Biosafety Accreditation in the UK

Abstract

The Institute of Safety in Technology and Research (ISTR) is a professional body representing individuals working in the field of biosafety within the UK.

The requirement for an accredited course for those working in the biosafety field was recognised by ISTR. Two working parties examined both the feasibility and content of such an accredited course 3 years ago.

The results of their deliberations led to two separate accreditation courses being formed. The first candidates for the Biosafety Practitioner Level 1 (Foundation) successfully completed the course this year. Biosafety Practitioner Level 2 (Professional) will be introduced this year.

Course providers are independently assessed by assessors appointed by ISTR.

The present poster details information on the accredited courses.

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