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Dear colleagues representing a regional or national biosafety organisation,

I am writing to inform you that the European Biosafety Association (EBSA) has conducted a review of the types of interactions it has with other related organisations. As you will of course be aware, some national biosafety associations and EBSA have for a number of years now shared an **affiliation/alliance**. However, and as I'm sure you'll agree, the details of precisely what that relationship entails has always been slightly vague. EBSA would now like to propose that we enter into a new **partnership of mutual benefit** and that, in so doing, we do agree precisely what it is that your organisation and EBSA can offer each other.

The obligations and benefits for the different types of interactions held by EBSA are described in the document "EBSA Interactions with other organisations". However, it is important to note that the precise details can be modified so as to suit our particular partnership with your organisation and that this would be formalised within a mutual agreement. So as to start discussions we propose that we consider the following shared benefits;

- To actively promote the events and activities of the partner organisation. This will include, for example, advertising partner conferences or courses on the other partner's website, or in their newsletters, for an agreed period.
- Partner organisations have the right to use the term "partner with EBSA" and the EBSA logo next to their logo or name. EBSA has the same rights; can use the term "partner with" and to include the name and logo of the partner organisation on agreed communications.
- Partner organisations receive any newsletters for distribution among the membership of the partner association or organisation.
- So as to encourage cross-partner representation at key biosafety events, EBSA would offer free registration for one representative to the EBSA Annual Conference (but not to the pre-conference workshops). EBSA would expect the reciprocal arrangement to be offered by the partner.
- Members of one organisation (EBSA or the partner organisation) are encouraged to consider full membership of the partner association.

We have laid out the obligations within the document "EBSA interactions with other organisations" and those would of course also be formalised within a mutual agreement.

EBSA would be honoured to enter in such a partnership with your organisation and I trust that this proposal will be of interest. If you are interested, please contact the EBSA Administration Office (ebbsa-office@ebbsaweb.eu).

Best wishes

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