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On behalf of ABSA International, we welcome you as participants in the 67th Annual Biosafety and Biosecurity Hybrid Conference.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ABSA Office at 866-425-1385 or info@absa.org if you have any questions. The Registration Desk will be open from 7:00am to 5:00pm beginning Friday, November 1st in the Starbucks Foyer at the JW Marriott. Beginning on Sunday, the registration desk will relocate to the Grand Saguaro Foyer.

We will kick-off with the Opening **Reception** in the Grand Canyon Ballroom from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Please make sure to check in at the ABSA Registration Desk by 6:00pm to receive your event badge. Badges must be worn during all ABSA events.

Please plan to **dress comfortably** in casual clothing. The average high temperature in November is 77°F – the average low is 54°F. **IMPORTANT:** Please come prepared for meeting rooms where the temperature is difficult to control. **Our experience is that the room will often be quite cold – a jacket or other garment that you can layer on or off is essential to your comfort during the class.**

WiFi will be provided in the convention center. Network ID: JWMarriott_Conference. Password: 5350

We will be utilizing the RDMobile app “Engagefully” for the conference. You should have received an email from noreply@rdmobile.com. Please download the [desktop](#), [Apple](#), or [Android](#) version prior to the session start. We will use Slido for Q&A, which will be accessed through the Engagefully app. The app will also include venue maps, shuttle schedule to/from the Residence Inn, attendee directory, and other program details.

P.A.C.E[®] Contact Hours and ABSA Credentialing Maintenance Points will be tracked through the ‘session check-in’ on the app. Be sure to check-in for each session you attend. You can check into each session as a whole or the individual presentations, whichever is appropriate. Session check-in will be available 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the session. If you forget to check-in, the QR code associated with each session can be scanned anytime. See an ABSA representative at the Registration Desk or the ABSA Store for assistance. If you miss a session in Phoenix or would like to hear a talk again, you will have access to the [Lab Roots](#) site for 9 months.

Travel from the airport to the hotel and parking: There are no shuttles provided by the Marriott or Residence Inn. Alternate transportation information to travel from the airport can be found [here](#). The distance from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) to the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort is approximately 20 miles. If you are parking a car and not staying at the Marriott, be sure to stop by the ABSA Registration Desk and pick up a ticket for a 50% discount. If you are staying at the Marriott, the discount will be applied to your room charges.

A Continental breakfast, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, lunches, and the Tuesday night banquet at the Desert Foothills are all provided for our full conference registrants Monday through Wednesday. **All other meals are on your own.**

If you have **special dietary needs** (e.g., vegetarian, lactose-intolerant, etc.) and did not note them on your registration, please phone or [email](#) the ABSA Office as soon as possible. We must notify our caterers in advance of special meal arrangements.

You While you’re in Phoenix, check out some of the city’s many [attractions](#). We are looking forward to a great conference! See you soon!