GMO-FREE EUROPE

Future Opportunities and Challenges Conference

6. – 8. May 2015 / Berlin, Germany

Preliminary

Programme

Subject to changes please see:

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Wednesday 6 May 2015

Opening at the Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia

Hiroshimastraße 12-16, 10785 Berlin

17:00 Arrival & registration

17:30 Welcome speeches

- Horst Becker, Parliamentary State Secretary, State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MKULNV-NRW)
- Matthias Krön, Danube Soya Association
- Angelika Hilbeck, European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility

17:45 - 19:30 Introducing our distinguished guests from governments, NGO, science and business from all around the world

19:30 - 22:00 Reception with finger food

Thursday 7 May 2015

3 Parallel sessions of NGO/Scientists, Governments and Business

Except joint evening reception at the Austrian Embassy (19:00)

Stauffenbergstrasse 1, 10785 Berlin

1)NGOs and Scientists network

Representation of Thuringia
Mohrenstraße 64
10117 Berlin

Representation of Hesse
In den Ministergärten 5
10117 Berlin

09:00 - 10:30 Plenary Session: Challenges and topics

- Opening speech
- Global Corporate Rule, Yoke Ling
- Industrial Agricultural Policy Trends & Bioeconomy, Benedikt Haerlin
- Glyphosate in Central/South America, Elisabeth Bravo
- New Scientific Challenges, Christoph Then
- Debate & Conclusions

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break / Walk to Hesse representation
10:45 - 12:30 Parallel Workshop session I
At Thuringia Representation and Hesse Representation

- Emerging technologies: Basic science, limitations, biosafety and regulatory issues
- African agriculture under threat: GM crops in the wider context
- The Anti-GMO Movements in North and South America: A Call for Increased Global Cooperation and Solidarity
- National GMO bans – joint strategizing

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch / Walk to Thuringia representation
13:30 - 14:30 Parallel Short Presentations and Lectures
At Thuringia Representation and Hesse Representation

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee break / Walk to Hesse representation

15:00 - 16:45 Parallel Workshop session II
At Thuringia Representation and Hesse Representation

- Emerging applications: GM trees, stacks and 'Clearfield' crops
- Zero tolerance for GMO contamination in food, feed and seed: towards a common strategy
- What happens to Bioeconomy?
- TTIP and what is at stake for European GMO rules?

16:45 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:45 Plenary session: Conclusions and Perspectives
At Thuringia Representation

- Opt-out: How to keep the EU GMO-free?, Beatrix Tappeser
- The African GMO battle, Mariam Mayat
- TTIP-CETA and corporate rules, Mute Schimpf
- Discussion and contributions from the floor
- Final round

2) Danube Soya's East West Protein Forum

Hotel Palace Berlin, Budapester Str. 45, 10787 Berlin

8.00 Registration and Welcome
9.00 Opening: Matthias Krön, Chairman Danube Soya
Panel Discussion: Growing Availability of Sustainable and GMO-free Soya
9:20 Protein Policy in Europe, Donal Murphy Bokern,
9:30 Regional Soya: A Report from Italy, Giorgio Della Bona, Cereal Docks,
9:40 Soya Cultivation and its Potential in the Ukraine, Inna Meteleva, Svarog West Group,
9:50 Business Relation Danube Soya, Rudolf Bühler, BESH,
10:00 International Supply of Sustainable Soy, Jochen Koester, ProTerra Foundation & AgroTrace
10:10 Discussion 30 min.

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Panel Discussion: **How We Will Manage the Protein Transition**
Roundtable:
Matthias Krön, Danube Soya Organisation
Rainer Dullweber, Best3
Dr. Birgit Wilhelm, WWF Germany
Gerhard Aigner, Geflügelhof Aigner KG
Dr. Ludger Breloh, REWE GROUP
Alexander Hissting, VLOG
Caspar von der Crone, KAT

12.30 Lunch

14.30 Exhibition and Workshops
Selection of Workshops
Please find here the complete programm

- Danube Soya – Countries and Regions and their Contribution to European Protein Markets
- Workshop by the Bavarian Agriculture Ministry
- Praxisseminar für Futtermittelwerke: Gentechnikfreie und nachhaltige Sojafütterung in Deutschland: Duale Futtermittelwerke in der Praxis (German)
- Protein-Rich Vegetarian Food & Sustainable Animal Products- Trends and Perspectives, English
- Danube Soya Innovation and Research: Current Status and Future Plans. English

3) European GMO-Free Regions Network

(regional governments – members only)

Hiroshimastraße 12-16 10785 Berlin

9.00 - 13.00 **European GMO-Free Regions Network Conference**
13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 17.30 **Workshops**
14.00 - 15.30 parallel workshops:

- Seed purity and measures to ensure it
- Protecting valuable nature protection areas from GMO

16.00 - 17.30

- Feed stuff: How to ensure that it's GMO-free

Friday 8 May 2015

Joint Session at North Rhine-Westphalia Representation

9:00 - 11:00 Joint workshops

- Trade agreements and GMO-free Europe
- GMO transparency through labelling : mandatory GMO labelling vs voluntary GMO-free labelling
- New GMO techniques, risk assessment and legal definitions
- Opt-out: national implementation, national bans, role of the regions
- The end of the 'zero tolerance' policy in the EU? The impact of low level presence of unauthorised GMOs in food, feed and seeds for the food industry and public authorities
- Towards a European protein Strategy – integrating regional, national and EU approaches

11:30 - 12:20 High Level Plenary Session

- Welcome by moderator Tanja Busse
- Matthias Krön, Donau Soja
- Yoke Ling, Third World Network
- Maura Malaspina, Former President of the EU-network of GMO-free regions
- Johannes Remmel, Minister for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Consumer Protection of the state North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
- Presentation of Joint "Berlin Declaration"

12:20 - 14:10 Round table with speakers & conclusions

- H.-Christoph von Heydebrand, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany
- Jürgen Mäder, Managing director of Edeka
- Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont, USA (tbc)
- Discussion & conclusions

14:10 - 15:00 Buffet lunch and reception

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