



ATCC[®] Standards Development Organization
Newsletter
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From the Director:

This fall has been very successful and productive for the ATCC SDO – from our ANSI accreditation to the completion of balloting to determine the first standard for development and selection of the workgroup chair. The Steering Committee selection for initial standard development and the workgroup chairperson are listed below as are the next steps in the standards development process. I encourage you to consider volunteering for the workgroup that will develop this standard. In addition, whether you volunteer or not, if you know someone with appropriate expertise in this specific area, please submit their name and contact information so we can solicit their participation. Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Joseph B. Perrone, Director, ATCC SDO

SDO/CSP Update:

Activities this Quarter:

- Five (5) recommendations for standard development were submitted by CSP members. [See “Appendix A” for a complete list of recommendations and submitters.]
- The Steering Committee reviewed the recommendations and voted to determine the initial standard recommendation for development: **SDR-0001, Standardization of Anthrax Toxins**, proposed by Molly A. Hughes, MD, PhD.
- The Steering Committee nominated and confirmed Dr. Hughes as Chair of the SDR-0001 (*now Standard # ASN-0001*) Standards Development Workgroup.

Next Steps:

- **Internal Call for Workgroup Volunteers:** Members of our Consensus Standards Partnership (CSP) are encouraged to volunteer and become voting members of the workgroup.
- **Public Call for Workgroup Volunteers:** The SDO will issue a public call for volunteers to participate on the Standards Development Workgroup for ASN-0001, Standardization of Anthrax Toxins. [Non-CSP volunteers may participate but do not have voting rights.]
 - This call for volunteers will be published in the *ANSI Standards Action*.
 - Please help us identify other trade publications in which we can publish the call for workgroup members. Email your suggestions to: thugunin@atcc.org
- **Project Initiation Notification System (PINS):** As an ANSI-accredited SDO we are required to notify ANSI of the initiation and scope of all standards activities expected to result in new or revised American National Standards (ANS). An announcement of our proposed standards development activity will be provided to ANSI using PINS and will be published in the monthly, online ANSI publication *ANSI Standards Action**.

*Current and archived editions of ANSI Standards Action may be found at:

http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/periodicals/standards_action/standards_action.aspx?menuid=7

- **Commencement of Workgroup Activities:** We anticipate beginning the standard development work in February, 2008.
- **Modifications to the ATCC SDO Policies and Procedures Manual:** Several changes have been made to the ATCC SDO Policies and Procedures Manual during the ANSI accreditation process, including changes to the voting/balloting procedures. We will mail or email the revised manual to you for replacement in your handbook. The revised sections will be indicated except where the change was made for editorial reasons only.

Q & A:

Q. May a known expert on anthrax, who is not a member of the ATCC CSP, participate on the Workgroup ASN-0001, Standardization of Anthrax Toxins?

A. Certainly and we are actively soliciting such participation. Non-CSP members, however, may not be voting members of the workgroup though they are free to change their status at any time by joining the ATCC CSP. Joining the CSP would allow them to become voting members of the workgroup.

Please forward questions that you might have concerning the SDO and/or the CSP that might be answered for the entire membership to thuginin@atcc.org.

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Appendix A

Our sincere thanks to all those CSP members who submitted standard development recommendations:

Standard Recommendation Recommended by:

SDR-0001: Standardization of Anthrax Toxins **Molly A. Hughes, MD, PhD**

SDR-0002: Authentication of Cells by Comprehensive Phenotypic Assay.....
.....**Barry R. Bochner, PhD**

SDR-0003: Phenotypic Assay Standards for the propagation, handling and storage of Category
A-C proteins, glycans, and antibodies to be used in the development of protein-based
multiplex diagnostic assays**Kimberly Schuenke, PhD**

SDR-0004: A Novel Chimeric Anthrax Serology Standard.....
.....**Jody D. Berry, PhD & Cindi R. Corbett, PhD**

SDR-0005: Decontamination Standards**Gerald L. Epstein, PhD**

Although only SDR-0001 was forwarded for initial standard development by the ATCC SDO, the Steering Committee encouraged the submitters of standard recommendations not selected for advancement at present to modify their recommendations, taking comments into consideration, and re-submit for a future round of balloting.