



**ATCC® Standards Development Organization
Newsletter
April – June, 2008**

From the Office of the Director:

It is my great pleasure to introduce Liz Kerrigan, who will assume the position of Director of the ATCC SDO. Liz also serves as the Director of Standards and Certification, Microbiology, Biodefense and Emerging Infections at ATCC. The transition is in progress and will be made official with ANSI by July 15, 2008.

Let's all welcome and support Liz in her new leadership role.

Jeanne M. Riley
Acting Director, ATCC SDO

Activities this Quarter:

Steering Committee

Dr. Joseph B. Perrone, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives & Business Development at the AACC, has accepted an invitation to join the Steering Committee, replacing Dr. Ernest Takafuji.

SDO/CSP

• **Standard Development**

The second quarter of 2008 began with a flurry of work on the inaugural standard **ASN-0001, Standardization of *In vitro* Assays to Determine Anthrax Toxin Activities**. Dr. Molly Hughes is leading the Standards Development Workgroup, with Dr. Stephen Morse acting as Co-chair and Dr. Marian McKee as the Recording Secretary.

The group is working towards generating a draft standard for review in the early Fall of 2008. There are three working sub-groups: the LT cell lines/reagents and assay sub-group led by Dr. Drusilla Burns, the ET cell lines/reagents and assay sub-group led by Dr. Wei-Jen Tang and the LF/EF Toxin sub-group led by Dr. Stephen Juris. The fourth monthly Full Workgroup teleconference was held on June 17. The

workgroup expects to have a draft document available for refinement in mid to late July. The draft document should be available for review/comment as outlined in "Next Steps".

Next Steps:

- **Steering Committee Meeting:**
To be scheduled mid-July.
- **Review of draft standard ASN-0001**
The initial draft of ASN-0001 should be available for
 - Steering Committee review/comment in August,
 - CSP review/comment in September, and
 - Public review in the Fall, 2008
- **Review of Submitted Proposal for Standard Development:**
A proposal for standard development was submitted for Steering Committee review on June 17, 2008.
 - Recommendation Number: SDR-0006
 - Title: Authentication of Human Cell Lines
 - Submitted by: Professor John RW Masters, PhD of the University College of London and Dr. Roland M Nardone, PhD, Professor Emeritus of the Catholic University of America

ATCC SDO Web site: Coming soon!

SDO Web site completion has been slower than anticipated; we do hope to have it live for your use during the next quarter. **You will receive a special announcement when we go live.....watch for it!**

Features will include:

- ATCC SDO news and information
- Meeting Announcements, Agendas and Minutes
- Contact information
- Specific Committee and Workgroup information
- A dedicated "Members Only" section

- Member Tools – the how to get around “standard development”
- Policies, Procedures, Handbooks and Forms
- ANSI accreditation information and a link to the ANSI web site
- Online submission, review, comment and voting on proposals during development

Q & A:

No questions this quarter.

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

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