



**ATCC Standards Developing Organization
Newsletter
July, 2007**

CALL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STANDARD DEVELOPMENT!!

From the Director: The initial part of the standards development process is identification of the standards to be developed based upon the needs of the stakeholder community. This call is for you, as a member of the CSP, to recommend specific standard development areas that represent a significant need for standardization. Although needs may be identified continuously, the initial period to submit recommendations will end August 31, 2007. The Steering Committee will meet shortly after that to review and prioritize recommendations.

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A form has been attached to the newsletter email that you may use to submit your recommendations.

SDO/CSP Update:

The CSP Orientation was held by teleconference on July 26, 2007. Minutes from that meeting will be forwarded to the membership as soon as they are available.

Handbook: Along with the orientation minutes, you will receive the ATCC Standards Development Organization Handbook. The handbook contains CSP contact information and reference materials that are intended to support your participation in CSP activities. Handbooks are in loose-leaf binder format so that we may provide you with new and/or updated materials to be added to the book.

Application for accreditation as an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standards Developing Organization (SDO): The ANSI Accreditation Sub-Committee made several comments with regards to the Policy and Procedures Manual. After reviewing the comments, ATCC made changes in direct response to these comments and submitted the newly revised manual. Having addressed the subcommittee's findings, the application will proceed to the final review cycle and we look forward to our accreditation by ANSI.

Q & A:

Q. The ANSI Standards Action weekly publication is the weekly official news/announcement publication of ANSI. How do I find it?

*Go to www.ANSI.org ?
select "News and Publications" ?
select "Standards Action" ?
select "Current Standards Action issues"*

Q. How do I find the latest version of the ANSI Essential Requirements that will be the overriding document for policies and procedures of the ATCC SDO?

*Go to www.ANSI.org ?
select "Library" ?
select "ANSI Public Documents" ?
select "American National Standards" ?
select "Procedures, Guides, and Forms" ?
scroll down in the "title" column to "ANSI Essential Requirements: Due process requirements for American National Standards (2007 edition)"*

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.

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 of other individuals for general CSP membership, individuals who are concerned about standardization of biodefense materials and processes.

Proceedings from the Expert Panel on the Development of Standards for Biodefense, held in Washington DC, April 5 & 6, 2006: If any member of the CSP would like a copy of the proceedings of this meeting as a reference, please contact Trish Hugunin (see below).

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