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**EBSA**

**RESULTS  
MEMBER  
SURVEY**

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# THE AIM

To better understand the needs of our members and adapt our services accordingly

As an association we only exist through our members. We need to focus on creating an added value for these members to stay on board and develop activities that serve their professional needs.

With this survey EBSA wants to understand the priorities of its members and make sure that it stays focussed on their needs.

Creating an added value requires a focused effort from the EBSA organization, but active input and help from the members is also necessary to enlarge the value and build a bigger and better network throughout Europe and beyond.

## Survey participation

The survey was sent out to all members (390)

EBSA Office received 98 responses.

Therefore, the participation rate is approx. **25%**.

This document was made to inform members on the results of the member survey we launched in 2019 and to inspire them to work together with EBSA in making our network a reference point for all information concerning biosafety and biosecurity.

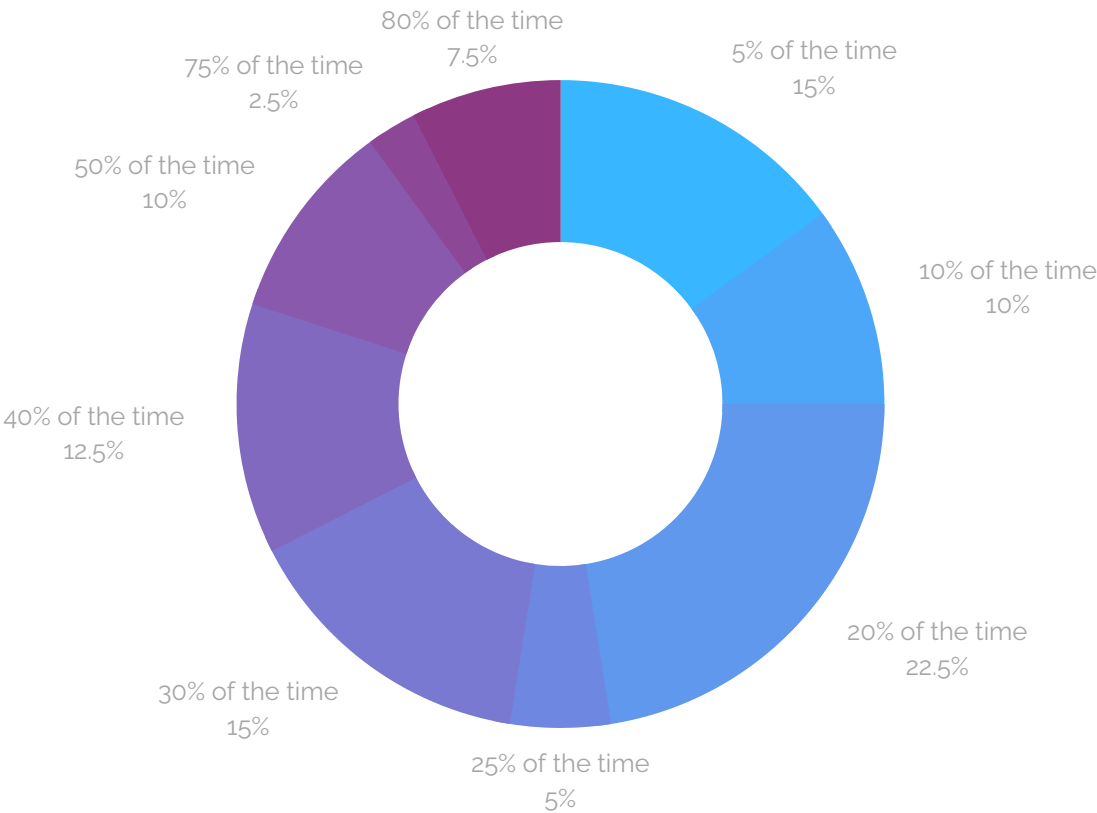
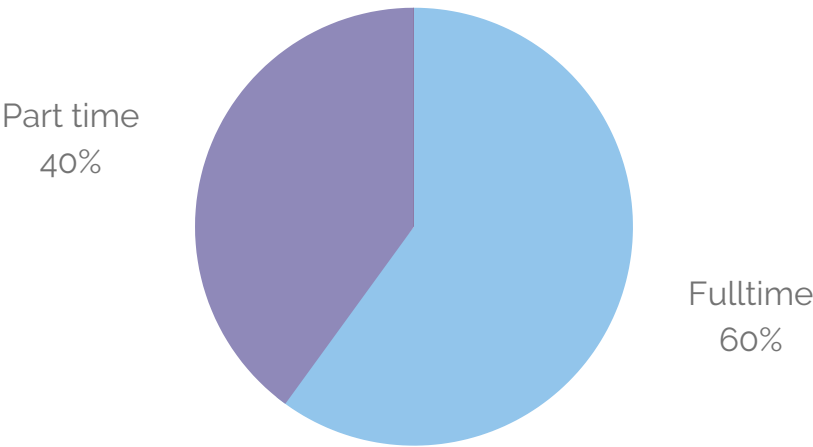
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# OUR MEMBERS: WHO ARE THEY?

