Q&A ATCC® Excellence in Research Webinar “The Benefits of Depositing Materials with ATCC”

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

2. Who decides what materials are deposited with ATCC?
   As materials are made available at a given institution, ATCC and the institution work together to determine what materials ATCC may be interested in accessioning and added to the collection at ATCC.

3. Does the new transfer policy apply to materials received under a previous Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)?
   Yes. Upon successful execution of a new material transfer agreement, materials received previously will now be subject to the new transfer policy.

4. What is the lifecycle of an MTA? Can it be terminated?
   There is no termination clause in the MTA. The continued use of Biological Materials shall be governed under the MTA.

5. Is the global MTA a different document than the normal MTA?
   ATCC’s MTA is a global MTA and is structured to govern an entire institution and the institution’s use of the ATCC Material and Biological Material. For standard distribution, there is no investigator or material specific material transfer agreement.

6. Are there cells that are “free” for commercial use?
   ATCC Materials available through the general collection at ATCC are governed by the MTA, which stipulates that use of ATCC Materials be for research use only. Any commercial use would be permitted through ATCC either directly or through the Contributor of the ATCC Material.

7. What is the ATCC model for “commercial use”?
   ATCC distributes to both for-profit and non-profit organizations around the world under the ATCC Material Transfer Agreement, which stipulates that such party shall use the materials for research use only. This means any product development, service offering, or proficiency testing service, is considered a commercial use, and is not permitted under the MTA. Such uses require written permission in the form of a license agreement with ATCC and/or through permission from the
Contributor of the material. Organizations wishing to use biological material for a commercial use should contact licensing@atcc.org for the next steps in the process.

8. What is the meaning of a “for profit” list price?
The for-profit list price is the distribution fee that a for-profit organization must pay to receive the given ATCC Materials for a research use under the MTA.

9. Is reporting a transfer required when transferring material to other researchers in the same institution?
Yes, reporting a transfer of an unmodified derivative or a modification is required, under the transfer policy in the MTA, whether it is for a transfer to a researcher at an external third party or to a researcher at the same institution. The transfer is permitted in instances where the investigator originally receiving the material is collaborating with the researcher either at their institution or at another institution. In addition, where an investigator published on the unmodified derivative or modification and wishes to transfer the material to researchers for further development in relation to the publication, such transfer is permitted. Transfers can be reported, within two weeks of the actual transfer, at www.atcc.org/transfer.

10. Is reporting of a transfer required when transferring materials to researchers at different institutions?
See above.

11. Will transfers of material due to publication be allowed through online reporting?
See above.