



LIFE SCIENCES/BIOTECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

INSTRUCTOR BIOS

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John Zorich has a Master's Degree in biological science from UC Davis and has a Quality Engineering Certificate from ASQ. He has worked in the biotech industry (in QA/QC, Mfg. and R&D) since 1979, and has been an independent statistical consultant and trainer to that industry since 1999. His consulting clients have included several large multi-national biotech companies as well as many Silicon Valley startups. He designs, validates, and sells statistical application software programs that have been purchased by more than 90 companies, world-wide. He has been the in-house statistical consultant and trainer since 2006 for DEKRA (one of the EU/MDD "Notified Bodies"). He has taught on-site statistical workshops for many private clients as well as for Silicon Valley ASQ Biomedical, UC Santa Cruz Extension, Silicon Valley Polytechnic Institute, and Global Compliance Panel; and he has given numerous statistical webinars through commercial on-line-training companies. He has taught this Ohlone workshop annually since 2005.

David Awbery has been in the medical device/in-vitro diagnostic device industry since 1974. Seventeen of those years were spent working in industry for multinational companies that included eight years with two startups. He has been a contract medical device auditor for KEMA and TNO, and presently performs medical device/IVD audits on a contract basis for DEKRA. He does occasional in-house internal auditor training and performs internal audits as needed for companies in the Bay Area. He has a master's degree in biological sciences and a secondary teaching credential.

Kirkwood Land, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. His research program focuses on the control of microbial growth, specifically as it pertains to food safety and human disease. He has published widely in medicinal chemistry, chemistry, and infectious disease journals. His current studies involve the repurposing of FDA-approved drugs as alternative treatments for food-borne human pathogens.