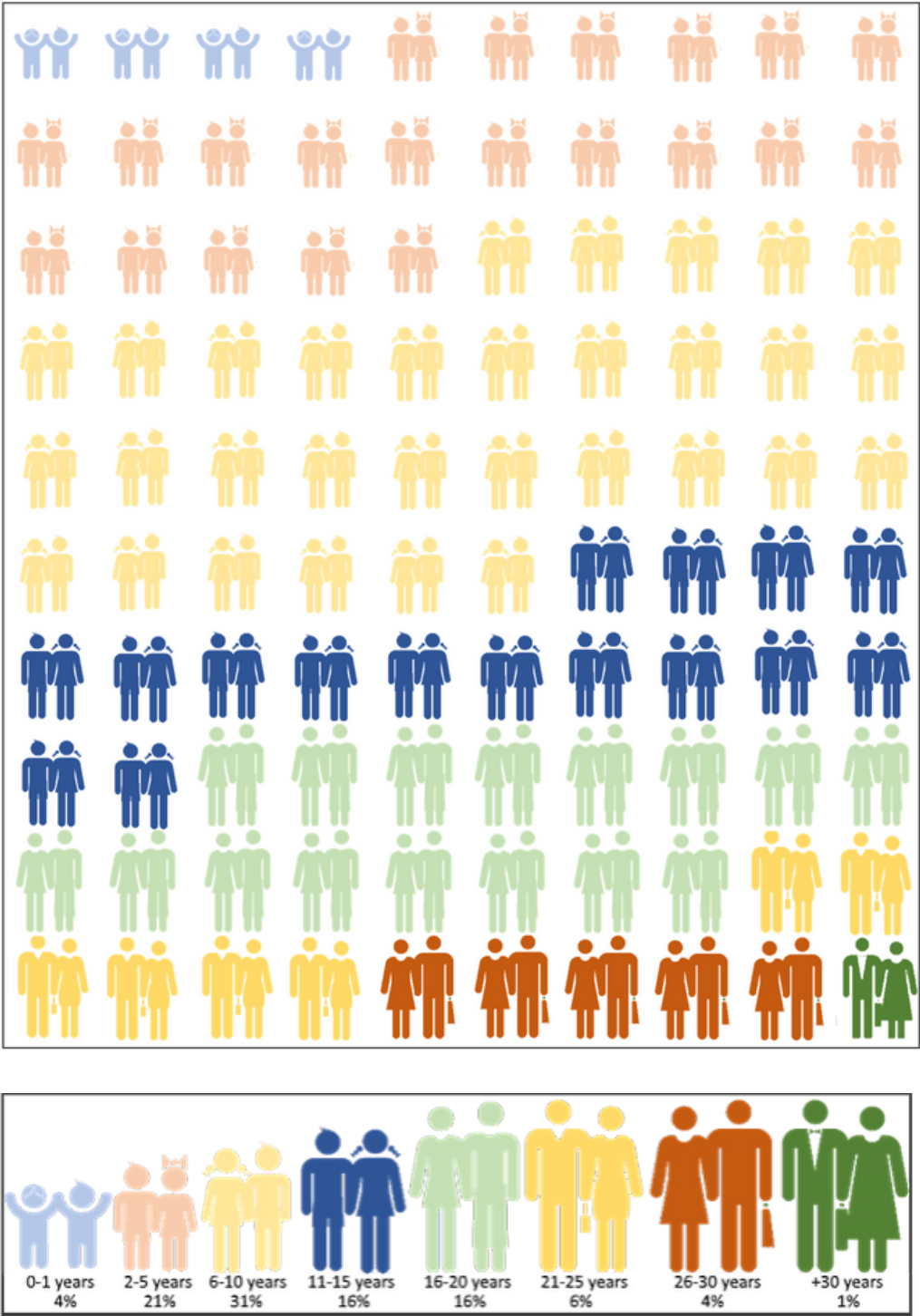
Our members all work in the fields of biosafety and biosecurity

For 60% of our members their job focusses fully on biosafety and biosecurity; the remaining 40% have additional functions to fulfill on a day to day basis.

Of those 40%, some spend as little as 5% of their weekly time on biosafety related matters, whereas others spend up to 80%.



Our members experience in the field varies from only a few months up to over 40 years. Getting those members together exchanging knowledge and giving the opportunity to "newbies" to draw upon the experience of their longer serving peers is a primary goal of the association.

