



Conference

GMOs in European Agriculture and Food Production

25-26 November 2009

The Hague - The Netherlands

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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			10.00 – 10.45 hrs
1. Opening			
Room 2			
Gerda Verburg	Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality		
Jacqueline Cramer	Minister for the Environment and Spatial Planning		
Karl Falkenberg	Director-General DG Environment European Commission		
			10.45 – 13.00 hrs
2. Achievements and challenges in agriculture - <i>Agricultural performance in retrospect and outlook to future demands</i>			
Room 2			
Louise Fresco	University of Amsterdam	Where do we stand in understanding GMOs in food and agriculture?	
Hans Herren	Millenium Institute	Key findings of the IAASTD Report with emphasis on biotechnology.	
Julian Kinderlerer	University of Cape Town	The European Group on Ethics’ Opinion “Ethics of modern developments in agriculture technologies”.	
Rudy Rabbinge	Wageningen University and Research Centre	Food Security in 2040 and need for innovation.	
			13.00 – 14.30 hrs
Lunch -			
Room 7			
			13.45 – 14.30 hrs
Side event			
Room 8			
			14.30 – 16.00 hrs
3a. The cultivation of GM crops - <i>EU views on GM crop cultivation</i>			
Room 2			
Esther Esteban Rodrigo	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, y Medio Rural y Marino - Spain	The Spanish experience with GMO.	
Fabio Boscaleri	GMO Free EU Regions Network	European Regions and agricultural policies: the GMO-free option.	
Willy de Greef	EuropaBio	Commercial cultivation of GM crops: what have we learnt in 15 years?	
3b. International policy frameworks - <i>Perspectives from relevant international agreements and national legislation</i>			

Room 3		
Worku Damena Yifru	UNEP Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Socio-economic considerations in biosafety decisions: the challenge for Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
Bjarte Rambjør Heide	Norway Directorate for Nature Management	The Norwegian Gene Technology Act and socio-economic aspects.
Joost Pauwelyn	Graduate Institute Switzerland	The GMO Debate Under the Rules of the World Trade Organization.
16.00 – 16.30 hrs		
Coffee Break - Poster Presentations Rooms 4 and 5		
16.30 – 18.00 hrs		
4a. Consumer and producer interests - The food and feed dimension		
Room 2		
Helen Holder	Friends of the Earth	Views on socio-economic considerations.
Arnaud Petit	Copa-Cocega	The use of biotechnology in agriculture.
Olivier Andrault	UFC-Que Choisir	Consumer perspective on GMOs: crucial role of regulation.
4b. The EU legislative framework - Assessment of its implementation		
Room 3		
Per Bergman	European Food Safety Association	EU Risk Assessment of GMOs: Role of EFSA.
Garlich von Essen	European Seed Association	GM 'developments' in the EU: ESA's point of view.
Christine Noiville	Haut Conseil des Biotechnologies	The Haut Conseil des biotechnologies: towards a new type of GMOs assessment in France.
18.30 – 20.00 hrs		
Reception Room 6		

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09.00 – 12.00 hrs		
Ministerial Roundtable		
09.00 – 10.30 hrs		
5a. The global perspective - Views from third countries		
Room 2		
Laura Foell	United Soybean Board USA	U.S. soybean production and sustainability.
Alexander Ivashchenko	Provimi Russia	A view on GMO issues from Russia.
Walter Colli	CTNBio Brazil	The Brazilian Biosafety Network.
5b. Sustainability initiatives - Lessons learnt from sustainability frameworks		
Room 3		
Frans Brom	Netherlands Commission on Genetic Modification (COGEM)	Socio-economic aspects of GMOs.
Guillermo Terol	Grupo DAP Paraguay	DAP's triple bottom line approach for sustainable agriculture.
André Goig	Syngenta	Grow more ... from less.

		10.30 – 11.00 hrs
Coffee Break - Poster Presentations Rooms 4 and 5		
		11.00 – 12.30 hrs
6a. Intellectual property rights - <i>Assessment of the impact on the agricultural system</i> Room 2		
Peter Button	UPOV	The impact of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention.
Andreas Popp	BASF	Patents in Plant Biotechnology - An Industry Perspective.
Paul Pedro Borja	Searice	The right of farmers to protect and preserve traditional farming knowledge and systems.
6b. Innovations in agriculture - <i>Developments to meet new challenges: food security and development of a sustainable agriculture</i> Room 3		
Anthony Arundel	UNU-MERIT	Innovation and the future of sustainable agriculture.
Bernward Geier	Colabora	Sustainability the organic way – Nature mobilization instead of genetic manipulation.
Gianluca Brunori	Pisa University	New challenges for European agricultural research in the next 20 years: the role of GMOs.
		12.30 – 14.00 hrs
Lunch Room 7		
		14.00 – 14.40 hrs
7. Summary of Working Group Outcomes Room 2		
		14.40 – 15.00 hrs
8. Recap of ministerial roundtable discussions Room 2		
Julien Mousnier	Member of the Cabinet of Marianne Fischer Boel, European Commissioner for Agriculture Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	
Gerda Verburg		
		15.00 hrs
9. Closure of the meeting Room 2		