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European Biosafety Summit, London, 1 June 2012

Dear Colleagues,

The European Biosafety Network and UNISON would like to invite you to attend the European Biosafety Summit in London on Friday 1 June 2012. The Summit is a one day event and will be held in central London at the UNISON Centre, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY.

A number of keynote speakers, including representatives of the European Commission, EU-OSHA, the Health and Safety Executive and the Social Partners, EPSU and HOSPEEM, will address the audience as well as a victim of needlestick injury. A welcome reception and light buffet for all delegates will take place on 31 May 2012 at the UNISON Centre starting at 18.00, to be addressed by the Opposition Health Minister, Andy Burnham MP and the President of UNISON.

The European Biosafety Summit will focus on the state of implementation of the Directive in Member States and as a platform to publicise guidance on implementation drafted by the social partners and a practical toolkit for workers and employers in the field. The Summit is intended to further raise awareness of the serious health risks caused by sharps injuries and practical steps that employers and workers can take to prepare for the implementation of the Directive by 11 May 2013.

The European Biosafety Network was established in 2010 as a network of national and European professional institutions, representative associations, unions and other interested organisations committed to the elimination of sharps injuries throughout the EU to improve the safety of patients, healthcare and non-healthcare workers.

The Summit is by invitation only and free to attend. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Attendees will need to arrange and meet the costs of their own travel and accommodation. The Summit is due to commence with registration at 08.30 and to conclude at 16.30 on 1 June 2012. The Summit programme and further details will follow.

To register your interest in attending, or for further information, please contact Ms Laraine Senior, UNISON: l.senior@unison.co.uk or +44 (0)113 2182333. Attendance will be confirmed by email.

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