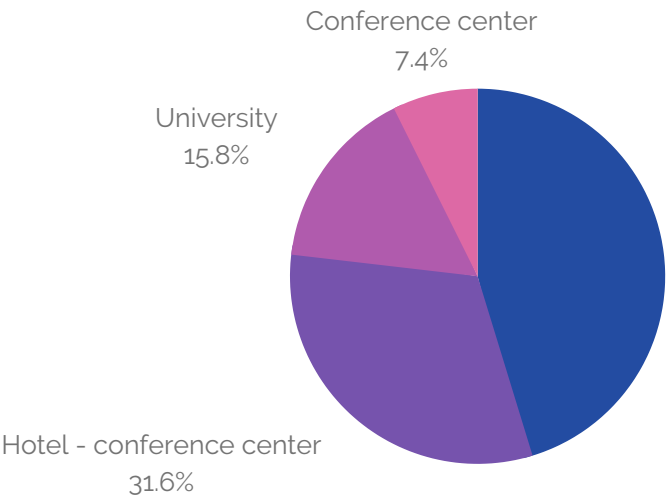
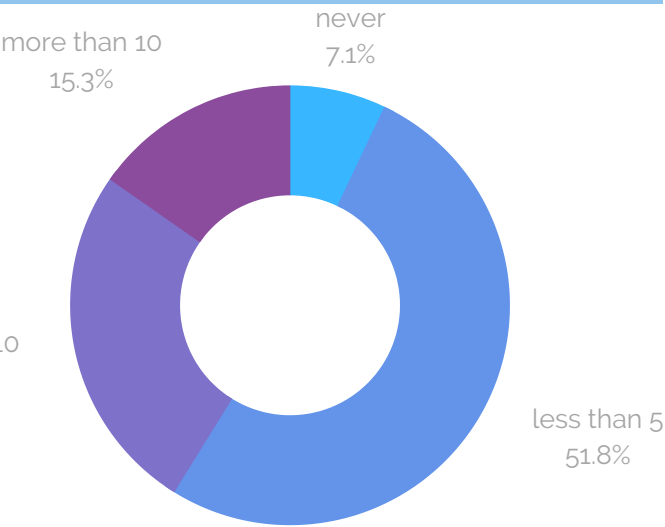


# EBSA CONFERENCE

The yearly EBSA conference and exhibition

### How many annual conferences of EBSA did the members attend?

93% of members attended at least one conference and over 40% attended 5 times or more.

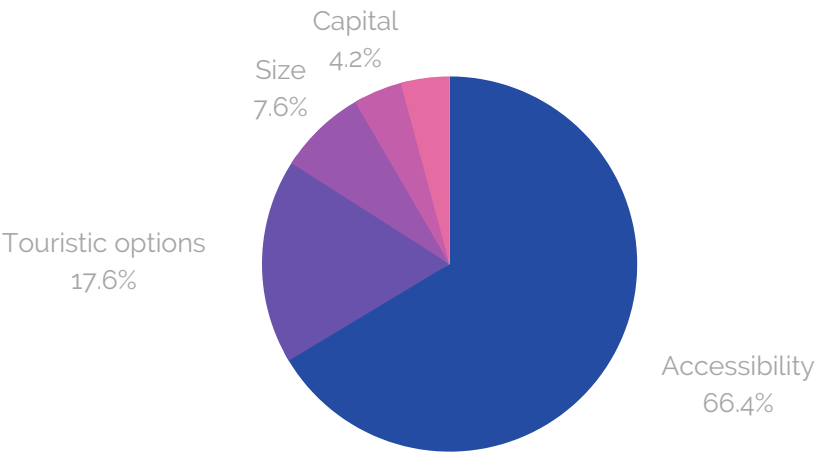


### Preferred conference venues by EBSA members

45% of the members have no preference for a specific conference venue. This gives EBSA the opportunity to search for the best option for any given location.

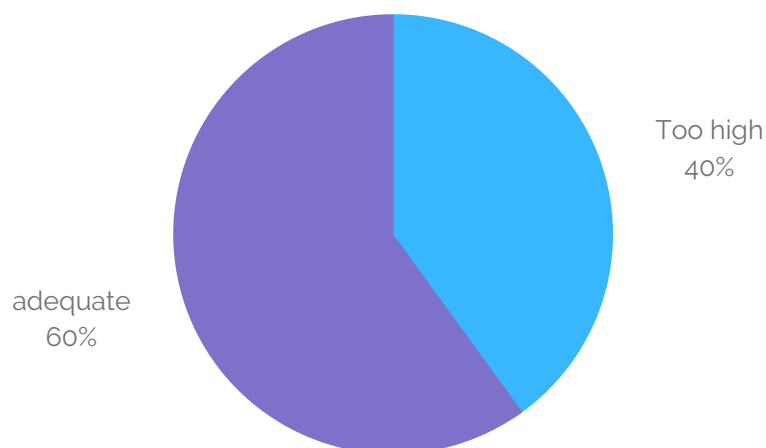
### Preferred conference locations

66% of the members find accessibility the most important criterium for selecting a conference city.



