

# University of Dundee

## City Campus Genetic Modification and Biological Safety Committee

A meeting of the Committee was held on 31 Aug 2011 at 3pm in JBC Meeting Room Level 1. The meeting closed at 4pm.

Present: Prof D van Aalten (Convener), Dr A-C Declais, Dr N Helps, Dr J Chubb, Dr Newman, Dr I Scragg, Dr S Wyllie, Ms L Grayson & Dr I Ellis

### Minute

Item	Action
1. Welcome. Prof van Aalten opened the meeting.	
2. Apologies Received from Dr P Robertson, Dr A Javelle, Dr J Zomerdijk, Dr A Knebel	
3. Minute of previous meeting.	Approved
4. Matters Arising Ms Grayson reported the Tissue Culture training package will be completed next week. It is a Powerpoint presentation with video clips of safety cabinets and cleaning up a spill, as well as having SOP's embedded in the presentation.  Dr Scragg reported that the training package takes about 10-15mins to complete. It also includes information about taking off gloves, disinfectants, waste streams and working at CL2. He suggested that the training package should be made available to all staff and students.  Dr DeClais suggested that PI's could present the course at a staff meeting.  Dr Ellis asked if the course could be made available to Dental School. Dr Scragg reported that much of the content was specific to Life Sciences, and with this caveat would be pleased to make it generally available. Ms Grayson agreed.  Prof van Aalten suggested that the training course should be sent to PI's since they are primarily responsible for	<b>Ms Grayson and Dr Scragg to complete training package.</b>  <b>Prof van Aalten to send training package to PI's highlighting the benefits of staff and students completing the 10-15 minute course.</b>

<p>their research staff and students. He asked Ms Grayson to give several examples of observed poor practice that this training course will remedy.</p>	
<p>5. Risk assessments approved by IS since last meeting. IS reported that since the last meeting 5 risk assessments had been submitted which he had approved since they were either low risk ( Containment Level 1) or extensions of previously approved Containment Level 2 work. He suggested to members that he should circulate for comment new Containment Level 2/3 risk assessments or any Containment Level 1 work that was borderline Containment Level 2. Member agreed with his suggestion.</p>	
<p>6. Risk Assessment for review. Angus Lamond, wild type adenovirus.</p> <p>Dr Helps asked for more information about environmental hazards since the risk assessment had omitted hazards to the general population, and that the risks were low since these viruses circulate in the general population.</p> <p>Dr Scragg reported that Prof Hay's group have experience of working with replication competent adenovirus.</p> <p>Ms Grayson reported that she had recommended 1% Virkon as a disinfectant rather than fitting UV lights to safety cabinets.</p>	<p>Risk assessment approved subject to changes.</p>
<p>7. Annual update of risk assessments Ms Grayson reported that 75% of risk assessments have not been reviewed in the last year, with 12 not being reviewed within the last 2 years.</p> <p>Dr Scragg confirmed that an annual review is appropriate.</p> <p>Ms Grayson reminded members that at the last meeting Divisional BSA's had been asked to remind PI's to update their</p>	<p>Ms Grayson to remind PI's to update their risk assessments before next SRB meeting.</p> <p>Prof van Aalten to discuss compliance at next SRB meeting.</p>

<p>risk assessments.</p> <p>Prof van Aalten suggested that Ms Grayson should e-mail PI's again, and indicate in the e-mail that he would be reporting on compliance to the next meeting of the SRB (what is this?)</p>	
<p>8. derogated CL3 inspection.</p> <p>Dr Scragg reported on the recent inspection carried out with Ms Grayson and Dr Wyllie. Most of the issues identified during the inspection are being addressed: the remainder will be addressed when the new facility in CTIR is built.</p> <p>He informed members that he plans to inspect CL2 facilities with Ms Grayson.</p>	
<p>9. HSE cost recovery scheme</p> <p>Dr Scragg informed members of the proposal to charge for inspections and accident investigations at £133/hour. The charging regime will start in April 2012. He suspects that the CL3 labs at Life Sciences and Medical School will be inspected 2-3 yearly at a cost of about £3000. In the last 10 years he recalled that the HSE have investigated 2 accidents and 4 complaints across the University. Generally the inspector spent about 1 day on site, with additional time for report writing and follow up checks.</p> <p>Prof van Aalten asked if Safety Services would pay these costs. Dr Scragg replied that he would raise this issue at the next meeting of the University H&amp;S sub-committee. His view is that these costs should be met centrally but it may be that the Committee takes a different view.</p>	
<p>AOB Dr Helps raised the issue of a BSA for ScILLS.</p>	<p>Prof van Aalten will ask Sir Philip for clarification.</p>