

To: ATCC Consensus Standards Partnership (CSP)
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From the Office of the Director of the ATCC Standards Developing Organization (SDO):

Again, welcome aboard to each and every one of you! Your participation as a stakeholder in the diverse membership of the CSP brings a fair, balanced and representative cross-section of the biomaterials community to this critical standards development activity. Again, thank you for your participation.

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Update:

At this time, we have 52 primary members and 37 alternates in the CSP general membership. We welcome additional stakeholder members and recommendations from you would be greatly appreciated.

The SDO Steering Committee membership is complete with the Chairman and sixteen (16) confirmed members representing the various stakeholder segments of industry, consulting, government and academia. The inaugural meeting of the ATCC SDO Steering Committee is scheduled to be held on May 30, 2007. Minutes and other information from that meeting will be made available publicly.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, ATCC submitted an application for accreditation as an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standards Developing Organization (SDO). Accreditation activities will continue as we develop a timeline for SDO/CSP activities.

Q & A:

Q. When will the Consensus Standards Partnership (CSP) meet?

The first meeting of the entire CSP has not yet been scheduled, but it will occur after the initial meeting of the Steering Committee. We are currently looking into several "virtual" options for this meeting including "Webinar."

Please forward any additional questions that you might have concerning the SDO and/or the CSP that might be answered for the entire membership in this informational format. Send to thugunin@atcc.org.

We value your input!

The value of a standard is increased by the size and diversity of the stakeholder community involved in its development and consensus body approving the final standard. We would appreciate recommendations from you or other individuals for general CSP membership, individuals who are concerned about standardization of biodefense materials and processes.

FYI: We anticipate that our first standard will be derived from work done by the Expert Panel on the Development of Standards for Biodefense in April 2006. You may wish to review the proceedings of the panel's April 2006 meeting – <http://www.biodefensestandards.org>.

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