### What about the fees for the conference?

About 60% of members find the fees adequate.

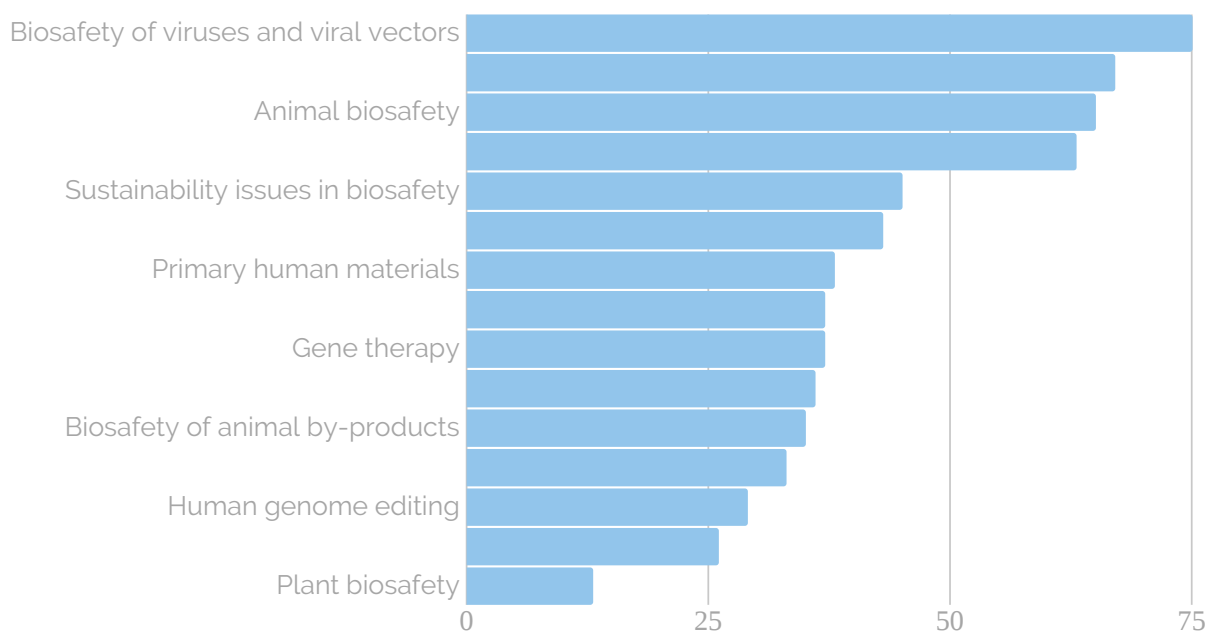


### Conference topics

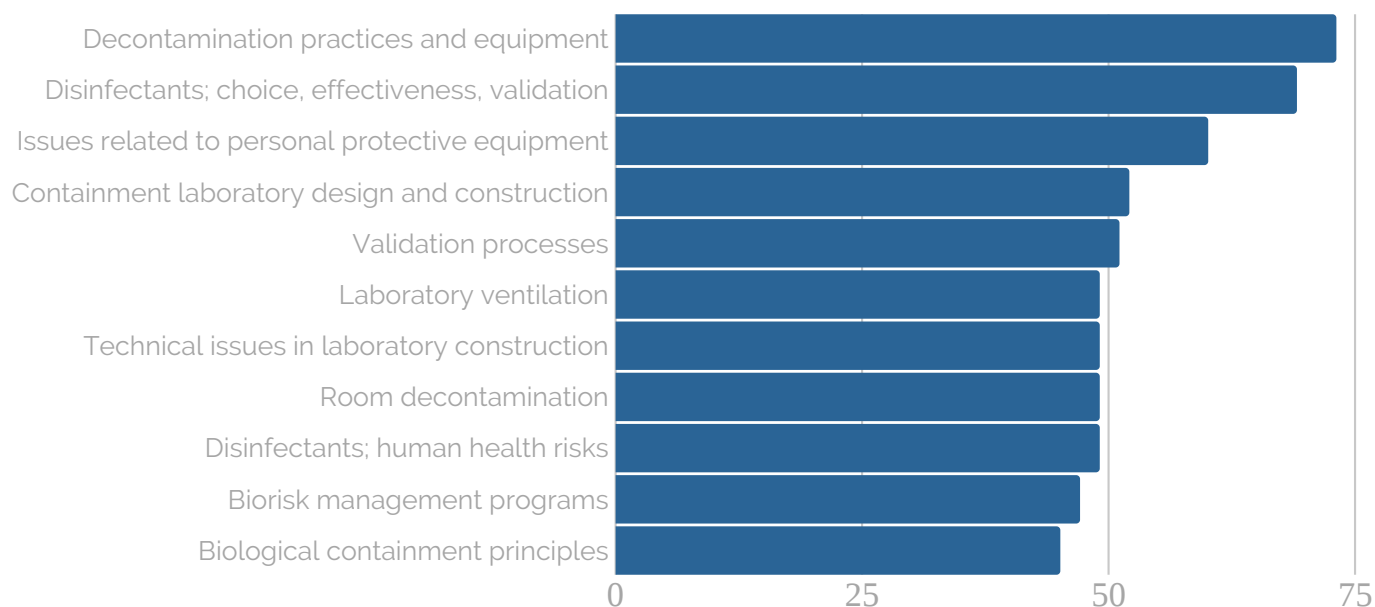
In order to get a better overview, the different topics EBSA selected to present to the members were subdivided into different cluster topics.

