

WORKSHOP ON GENETIC ENGINEERING AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Friday June 20th (9.00 – 13.00)

Coordinator: Louise W.M. Luttikholt

Location: Faculty of Law/Aula Magna

Language: English

Opening

9.00 Opening by moderator

9.05 Mette Meldgaard, IFOAM World Board member, explaining IFOAM's intention with this workshop

Testing, claims and consumer perspectives:

9.10 – 9.20 Africa perspective:

Fortunate Hofisi Nyakanda (Zimbabwe) and Olugbenga O. AdeOluwa (Nigeria)

9.20 – 9.30 Greece perspective:

Vakali, Aristoteles Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) in northern Greece - Knowledge and Attitude of Organic Farmers

Impacts and analysis

9.30 – 9.40 Hewlett, Soil Association

The Economic Impacts of GM Contamination Incidents on the Organic Sector

9.40 – 9.50 Fagan, Global ID

GMOs and Organics - An Analytical Perspective

Scientific Papers (*Papers from Pick and Turrini were accepted as scientific papers, however will be presented in this session of the Systems Values Track*)

Consumer perspectives

9.50 – 10.00 Pick, university of Kassel

(Organic) Consumers and their impact on food and farming systems in North America and Germany – Examples relating to GMO issues

Risks

10.00 – 10.10 Turrini, university of Pisa

Experimental systems to monitor the impact of transgenic corn on keystone soil microorganisms

Discussion: what is behind the organic claim, risks perceptions regarding gmo's

10.45 – 11.15 break

New techniques:

11.15 – 11.25 Billmann / Thommen on **protoplast fusion**: a short objective presentation on the technicalities of protoplast fusion and consequences of a ban in OA.

11.25 – 11.35 prof Sansavini Silviero on **cisgenesis**; explain the technology and potential consequences of a ban for Organic Agriculture.

11.35 – 11.35 Speiser on **nanotechnology**

11.45 – 12.00 Haring: **other new techniques**; short objective explanation on the technicalities of the methods and potential consequences of a ban in Organic Agriculture.

12.00 – 13.00 **Discussion on new techniques in relation to OA**

[Please note that there is a workshop on Nanotechnology in the afternoon]

Posters (Generally, posters will come to hang at the general poster place. Those persons interested could take 1 additional posters and hang it in the meeting room, so that they can be presented in the break)

- Kotschi, How transgenic crops impact on biodiversity
- Paull, Nano-in-food - Threat or Opportunity for Organic Food?