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## Soaring with GBAC STAR Accreditation

The Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is flying high after successfully marking its GBAC STAR™ Facility Reaccreditation, the first airport in Michigan to mark this achievement. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is the second busiest airport in the state, serving business and leisure travelers with nonstop and connecting flights on six airlines. The Ford International Airport is managed and operated by the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority.

As the cleaning industry's accreditation for outbreak prevention, response and recovery, the GBAC STAR process helps organizations establish protocols and procedures, offers expert-led training and assesses a facility's readiness for biorisk situations. GBAC STAR establishes requirements to assist facilities with work practices, protocols, procedures and systems to control risks associated with infectious agents, such as SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19.



To achieve accreditation, the Ford International Airport demonstrated compliance with the program's 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures.

"We are pleased to have been recognized with the 'gold standard' for cleaning and sanitation by GBAC," Tory Richardson, President and CEO, Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority, said. "Our goal is always to provide an ultra-clean facility for our guests, both during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Achieving this reaccreditation, which took a full commitment from

our entire team, recognizes our charge to provide a safe travel experience."

Ideal for facilities such as airports, schools, offices, hotels, assisted care facilities, stadiums and other public venues, the accreditation assesses a facility's preparedness and provides staff with training for biorisk prevention and containment. The program also establishes a framework for communication and awareness best practices.

"GBAC STAR accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers and key stakeholders they have proven systems in place to maintain clean and healthy environments," said Patricia Olinger, Executive Director, GBAC. "By taking this important step to pursue GBAC STAR, the Ford International Airport will receive third-party validation that it follows strict protocols for biorisk situations, thereby demonstrating its preparedness and commitment to operating safely."

Dedicated to achieving this gold standard for facilities, the Ford International Airport will continue implementing stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention throughout its facility.

To learn more about the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, visit [www.grr.org](http://www.grr.org).

To learn more about GBAC STAR accreditation, visit [www.gbac.org](http://www.gbac.org) ★



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# Bringing Together the World's Leading Indoor Air Experts

## GBAC Symposium 2022 Air Considerations Chicago, Illinois August 16-17, 2022

Dr. Deborah Birx, former White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator, will keynote the inaugural GBAC Symposium 2022, which is focused on Air Considerations. The event is set for August 16-17 in Chicago and brings together some of the greatest minds in the world to discuss the quality of indoor air in non-health-care settings. Birx will be the keynote speaker for the morning session on August 17. The GBAC Symposium will be held at the Chicago Hyatt Regency, a GBAC-accredited facility, and features prominent scientists, innovations, advancements and leadership in air quality.

The GBAC Symposium 2022, Air Considerations is focused on improving the quality of indoor air in non-health care settings such as schools, offices, restaurants and gyms by communicating best practices, advances in innovations, and programs and processes, the implementation of which will make these facilities safer not only during a pandemic, but after the current crisis is behind us.

### Deborah L. Birx, MD Former White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator



Dr. Birx spent her first career serving as an Army Colonel and later, running some of the most high-profile and influential programs at the

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Department of

State. Most recently, Birx served as the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator, where she made recommendations to the Vice President using complex data integration to drive decision-making. She also worked closely with state officials across the country to provide state-specific advice and guidance. In 2014, Birx became an Ambassador-at-Large, when she assumed the role of the Coordinator of the United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS and U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy.

Birx is a world-renowned medical expert and leader whose long career has focused on clinical and basic immunology, infectious disease, pandemic preparedness, vaccine research and global health. As the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, she oversaw the spending of the \$6 billion annual budget of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history, as well as all U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

### John McKeon, MD CEO, Allergy Standards Limited



Dr. McKeon has led the development of an international intellectual property portfolio of patents and trademark applications and

negotiated complex licensing agreements with multinationals such as P&G and 3M. McKeon is an Adjunct Professor in the Centre for Practice and Healthcare Innovation, Entrepreneur in Residence in the Faculty of Health Sciences, guest lecturer at Trinity College Business School, and a member of the Knowledge Transfer & Innovation Committee, Trinity College Dublin.