Below you find an overview of the scores (%) for all topics per cluster.

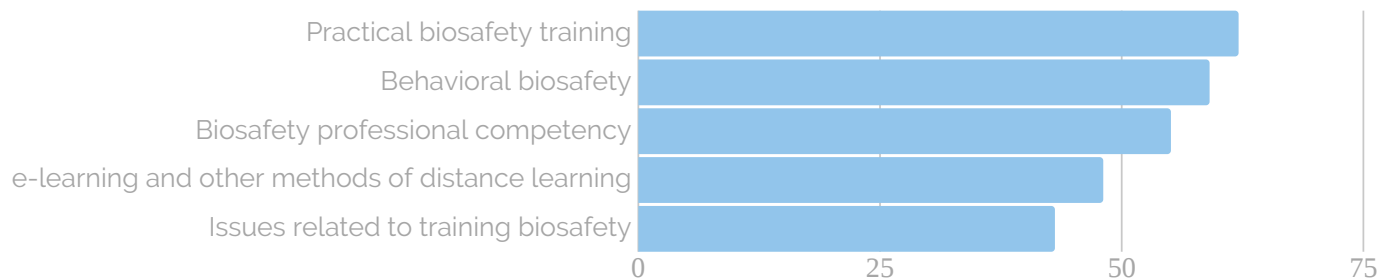
### General topics



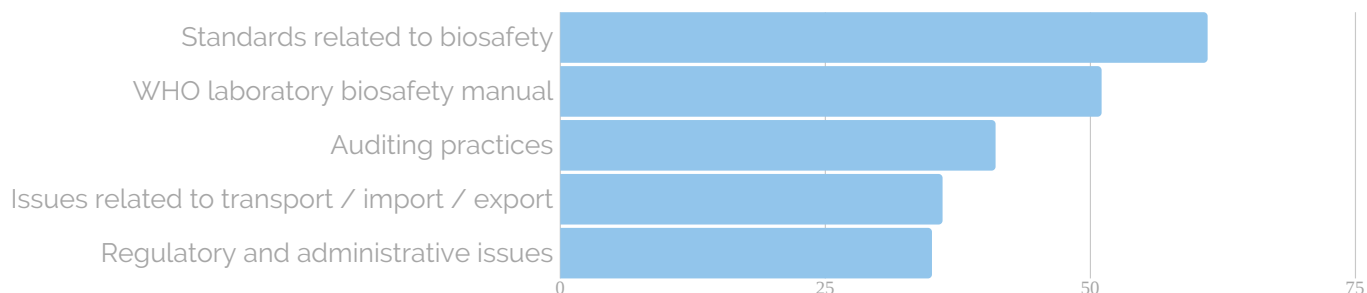
### Safety measures



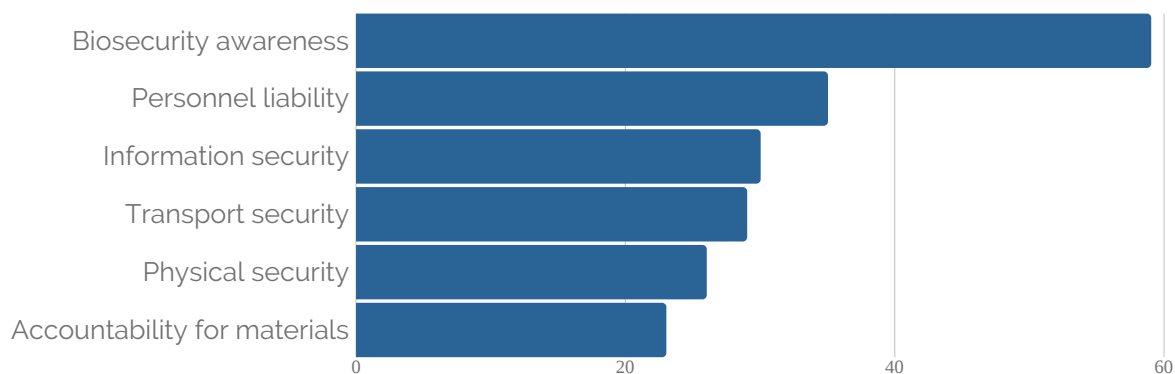
### Training and Competency



### Legislation and Regulation



### Biosecurity



### Other suggested topics

- Managing a Biosafety committee
- Biosafety in capital projects
- Communicating between users, designers, builders, and regulators.
- Auditing
- Biosafety audits and inspections!
- Latest methodologies in gene technology: New risks? New assessment?
- High containment
- Ethics
- International legal and regulatory issues
- Sharing info on near-misses
