

Dear colleague biosafety professional,

It is my pleasure to welcome you on the website of the Belgian Biosafety Professionals.

The Belgian Biosafety Professionals, or BBP, is an association representing the interests of the practitioners of biological safety and providing a forum of exchange on biosafety and biosafety-related issues in Belgium. BBP is established as a Regional Group of EBSA. It can be your association, and this website can be yours, if you are active in the field of biorisk management in Belgium.

The BBP Regional Group aims at bringing together biosafety professionals to share experience, to be informed on developments and to anticipate upcoming issues, as well as providing a focused and structured dialogue on biosafety and biorisk management. Every year since its official launch in early 2006, BBP has organised a minimum of two workshops and a symposium, as well as a now traditional get-together for all the Belgian attendees of the Annual EBSA Conference. The various Task Forces and the Steering Team also worked on several dossiers, such as the classification of zoopathogens or the transportation issues, produced position papers on emergency planning and on the biorisk management standard, and developed a number of SBB-approved "biosafety practices" that could reveal a precious guidance for your daily activities. The concerned documents are available on this website, most generally in the members-only section.

BBP offers a quite unique opportunity to become familiar or develop expertise on various subjects like risk assessment, work practices, decontamination, safety equipment or biocontainment. It also gives opportunities to clarify or advocate views, elaborate positions and improve the daily operations of biosafety professionals in Belgium. The purpose of this website, as a section of the EBSA website, is to provide an insight of our activities and a source of useful information for our members.

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