

Trends in communication and regulation of green biotechnology



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Program

08u30-09u00 Registration

Introductory session

09u00-09u30 **Recent developments in green biotechnology: challenges for science communication and regulation**

Marc Van Montagu (Institute of Plant Biotechnology for Developing Countries, IPBO)

Session 1: Challenges and perspectives in science communication

Chaired by Dulce de Oliveira (IPBO)

09:30-10:15 **Why communication about science is as important in Africa as in Europe**

Willy De Greef (EuropaBio)

10u15-11u00 **Green biotech communications: where do we go from here?**

Ann Van Gysel (FlandersBio)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11-30-12u15 **Communicating green biotech in the public policy arena**

René Custers (Flanders Institute for Biotechnology, VIB)

12u15-13u00 **Communicating public research**

Piet van der Meer (Public Research and Regulation Initiative, PRRI)

Session 2: Regulation of green biotechnology: state of the art and perspectives

Chaired by Roger Hull (Emeritus Fellow, John Innes Centre)

14u00-14u45 **The use of "omic" technologies in risk assessment of GM food and feed**

Howard Davies (Scottish Crop Research Institute)

14u45-15u30 **Risk assessment for invasiveness and fitness**

Jeremy Sweet (European Food Safety Authority, EFSA)

15u30-16u15 Coffee Break

16u15-16u45 **Regulation and the new wave of GMOs: current status and future challenges**

Harry Kuiper (European Food Safety Authority, EFSA)

16u45-17u30 **How rules can affect GMO research: the case study of Italy**

Bruno Mezzetti (Marche Polytechnic University)

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