

ABSA International

The Annual Biosafety Conference History

Origin and Growth of a Professional Society

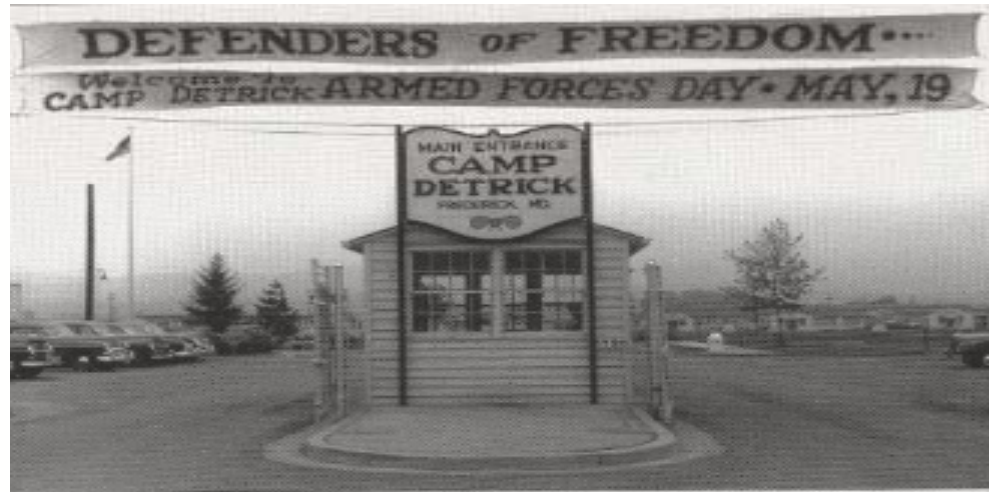


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ABSA History

- The 1st Annual Biological Safety Conference was April 18, 1955 at Camp Detrick in Frederick, Maryland.



The main entrance to Camp Detrick, on West Seventh Street, circa 1955. The facility became Fort Detrick in 1956.

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Firsts and Other Notables

BSC #	Date	Location	Significance
4	April 24-26, 1957	Ft. Detrick, MD	1 st non-Army attendee and included non-classified sessions
5	April 21-23, 1958	Pine Bluff Arsenal, AK	1 st year Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory represented
9	August 18-20, 1964	NADL, Ames IA	1 st time conference held at a non BW government Installation and the 1 st attendance by CDC and NIH representatives.
16	October 16-18, 1973	NADL, Ames IA	1 st formal discussion to organize at meeting chaired by James Sullivan
17	October 15-17, 1974	Raleigh, NC	1 st Conference not held at a USG facility and 1 st to be sponsored by industry (BD).
20	October 12-14, 1977	San Antonio, TX	1 st Arnold G. Wedum Memorial Lecture given by Karl Johnson.

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27	Oct 14-17, 1984	Raleigh, NC	ABSA was established and Officers were elected.
29	Oct 5-9, 1986	Lexington, KY	Establishment of the President's Award. Dr. Joseph Songer 1 st recipient.
43	Oct 22-25, 2000	Washington, DC and Ft. Detrick	1 st Time simultaneous translation booths were used. 1 st Black Tie Banquet! Last meeting where part of the program was conducted at Ft. Detrick.
49	Oct.15-18, 2006	Boston, MA	1 st conference that ABSA is self-managed with a full-time professional staff.
50	Oct 7-10, 2007	Nashville, TN	Past founding members participated in filmed historical round tables.



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