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Advancing the Understanding of Biosafety
GMO Risk Assessment, Independent Biosafety
Research and Holistic Analysis

**European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental
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Friday, 28 Sep 2012

Opening		
09:00	Dr. Angelika Hilbeck Lim Li Ching Christine von Weizsäcker	ENSSER, Chairperson Introduction Third World Network ECOROPA Key Issues of COP-MOP-6
Developments in GMO Risk Assessment		
09:40	Legal and Scientific Background of Risk Assessment Models	Dr. Hartmut Meyer ENSSER, Germany
10:10	The Roadmap on Environmental Risk Assessment of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Dr. Beatrix Tappeser Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Germany Dr. David Quist GenØk - Centre for Biosafety, Norway
10:40	Socioeconomic Considerations in GMO Decision Making	Georgina Catacora-Vargas GenØk - Centre for Biosafety, Norway / Institute of Research on Risk and Sustainability (IRIS), Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil
11:10	<i>Break</i>	
11:40	Appraisal of New Approach on Environmental Risk Assessment of the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA)	Dr. Angelika Hilbeck Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Switzerland
12:10	Appraisal of New Approach on Health Risk Assessment of the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA)	Dr. Christoph Then Testbiotech, Germany
12:40	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Discussion Panel - Audience	
Independent Biosafety Research - Hurdles and Results (1)		
14:45	Introduction	Lim Li Ching Third World Network (TWN), Malaysia
15:00	Access to GE Seed and Research Control Through Patents	Dr. Hartmut Meyer ENSSER, Germany
15:30	Health Impacts of Glyphosate-Based Herbicides and Roundup-Tolerant GM Plants	Robin Mesnage University of Caen, France
16:00	Sources and Mechanisms of Health Risks from GM Foods	Prof. Michael Antoniou King's College London, UK
16:30	<i>Break</i>	
17:00	Glyphosate Resistant Weeds and Bt Resistant Insects in U.S. Agriculture	Dr. Doug Gurian-Sherman Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), USA
17:30	Discussion Panel - Audience	
18:15	<i>Closure</i>	

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Saturday, 29 Sep 2012

Independent Biosafety Research - Hurdles and Results (2)		
09:00	Domestication, Feral Species and the Future of Plant Diversity	Prof. Cynthia L. Sagers University of Arkansas, USA
09:30	Transgene Flow into Native Seed and Ecosystems in Mexico	Dr. Ana Wegier National Institute for Research in Agriculture, Forests and Livestock (INIFAP), Mexico
10:00	Field Trials of Bt Eggplant and Regulatory Policies in the Philippines	Associate Prof. Ruth Gamboa University of the Philippines Mindanao, Philippines
10:30	<i>Break</i>	
11:00	Insect Resistance Against Bt Maize in South Africa and Management Challenges for African Farmers	Prof. Johnnie van den Berg North West University, South Africa
11:30	Discussion Panel - Audience	
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
GM Crops in India		
13:45	Influence of the Fast Spread of Bt Cotton on the Organic Cotton Production	Matthias Klaiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland
14:15	Interrogating the Science of Safety: Unresolved Effects of Bt Toxin on the Health of Domestic Animals in India	Dr. Sagari R Ramdas Anthra, India
14:45	Technology, Liberalisation and Farmer Suicides in Vidarbha (Maharashtra State, India)	Vijay Jawandhia Shetkari Sanghatana, India
15:15	Discussion Panel - Audience	
16:00	<i>Break</i>	
Holistic Analysis - Joining the Pieces		
16:30	Introduction	Dr. Angelika Hilbeck Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Switzerland
16:45	Ecological Agriculture for Food Security and Climate Resilience	Prof. Doreen Stabinsky College of the Atlantic, USA
17:15	Early warning on food safety issues: how regulators got it wrong on dsRNA	Prof. Jack Heinemann University of Canterbury, New Zealand
17:45	Business as Usual is no Longer an Option - Paths to a Sustainable Future	Dr. Hans Herren Millenium Institute, USA
18:15	Discussion Panel - Audience	
19:00	<i>Closure</i>	

Organisers

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1-3-1024 Lower Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad

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Participation

If you want to register for the conference, please inform us in advance until Sep 21 by email:

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