Q&A ATCC® Excellence in Research Webinar "Teaching toolbox – Kick-start your semester!"

General Questions

1. Will we be able to download the presentation?
   This presentation will be available to watch on demand here.

2. Do you have strains specific for BSL1 labs?
   We have ATCC Genuine Cultures® and Preceptrol® cultures at BSL1 levels.

3. Is there a charge for the guides, and can they be provided for student use?
   Each of the guides is available free from charge on our Resources for Microbiology page. They are provided in an easy-to-print PDF format.

4. Why do you use UV light after completing work in a biological safety cabinet?
   Following your work in a biological safety cabinet, we recommend that you use a UV light for up to 15 minutes to help eradicate any microorganisms that may be present. This will help maintain the sterility of the cabinet for the next user.

5. On your CoAs you provide an expiration date for your lyophilized cultures. Is it acceptable to use cryopreserved cultures prepared from lyophilized cultures following the expiration date?
   ATCC cannot guarantee the viability or recovery of an organism after the expiration date. Following this date, it is up to the end user to determine if the culture is still viable.

6. Do you have any tips on maintaining *Streptococcus pneumoniae* cultures?
   For growing *Streptococcus pneumoniae* cultures, it is important to keep the culture in a 5% CO_2 atmosphere. Further, we recommend subculturing for the short-term and cryopreserving a stock suspension within a day of observed growth to ensure a viable stock.