- Training for shipping and transport specimens inside and outside country
- Waste management
- Emergency scenarios



## But what are the top topics?

When looking at the list of topics, it again displays the diversity of profiles and interest of biosafety officers.

EBSA anticipated this and asked the members to also select their top 3 out of all topics they selected (see above). The result is shown in the word-cloud below.



Our ambition is to compare all conference topics against these results in order to give the members a conference that gives them the biggest added value possible.

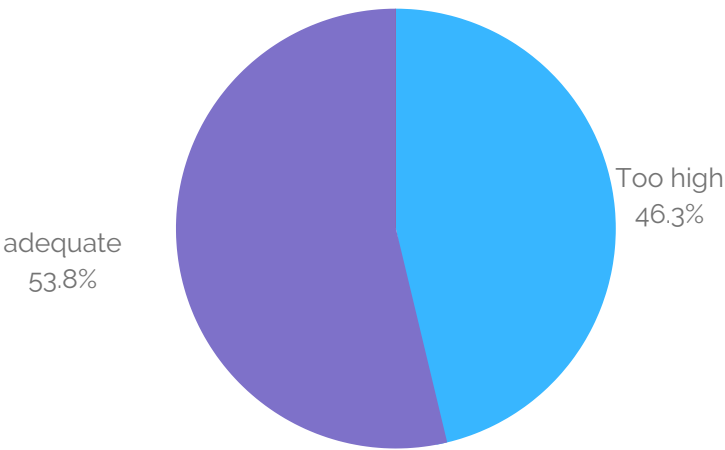
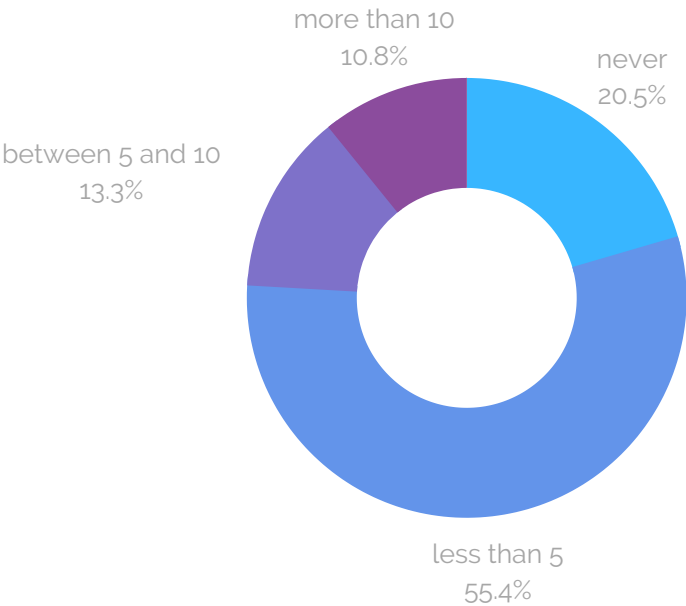


