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# ISBR2027 NEWSLETTER

## Nr 1, July 2026

### WELCOME TO ISBR2027!

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 18<sup>th</sup> ISBR Symposium (ISBR2027)!

Building on the tremendous success of ISBR2025, planning for **ISBR2027** is already well underway. We're especially excited that, for the first time in the ISBR's history, the symposium will take place in **Southeast Asia** during **Q4 of 2027**.

The **final conference venue and symposium dates will be announced by the end of August 2026**. In the meantime, we'd like to share the progress we've made and invite you to help shape the scientific program.



### FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE BIOINNOVATION



### SYMPOSIUM THEME

*Fostering Sustainable Bioinnovation: A Partnership between Science, Policy, and Society*

This theme was selected to underscore the critical role of collaboration across stakeholders, provide a platform to explore a broad range of topics relevant to ISBR, and reflect a forward-looking, action-oriented perspective.

A partnership between [Science](#), [Policy](#), and [Society](#)

### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Following the positive feedback from ISBR2025, ISBR2027 will once again be presented over **3½ days** of:

- Plenary sessions
- Topic-specific parallel sessions

- Open call parallel sessions
- Workshops
- Pecha Kucha presentations
- Poster sessions

The [Program at a Glance](#) is available on the ISBR website and will be updated regularly as planning progresses.

ISBR2027 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE					
Time	Sunday, TBD	Monday, TBD	Tuesday, TBD	Wednesday, TBD	Thursday, TBD
Pre-morning		Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
Morning sessions		Welcome & opening address	Plenary II:	Plenary III:	Plenary IV:
		Plenary I:			
	MORNING COFFEE BREAK				
		Plenary I (continued)	Plenary II (continued)	Plenary III (continued)	Plenary IV (continued)
	LUNCH				*Closing session*
Afternoon sessions	Registration	Parallel sessions (running concurrently) 1.5 hour session	Workshops (running concurrently) 3 hours	Parallel sessions (running concurrently) 1.5 hour session	Optional tours: More detail to be provided
		AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK			
		Parallel sessions (running concurrently) 1.5 hour session	Workshops (continued)	Parallel sessions (running concurrently) 1.5 hour session	
		Pecha Kucha	Poster session 2	FREE TIME 5:30 - 7PM	
Evening	Welcome reception	Poster session 1	Members Meeting	Symposium dinner	

## HELP BUILD THE PROGRAM



One of ISBR Symposia's greatest strengths is that **our members help create the scientific program.**

Now is the perfect time to start discussing ideas with colleagues, identifying emerging topics, and building collaborations. If there's a conversation the international biosafety community should be having, we encourage you to lead it at ISBR2027.

Later this month, ISBR will open the **Call for Proposals for organizing:**

- **Topic-Specific Parallel Sessions (90 minutes)** - five invited speakers presenting the latest developments around a common topic.
- **Workshops (3 hours)** - interactive sessions that may include presentations, panel discussions, training, or other engaging formats.

Successful proposals will be led by volunteer Session Organizers, who will assemble speakers, work with the Scientific Program Committee to finalize the session details, and chair it during the symposium.

Proposal guidelines, Ts&Cs, and application forms will be published **by the end of July.**

**Start the conversation now - we look forward to seeing your ideas become part of ISBR2027!**

**ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR**

## **Open call for ABSTRACTS**

The **Open Call for Abstracts** for oral and poster presentations will open in **January 2027** and close in **April 2027**.

Whether you're presenting new research, innovative practice, or emerging policy perspectives, we encourage you to start preparing your submission now.

**Submission guidelines and abstract instructions will be published soon.**

## **ISBR Student SCHOLARSHIPS**

The ISBR is committed to supporting the next generation of biosafety professionals. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we hope to once again offer **scholarships to students** for ISBR2027.

The scholarship application process will open in **December 2026**.

**Eligibility criteria, application guidelines, and available awards will be announced soon.**



## **SEE YOU IN **BEAUTIFUL** BALI!**

Beyond an outstanding scientific program and professional value, **ISBR2027 offers the opportunity to experience one of the world's most inspiring destinations**. Bali combines warm hospitality, spectacular landscapes, rich cultural traditions, and exceptional cuisine with modern conference facilities and excellent international connectivity. Whether you're exploring ancient temples, enjoying breathtaking sunsets, or relaxing on pristine beaches, **Bali provides the perfect setting to connect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and create lasting memories**.

We look forward to welcoming the global biosafety community to Southeast Asia for what promises to be a truly memorable ISBR Symposium.

## The ISBR

Promotes the practice and application of science in applied biotechnology and risk analysis. In particular, the ISBR aims to encourage research, development, and communication that support the safe and sustainable use of biotechnology and facilitate the development of appropriate policy and regulation.

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Stay connected, get involved, and be part of the conversations that are shaping the future of sustainable bio-innovation.



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