## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# ASSESSMENT AND REGULATION OF GMOs AND PESTICIDES

**CONTEXT** 

Participatory Research Project

WHEN

**November 12th & 13th** 

**WHERE** 

**Centre scientifique d'Orsay** 

**South of Paris** 

Bâtiment 338 (Bâtiment des Colloques) rue du Doyen André Guinier Salle de conférences (103 – 1er étage) - 91400 Orsay - France

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#### **FEES**

Normal: 30€ Student: 20€ Academic: 50€ Company: 150€

#### **SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13™ 8:00 A.M.-6:15 P.M.

#### **PARTNERS**









This conference, opened to the civil society, is organized as part of a participatory research project on the subject of substantial equivalence, on which is based the evaluation of all agricultural GMOs in the World. This project, funded by the Region Ile-de-France, involves University Paris-Sud (UPSud), the association "Générations Futures" and the Committee for independant research and information on genetic engineering (Criigen). It is coordinated by Dr. Christian Vélot, molecular geneticist at the UPSud and Vice-President of Criigen, and François Veillerette, spokesman of Générations Futures

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AFTERNOON — 1:00-6:30 P.M.

#### 1:00 p.m. - Welcome

#### 1:30-2:00 p.m. - Introductions

- Christian Vélot, Scientific coordinator of the participory research project and Conference
- Etienne Augé, Vice-President of UPSud in charge of Research and Development,
- Marc Lipinski, Regional councillor of the Region Ile-de-France, ex Vice-President of the Regional Council in charge of Universities and Rersearch
- François Veillerette, Coordinator for civil society of the participory research project
- Joël Spiroux de Vendomois, President of Criigen

#### 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Scientific session 1 — Substantial equivalence

Moderator: Dr Robin Mesnage, King's College, London, UK

• 2:00-2:30 – Dr. Christian Vélot, UPSud, Orsay, France

Experimental data on Roundup applied on a soil microorganism : why does it challenge the substantial equivalence principle ?

- 2:30-3:00 Dr. Thomas Bohn, Genøk, Tromsø, Norway
  - Glyphosate contamination of GM soy to food and feed chains
- 3:00-3:30 Pr. Rubens Nodari, University of Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil Comparative proteomic and GMO biohazard do not support the substantial equivalence

3:30-4:00 - Questions — Exchange with the public

4:00-4:15 p.m. - Coffee Break

#### 4:15-6:15 p.m. – Roundtable 1 — Participatory Research

Moderator: Nadine Lauverjat, Générations Futures, France

François Veillerette (Générations Futures, France); Dr. Isabelle Goldringer (Research director Inra, Fondation Science Citoyennes, France); Pr. Louise Vandelac (Institute of Environmental Science and Sociology Department, UQAM, Canada); Dr. Marc Lipinski (Research director CNRS, Regional councillor of Region Ile-de-France)

#### FRIDAY. NOVEMBER 13TH MORNING — 8:30 A.M.-12:45 P.M.

8:00 a.m. - Welcome

8:30-10:30 a.m. - Scientific session 2 — Toxicological assessment of GMOs and pesticides

Moderator: Dr. Christian Vélot, UPSud, Orsay, France

- 8:30-9:00 Pr. Gilles-Eric Séralini, University of Caen-Basse Normandie, Caen, France *Twenty years of nesticides in GMOs*
- 9:00-9:30 Dr. Robin Mesnage, King's college,London, UK *Toxic effects of glyphosate-based herbicides at admissible levels*
- 9:30-10:00 Dr. Jean-Baptiste Fini, National Museum of Natural History, Paris, France Embryonic Xenopus as a model for testing potential thyroid disrupting pesticides.

10:00-10:30 - Questions — Exchange with the public

10:30-10:45 a.m. - Coffee break

10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - Roundtable 2 — Regulation of GMOs and pesticides: changes in standards / assessment

**Moderator: Hervé Kempf (journalist)** 

Corinne Lepage (ex Minister and European Deputy, France); Dr. Christoph Then (TestBiotech, Germany); Arnaud Apoteker (ex Greenpeace and GMO advisor to the Green group in the European Parliament, France); Hans Muillerman (Pesticide Action Network Europe, Netherlands); Dominique Gombert (Director of risk assessment, ANSES, France)

12:45 p.m.-02:00 p.m. - Lunch (on site)

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AFTERNOON – 2:00-6:15 P.M.

### 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Scientific session 3 — Impact of GMOs and pesticides on microbes and soils

Moderator: Dr. Nicolas Defarge, Université de Caen-Basse Normandie, Caen, France

- 2:00-2:30 Dr. Caroline Amiel, University of Caen-Basse Normandie, Caen, France *Food. micro-organisms and vesticides*
- 2:30-3:00 Dr Johann Zaller, University of Natural Ressources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Effects of glyphosate-based herbicides on soil biology

• 3:00-3:30 - Dr Andras Szekacs, Agro-Environmental Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary

The effect of Bt toxins (Bt GMO) on the soil

3:30-4:00 - Questions — Exchange with the public

4:00-4:15 p.m. - Coffee break

#### 4:15-6:15 p.m. - Roundtable 3 — Future of agriculture and food

**Moderator: Hervé Kempf** 

François Dufour (Vice-President of the Regional Council of Basse-Normandie in charge of agriculture, France) ; Dr. Joël Spiroux de Vendomois (MD, specialist in environmental health issues, France) ; Pr. Marc Dufumier (Agronom, AgroParisTech, France) : Maria Pelletier (CEO of « Moulin Marion », France

