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International Conference

Genetically Modified Crops and Food in Europe – Future or Disaster?

10 December 2010

Venue: Ministry of the Environment, Peldu iela 25, Riga, Latvia

Programme

10.00	Press conference (invitations only)
11.00	Opening Welcome words by: Latvian Minister for Environment Raimonds Vējonis Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia (to be specified)
11.15	<i>Agricultural GMOs and Associated Pesticides: Problems and Findings in Health Risks Assessment</i> Prof. Gilles-Eric Séralini, President of the Scientific Board at the Committee for Research and Independent Information on Genetic Engineering (CRIIGEN), Molecular Biology Professor at the University of Caen, France
12.30	Responses and questions from auditory
	Lunch break
1st Part: GMO Policies in Europe	
14.00	<i>European Commission's position on GMO issues</i> Representative from the European Commission (to be specified)
14.15	<i>GMO Policy in Latvia</i> Žaneta Mikosa, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment of Latvia
14.30	<i>GMO Policy in Austria</i> Heinz-Peter Zach, Ministry of Agriculture, Austria <i>Aspects of Health and Environmental Risk Assessment taking into account the precautionary principle</i> Dr. Michel Haas, Ministry of Health, Austria
15.30	Responses and questions from auditory

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	Coffee break
2nd Part: GMO-Free Initiatives	
16.00	<i>Non-governmental Initiatives in Latvia</i> Inese Romanova, Coordinator of the “GMO-Free” movement in Latvia
16.15	<i>Examples of Farmer Initiatives in Britain - Wales</i> Gerald Miles, GM-Free Cymru (GM-Free Wales), UK
16.30	Documentary “Scientists Under Attack”
17.30	End of the Conference

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