# EBSA COURSES

The yearly EBSA pre-conference courses

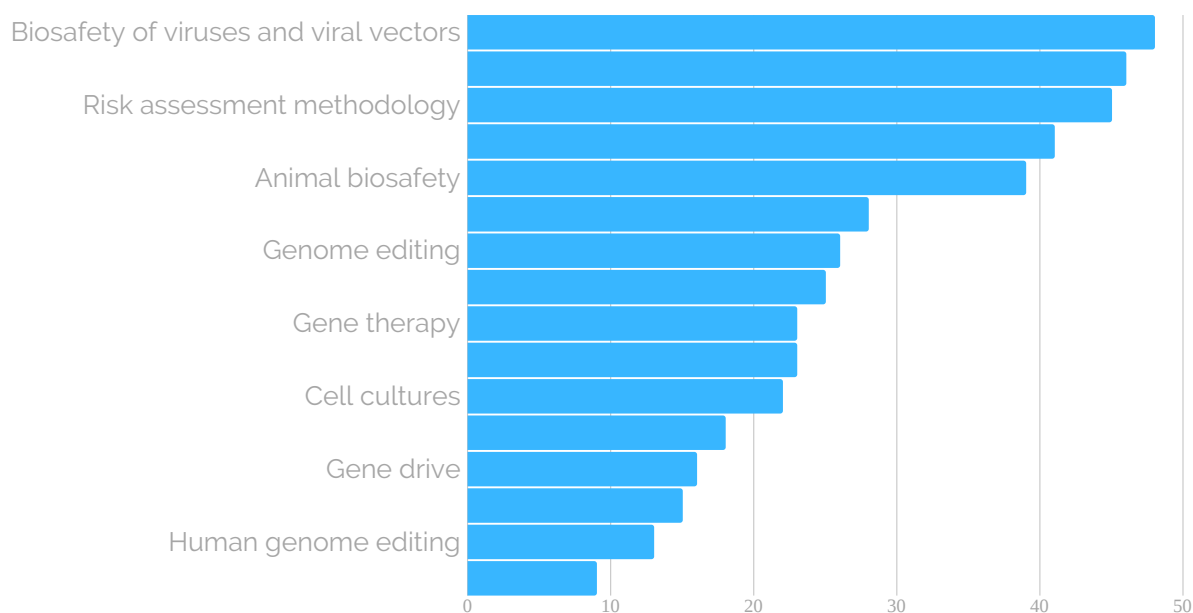
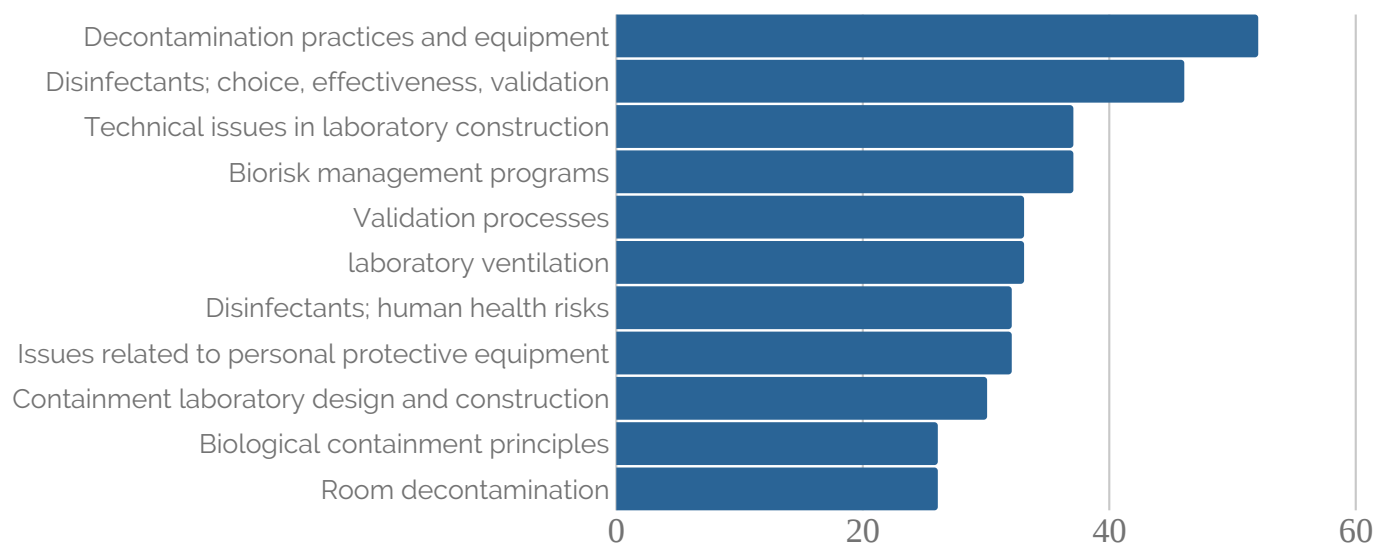
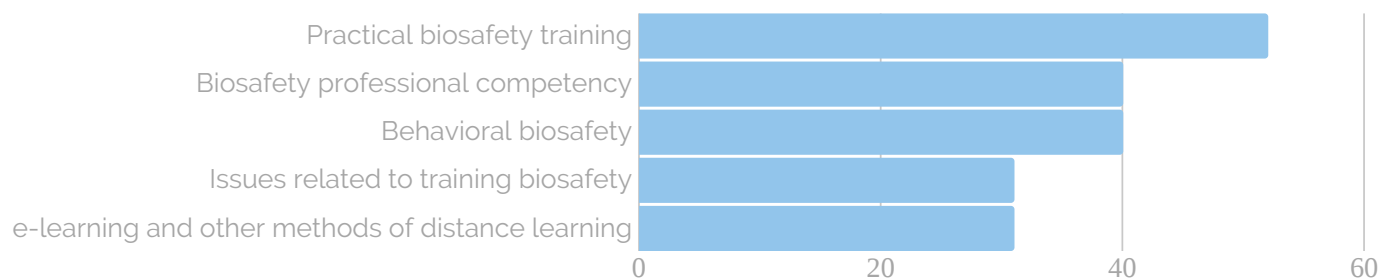
## How many EBSA pre-conference courses do members attend?