### John Lowe, PhD Associate Professor, Environmental, Agricultural and Occupational Health University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health



Dr. Lowe's research areas include infectious disease microbiology, disaster preparedness and environmental exposure assessment with

a focus on remediation of biological weapon contamination, highly infectious patient transport, nosocomial environmental contamination, environmental sampling and gaseous decontamination. He has ongoing projects in a wide range of environmental health topics from decontamination, highly infectious patient care, community-acquired pneumonia, and public health and health care disaster preparedness.

### Mark Hernandez, PhD SJ Archuleta Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering Director, Environmental Engineering Microbiology and Disinfection Lab, University of Colorado



Dr. Hernandez is a registered professional civil engineer and an expert on the characterization and control of bio aerosols — both indoors and

out. A generation of his research leverages modern biophysics and forensic science for wide-area surveillance and novel disinfection systems for the built environment. Hernandez maintains an active environmental microbiology research program which focuses on microbial air pollution, and he was an associate editor of Aerosol Science and Technology.

**Paul Meechan, PhD**  
**Senior Advisor, Laboratory Safety,**  
**Office of Laboratory Science and**  
**Safety, U.S. Centers for Disease**  
**Control and Prevention**



Dr. Meechan is a veteran of the pharmaceutical industry and worked for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition to overseeing large-scale produc-

tion facilities and containment labs, he served as president of ABSA International and is the editor of the upcoming sixth edition of the NIH/CDC Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, a cornerstone of biosafety practice.

**Stefan Wagener, PhD**  
**Executive Director and Founder,**  
**Biorisk International**



Dr. Wagner has nearly three decades of international experience in the fields of biosafety, biosecurity and bioethics, as well as executive

management. He retired as Director General from the Government of Canada in 2019 after working for Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Canadian Grain Commission.

**Patricia Olinger, JM, RBP**  
**Executive Director, Global Biorisk**  
**Advisory Council**



Prior to joining GBAC, Olinger was an Assistant Vice President in the Office of Research Administration and the Executive Director of

the Environmental, Health and Safety Office (EHSO) at Emory University. During Olinger's 13-year tenure, EHSO had university-wide responsibility for

all aspects of Environmental, Health and Safety support, including EHS compliance support to Emory Health-care. This included biosafety support to the Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Unit (SCDU), which cared for four Ebola patients in 2014.

**Elizabeth Caley, (aka EC)**  
**Co-CEO, Poppy Health**



Prior to founding Poppy, EC was Chief Operating Officer of Meta, an AI company that organized the world's scientific information. After the

acquisition of Meta by Mark Zuckerberg and Dr. Priscilla Chan, EC was an executive at the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, overseeing tech and science information initiatives for social good.

**John LaRochelle**  
**President, Lighthouse Environmen-**  
**tal Infection Prevention (EIP)**



In 2017, LaRochelle founded EIP to reduce illness and save lives through the elimination of infections with best-in-class people, process

and technology. His career in environmental infection prevention began over 35 years ago with Sodexo. As the Global Leader for Environmental Infection Prevention, LaRochelle was responsible for the development of Sodexo's global environmental infection prevention and cleaning program.

**Michael Diamond**  
**Senior Director, Global Biorisk**  
**Advisory Council**



Diamond leads the efforts of Innovation, Technology and GBAC-TIPS for GBAC. He spent a decade in executive positions with

commercial cleaning companies before founding The Infection Prevention Strategy (TIPS) to vet, validate, market and promote promising new technologies and processes in global health.

**Dave Maurer**  
**Founder, Creative Products**  
**International (CPI)**



With Maurer at the helm for the last 20 years, CPI has become a world leader in microfiber innovation. He holds more than ten patents in

various countries in manufacturing and applications of 4D CleanTM Systems relating to intelligent i-fiber®.

