**Guidance on New Select Agent/Toxin Regulations**

The Association of American Universities (AAU), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have published a new report that offers recommendations to campuses and diagnostic laboratories about how to implement federal regulations on the use of select agents and toxins in research as revised in response to Executive Order 13546, *Optimizing the Security of Biological Select Agents and Toxins in the United States*.

Members will recall that EO 13546 established the Federal Experts Security Advisory Panel (FESAP) to provide recommendations on tiering agents, removal of agents from or adding to the Select Agents and Toxins List, personnel reliability practices, physical and cyber security measures, and other related policy issues. The final rules of the Select Agents and Toxins Regulations, incorporating many of the FESAP recommendations, were released in 2012. The newly revised regulations designate 13 select agents as Tier 1 pathogens and toxins that require additional security protections, including development of an information security plan, reporting of incidents of theft, loss, or release to the FBI, compliance with minimum security standards for inventory verification of Select Agents and Toxins, and incorporation of intrusion detection systems.

The joint report issued on December 11, 2013 is a result of a series of meetings and discussion among the research community and FBI. COGR members working with the agents and toxins will find the suggestions helpful in meeting the challenges of compliance. The report is available on the AAU website at: [http://www.aau.edu/](http://www.aau.edu/)