

ASCA6 2023

6th Asian Short Course on Agribiotechnology, Biosafety Regulation, and Communication

September 11-15, 2023
Bogor, Indonesia

The potential of agribiotechnology to contribute to sustainable agriculture depends on R&D and the integration of other factors such as effective communication, science-based national regulatory frameworks, and an adequate understanding of international legal instruments. Strong collaboration among scientists, regulators, policymakers and lawyers is important so that science and regulation can co-evolve and society can benefit from modern biotechnology while risks are minimized.

ASCA is a capacity-building initiative of the Malaysian Biotechnology Information Centre (MABIC) and the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications Inc. (ISAAA Inc.) to create a platform for Asian scientists and regulators to be competent in the regulations and policies related to biotechnology. This will enable a strong voice for science-based regulations supporting R&D, commercialization, and trade. It also enables more Asian stakeholders to be trained, given the limited resources in developing countries.

SCOPE OF THE TRAINING

1. Conceptual first-hand information from scientists, the development of biotech (genetic modification and genome editing) of crops and animals (from the lab to the market).
2. Lecture, discussion, and exercises on environmental and food/feed safety assessment of biotech products.
3. Role of modern biotechnology in agriculture, its benefits and impact on trade and economy.
4. Strategic communication methods (in quad media) including risk communication.
5. Basics of science diplomacy and its use in international negotiations.

REGISTRATION

Register now at: bit.ly/registerASCA2023

The Indonesian Biotechnology Information Centre (IndoBiC) hosts the 6th Short Course on Biotechnology Regulation and Communication (ASCA 6) in Jakarta, Indonesia in collaboration with ISAAA Inc., MABIC, and BioTrust-ISAAA on September 11-15, 2023.

ASCA was conducted in Malaysia in 2018, in the Philippines in 2019, hosted by ISAAA Inc. virtually in 2020 and 2021, and again in the Philippines in 2022.

The short course is designed to enable participants to better understand the following topics:

- entire value chain related to the research, development, commercialization, and trade of living modified organisms (LMOs) and gene edited crops/organisms;
- national and international legal instruments related to LMOs and gene editing;
- effective communication and agri-biotechnology and biosafety regulation; and
- science diplomacy in international negotiations

FEES

Participants' Fees: US\$1,000 exclusive of fund transfer service charges.

Inclusive: Accommodation, transport during visits to biotech farms and research institutes, and exclusive access to workshop and training kits (bios, abstracts, PPT presentations, and related references).

Payment methods: Paypal. For other methods, please contact us.

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