**Gavin Macgregor-Skinner, BVSc,**  
**MSc, MPH, MRCVS**  
**Senior Director, Global Biorisk**  
**Advisory Council**



Dr. Macgregor-Skinner has more than 25 years of technical experience in emergency management and infectious disease surveillance and

response. He leads the development of the GBAC Continuous Improvement Program for GBAC Coaching and Consulting. A veteran of both the Australian and British militaries, Macgregor-Skinner has worked with U.S. and international governments, United Nations agencies and the private sector. He currently serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Penn State College of Medicine.

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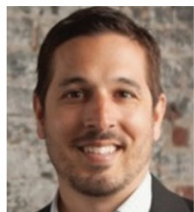
# Expanding Facility Validation of Air, Water and Surfaces

## GBAC Validation Workshop 2022 Holland, Michigan August 23, 2022

The GBAC Validation Workshop 2022 is scheduled for August 23 at the GBAC Training Facility in Holland, Michigan. This Validation Workshop is unique, as attendees will discuss air, water and surfaces, rather than only focusing on surfaces. It will also review the upcoming GBAC Measurable Auditing Toolkit that will be published in October, and detail viable technologies, programs and services for air, water and surfaces such as ATP, qPCR, air monitoring, facility sensors, inspection software and other advancements. The August workshop, partnered with the upcoming soon-to-be-published toolkit, will include implementation guidance, recommendations, extended resources and more.

The GBAC Validation Workshop 2022 offers an impressive lineup of speakers featuring prominent scientists, innovation advancements and leadership in the validation and monitoring of air, water and surfaces.

### Jeremy Duguay Applications Scientist, LuminUltra



Duguay has more than 15 years of biotechnology experience in the public, private and academic sectors. With a wide-ranging

background in technical sales, customer support and research and development, he takes pride in understanding customer needs and helping customers solve complex problems. An educator at heart, Duguay is driven to help clients navigate and succeed in the constantly evolving world of microbiology.

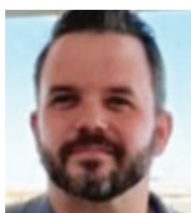
### Dave Mains, PhD Product Development Research Specialist, 3M Surface Hygiene



Dr. Mains has more than 10 years of experience across academia and industry. His previous work as a product engineer for 3M

Food Safety had him supporting both the sample-handling and allergen-detection portfolios, leading product and process understanding as well as a variety of improvement projects. Most recently, Mains transitioned to a product development role with 3M Commercial Solutions Division, innovating in the Cleaning and Workplace Safety category to develop novel, next-generation cleaning solutions.

### Cody Ray Director of Business Development of North America, LuminUltra



Ray has more than a decade of experience in the professional sanitation field, with a focus on chemicals. His work with industry leaders

has implemented innovative and successful programs that have improved the safety of environments in the industries of health care, hospitality, education and beyond. Ray has brought his expertise to LuminUltra to deliver a holistic approach on how we understand and engage with microbes in our everyday environments.

For the latest information on the GBAC Validation Workshop 2022, visit <https://gbac.issa.com/events/gbacvalidation-workshop-2022>.

## Other Speakers

(Bios in GBAC Symposium 2022)

### Patricia Olinger

Executive Director, Global Biorisk Advisory Council

### Michael Diamond

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### Stefan Wagener, PhD

Executive Director and Founder, Biorisk International

### John LaRochelle

President, Lighthouse Environmental Infection Prevention (EIP)

### Gavin Macgregor-Skinner, BVSc, MSc, MPH, MRCVS

Senior Director, Global Biorisk Advisory Council

## COME SEE US

Members of the GBAC team will be presenting or hosting exhibits at the following events in the month of June. Check the websites for details.

### June 6-8

AAAE Annual Conference, Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, Washington

<https://aaae.org/AAAE/AAAESEA/Home.aspx>

### June 8-9

ISSA Canada Show, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

<https://canadashow.issa.com>

### June 13-15

APIC, Indiana Convention Center in Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

<https://annual.apic.org>

# Save the Date for ISSA Show North America 2022

We hope to see you at ISSA Show North America 2022, scheduled to be held October 10-13 at McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, a GBAC STAR™-accredited facility.