Over 20% of members never attended a pre-conference course.



## What about the fees for the pre-conference courses?

About 54% of members find the fees adequate.

**General topics****Safety measures****Training and Competency**

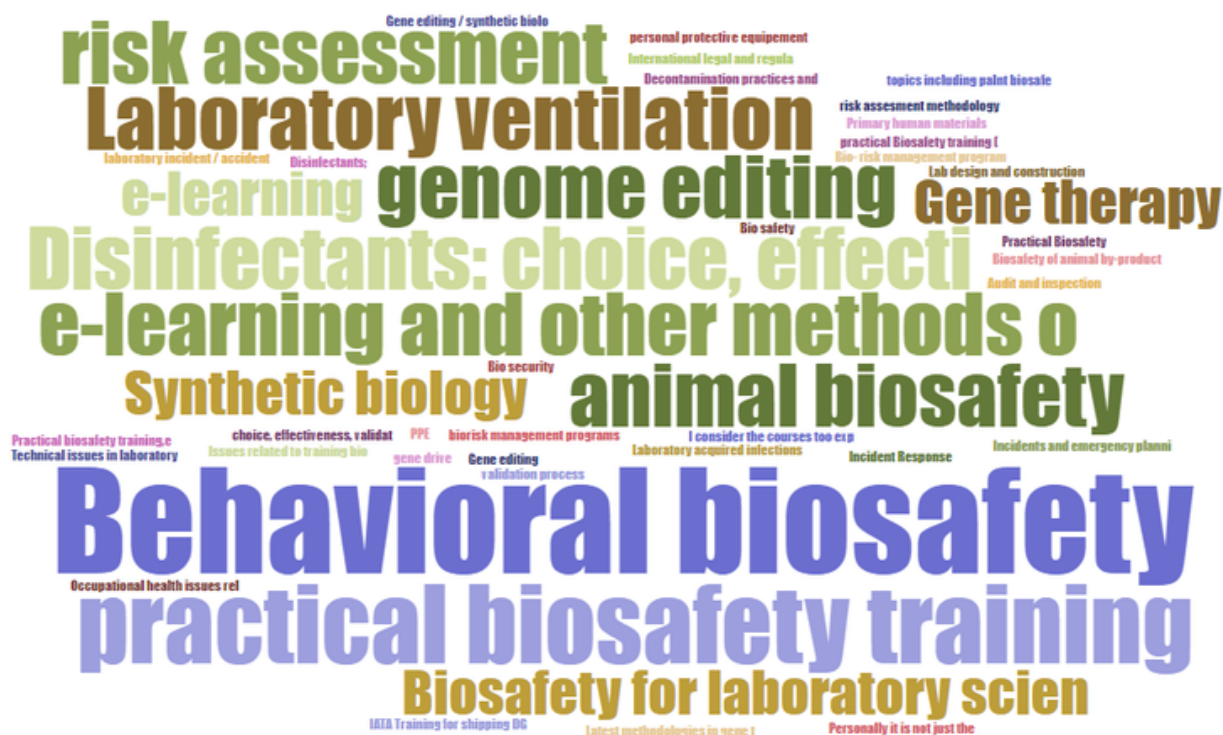
**Incidents/emergency planning****Other suggested topics**

- Biosafety audits and inspections! (THE EBSA-owned course)
- Biosafety in capital projects.
- Communicating between users, designers, builders, and regulators.
- Biosafety of animal by-products
- Biosafety of viruses and viral vectors
- Emergency scenarios
- Ethics
- High containment
- International legal and regulatory issues
- Latest methodologies in gene technology: New risks? New assessment?
- Managing a Biosafety committee
- Practical biosafety training
- Sharing info on near-misses
- Training for shipping and transport specimens inside and outside country.
- Waste management



## But what are the top topics?

The result is shown in the word-cloud below.



It is our ambition to compare all course topics against these results in order to make sure we offer courses our members want - whether it is during a preconference course, online courses, or "on the road" in the future.



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# THANK YOU

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Thank you to all members who filled out the online survey. Their feedback is vital to take EBSA forward in the coming years.

