, tecrisk Ltd., Switzerland

Session 2: Lessons learned, Paul Langevin, Canadian Science Center

Session 3: Contain the operator or contain the bug? Berndt Appel, RKI Berlin, Germany

Round table: Technical measures and building standards

Invited experts: Peter Le Blanc-Smith, Australian Animal Health Laboratory
Kes Kooiman, Consultant, The Netherlands
Thomas C. Mettenleiter, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute, Germany
Les Wittmeier, Canadian Science Center
Christian Griot, Institute of Virology and Immunoprophylaxis, Switzerland

approx. 17.00 End of the workshop

Administrative Information

Workshop Language

The workshop language is English.

Workshop Fee

The workshop fee is CHF 270.--, including coffee and lunch.

Payment

Payment should be made by 15 August 2005 to the bank account of b-safe GmbH at VALIANT BANK, 3000 Bern, IBAN: CH25 0630 0016 6118 5640 7 BIC / Swift: VABECH22

Registration

Please send your registration:

- by fax to: +41 33 228 14 02, using the attached Registration Form, or
- by e-mail to: laborspiez@babs.admin.ch, using the Registration Form found on: www.b-safe.ch or www.labor-spiez.ch

Deadline

The deadline for registration is 31 July 2005.

Information

For more information, please contact b-safe GmbH by phone +41 31 535 46 28, fax +41 31 535 46 29, or e-mail: info@b-safe.ch

This circular is already available on: www.b-safe.ch and www.labor-spiez.ch

More information about the workshop will be provided closer to the event on the above websites.