GBAC will be a huge contributor to the educational seminars and workshops being planned, which begin Monday, October 10. Attendees will enjoy the industry's largest event covering leading education, cutting-edge advances and network gatherings, and there will be many opportunities to grow the industry.

Attending ISSA Show North America 2022 will help you stay up to date on the latest trends and solutions for cleaning, disinfection and infection prevention. Here, attendees transfer

knowledge and create solutions to push the industry forward, which leverages the strength of a global community to change the way the world views cleaning. The result is an increased appreciation for cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment and an improved bottom line.

For the latest details, visit [issashow.com/en/home.html](https://issashow.com/en/home.html). Also, attendees can access the official planner for ISSA Show North America 2022. Here you will find exhibitors, products and education sessions available for you to design your show experience. Visit your app store for download or visit [https://issashowplanner.com/8\\_0/login/login.cfm](https://issashowplanner.com/8_0/login/login.cfm).

## Where Do We Stand

### GBAC STAR Facility Reaccreditation

GBAC STAR Family Reaccreditation is an annual process that builds on an initial accreditation to ensure those facilities continue to evolve, improve and advance with the performance-based GBAC STAR program elements. More than 4,000 facilities make up the GBAC STAR Family and many are in the process of reaccreditation, while others are initially becoming accredited.

### GBAC STAR Family

As of May 15, 2022

**80%** of facilities committed to reaccreditation

**1,151** facilities reaccredited

To learn more about this process, contact GBAC Sales at <https://gbac.issa.com/contact>.



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# Cleaning Industry Alerts

## How the Cleaning Industry Can Build Confidence as Monkeypox Spreads

In the latest episode of GBACtv, leadership will discuss the latest news on monkeypox. Patty Olinger, Executive Director, GBAC, a division of ISSA; Dr. Gavin Macgregor-Skinner, Senior Director, GBAC; and Dr. Stefan Wagener, Executive Director and Founder, Biorisk International will share updates on monkeypox. According to the World Health Organization, monkeypox is an orthopoxvirus that causes a disease with symptoms similar, but less severe, to smallpox. At this time, monkeypox is crossing international borders as cases rise and officials are monitoring them closely. The episode on "How the Cleaning Industry Can Build Confidence as Monkeypox Spreads" is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUIng1qeX2w>.



## What You Never Knew You Needed to Know about Free COVID Tests

In another episode, Dr. Gavin Macgregor-Skinner, shares details on at-home COVID tests and how they should be used. Tests are free, so order them from <https://www.covid.gov/tests>, but ensure you use them properly by following instructions. The episode on "What You Never Knew You Needed to Know about Free COVID Tests" is available at <https://youtu.be/G57zrV7jQVs>. ★

## Looking Ahead

### Sign Up Now for GBAC STAR Bootcamp

If you are working on your documentation for accreditation or reaccreditation, attending the free GBAC STAR Virtual Bootcamp is a great investment. The next session of the GBAC STAR Virtual Bootcamp is set to be held from 10 a.m.–noon, ET, July 26-27, 2022. Only 100 participants are allowed each month for the Virtual Bootcamp, so signing up early is highly encouraged. This two-day digital briefing reviews the accreditation process and takes a deep dive into the 20 program elements required for accreditation. It is interactive with GBAC staff at the ready to answer your questions. The goal is to ready you and other clients for the task of gathering documents for accreditation. Come with your materials and ready to work through the elements. To learn more about or register for GBAC STAR Virtual Bootcamp, visit <https://events.issa.com/events/gbac-star-20-elements-bootcamp/> ★



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## GBAC STAR Supports ESG Efforts

Many GBAC STAR Accredited Facilities are using their work with STAR to support their Environment, Social Responsibility and Governance metrics efforts. Have you explored how your GBAC STAR Accreditation is part of your holistic ESG metrics?

GBAC is developing a guide to assist organizations using accreditation to support their ESG efforts. What are your thoughts? Provide examples through this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGTXM9H>.

We are safer and more resilient together!



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