

GMO-free Europe 2012

7th GMO-free Regions Conference 4 - 5 September 2012, Brussels

Day 1: Workshops in Mundo-B

4th September, 14:00 – 19:00

Reception and registration is open from 12 noon. One large room and four smaller rooms are available for workshops, which will start from 2 pm. There is also a garden and the Café where even smaller and more informal groups can meet.

WORKSHOPS		
TIME	Workshop Topics	Organisers/ Moderator
14:00-19:00		
	World Café	IFOAM and others
14:00-16:00		
1	How to block the crops?	Mute Schimpf (FoEE), AnaisFourrest (Greenpeace France), Heidemarie Porstner (Global 2000), Heike Moldenhauer (FoE Germany)
2	Patents on life – update and next steps	Eva Gelinsky (IG Saatgut), Pierre Sultana (The Seed Savers Association in Central Europe), Christoph Then (No Patents On Seeds)
3	GM contamination of Seed – political, technical, legal situation	Sigrid Herbst (IG Saatgut), Benny Haerlin (SOS), Antje Kölling (IFOAM)
4	Reclaiming the Bio-economy	Christof Potthof (Gen-ethical Network), Les Levidow (Open University)
16:00-18:00		
5	Description GMO Risk Assessment and EFSA	Arnaud Apoteker (Greens/EFA group), Christoph Then (Testbiotech), Frédéric Jacquemart (President Inf'OGM)
6	Practical & participatory, biodiversity oriented research projects and concepts in the CAP and 8th Research Framework	Florianne Koechlin (Blueridge Institute), Bram Moeskops (IFOAM), Benny Haerlin (Save Our Seeds)
7	HR crops ante portas – how to hold the EU door closed?	Heike Moldenhauer (Friends of the Earth Germany), Herman van Bakkem (Greenpeace)
8	Why honeybees need GMO free Europe	Noa Simon Delso (CARI asbl), Thomas Radetzki (Mellifera), Walter Haefeker (President European Association of beekeepers)

18:00-19:00		
9	Upcoming seed legislation	Antje Kölling (IFOAM EU), Gebhard Rossmann (tbc, Bingenheimer Saatgut, EcoPB), Guy Kastler (tbc, Réseau Semences Paysannes, Via Campesina), Pierre Sultana (Arche Noah)
10	Revolving doors & conflicts of interest	Martin Pigeon (Corporate Europe Observatory), Michel Dupont (Greens/EFA group),
11	Cisgenesis and other 'new' GE technologies	Herman van Bakkum (Greenpeace), Eric Meunier (Info OGM)
16:00-19:00 <i>Countries beyond Europe, 45 min each</i>		
12	16:00 - 16:45 What's going on in North America?	Debbie Barker (Center for Food Safety), Kim Dault (2012 CA Label GMOs Ballot Initiative Campaign)
13	16:45 - 17:30 GM crops- the real story from India and China	Rajesh Krishnan (Greenpeace), Sreedevi Lakshmi Kutty (Coalition for GM free India)
14	17:30 - 18:15 What is the situation in Japan on GM papaya	Michiyo Koketsu (Consumers Union of Japan), Chiaki Nishibun (NO! GMO Campaign)
15	18:15 - 19:00 Argentina: Fatal Soya & The Mothers of Ituzaingó	Volker Gehrmann (Save Our Seeds) Sofia Gatica (Madres de Ituzaingó), Maria del Milagro Godoy (Madres de Ituzaingó)
19:00	Grand opening plenary with organizers and guests at Café	
20:00	Dinner & drinks at Café	

Day 2: European Parliament
5th September, 09:30 – 18:00
József Antall Building, Room JAN 6Q2, 4th floor

TIME	
08:00	Access and Registration
09:30	Opening speeches by organizers and sponsors
	“GMOs and GMO-free agriculture - where do we stand?” Benny Haerlin (Save Our Seeds) , José Bové (MEP)
9:45	National bans on GMO cultivation - how to get it right?
	Round table and joint debate with the audience Eric Pondelet (Director “Safety of the food chain” DG SANCO) , Corinne Lepage (MEP) , Paul- Bertrand Barets (diplomatic advisor to french environmental minister) , Mahi Sideridou (Greenpeace EU), <i>Moderation: Bart Staes</i>

10:50	<i>Intermezzo I: Why honeybees need GMO free Europe and how bee-keepers have changed the co-existence debate</i>
	A message from bee-keepers Thomas Radezki (Mellifera) and Walter Haefeker (European Association of beekeepers)
11:05	Upcoming GMO approvals and the state of risk assessment
	An overview on the first 10 years of EFSA and GMO risk assessment Eric Poudelet (Director “Safety of the food chain” DG SANCO), Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle (executive director of EFSA), Elisabeth Waigmann (EFSA biotech expert), Christoph Then (testbiotech), Paul Holmbeck (IFOAM), <i>Moderation: Carl Schlyter</i>
12:15	<i>Intermezzo II: Don’t call me GMO no more! Will “Cisgenetics” and other GMO-mutations reframe the GMO debate?</i>
	Short introduction to new semantics and technologies, Eric Meunier (Inf’ OGM)
12:30	Lunch break
	<i>Open space for relaxing and more intimate information exchanges</i> <i>Room ASP 1G3 (Open: 12:30 – 15:00)</i>
15:00	How “roundup ready” is Europe’s agricultural policy?
	Homemade leguminous plants and a ban of meat factories would effectively bring EU GMO imports to an end Martin Haeusling (MEP), Alina Ujupan (member of Ciolos Cabinet), Sofia Gatica (Goldman Price winner, Argentina), Heike Moldenhauer (FoE), <i>Moderation: Antje Koelling (IFOAM)</i>
16:20	<i>Intermezzo III: Greetings from USA, India and China</i>
	Overview of the GMO situation in America and Asia Debbie Barker (Centre for Food Safety, USA), Rajesh Krishnan (Greenpeace, India)
16:50	Conclusions and take home message from participants
	Special greetings from: - Good Food March - GMO-free Donau Soja Symposium (Vienna, Austria): Matthias Krön, Chairman of the Danube Soya Association - European GMO-free Regions Network (Erfurt, Germany) <i>Moderation: Steve Emmott (British lawyer)</i>
18:00	END Reception offered by MEPs