



FOOD AND DEMOCRACY

5TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON GMO-FREE REGIONS
LUCERNE (SWITZERLAND) 2009, APRIL 24-25

Conference Programme

Friday, 24th April 2009

Door opening: 8:15h Registration and Coffee (Foyer Lucerne Hall)

Conference Opening

Friday, 24th April 2009 (9:30h – 11:30h)

Lucerne Hall

Moderation:

- Maya Graf, National Council (Large Chamber of the Swiss Parliament)

Welcome:

- Adrian Borgula, President of the Cantonal Parliament of Lucerne

Opening:

- Chiara Simoneschi-Cortesi, Speaker of the National Council 2008/2009

Speeches:

- Niki Berlakovich, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
- Simonetta Sommaruga, Council of States (Small Chamber of the Swiss Parliament)
- Roseanna Cunningham, Scottish Minister for Environment
- Renate Künast, Chairperson of the parliamentary group Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Germany
- Karel Blaha, Czech First Deputy Minister of the Environment
- Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, Member of the European Parliament
- Hansjörg Walter, Swiss National Council and President of the Swiss Farmers' Union
- Carlo Bogliotti, Slow Food

Media conference 11:30h – 12:30h

Business and Media Room

Lunch Break 11:30h – 12:45h

Foyer Lucerne Hall

Session 1

Food and democracy – Europeans reject genetic engineering in agriculture

Friday, 24th April 2009 (12:45h – 14:30h)

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Europe and the rest of the world

- Helen Holder, Friends of the Earth Europe
- Tina Goethe, Swissaid
- Ana de Ita, Centro de Estudios para el Cambio en el Campo Mexicano (CECCAM)

GMO-free products: The situation on the European food and feed markets

- Jochen Koester, TraceConsult
- Wolfgang Heck, Life-Food

Regulation in the EU and current state of risks (problem cases)

- Marco Contiero, Greenpeace Bruxelles
- Daniel Ammann, Schweizerische Arbeitsgruppe Gentechnologie SAG

Coffee Break 14:30h – 15:00h

Foyer Lucerne Hall

Session 2

Where does the European GMO-free movement stand?

Friday, 24th April 2009 (15:00h – 16:45h)

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Presentation of the overall European situation

- Benny Haerlin, Zukunftsstiftung Landwirtschaft/Save Our Seeds, Germany

Presentation of selected countries and regions

- Romania
- France
- Ireland
- Italy
- Austria
- Switzerland
- Sweden
- Portugal
- Hungary
- Poland
- Serbia
- Japan
- Wallonia (Belgium)

Introduction to the “GMO-free market place”

Transfer to LUGA: Departure KKL from 16:45h

Evening programme: Visit of the LUGA (Central-Swiss Event Fair)

Please note the Flyer: Evening Programme «Food & Democracy»

16.45h -17.45h:

Common Transfer with public extra bus to the LUGA

Meeting Place: Foyer Lucerne Hall KKL

Bus is leaving every 6 minutes from the bus platform 3 in front of the train station beside the KKL – you will get your Ticket (for Bus and LUGA) at the Meeting Place

18.00h: Reception in german at the LUGA in Hall 4 (see Flyer «Evening programme»)

18.15h: Reception in english at the LUGA in Hall 4 (see Flyer «Evening programme»)

19.30h: Common Dinner in Hall 3, 2. floor (see Flyer «Evening Programme»)

21.30h-22.30h:

Individual return trip with public bus (Number 20) to the train station.

LUGA-Ticket is deemed as bus ticket

Schedule from LUGA: 21.34h / 21.49h / 22.04h / 22.19h / 22.34h



Saturday, 25th April 2009

Door opening: 8.30h

Marketplace

Saturday, 25th April 2009 (8:30h – 17:15h)

Exhibition Foyer

15.00h – 15.45h with presentations

Presentation of the film «Frauen von Planet Diversity» – Women in Europe for a Common Future
WECF:

During Lunch: 12.15h - 13.00h; during GMO-Free Marketplace: 15.00h - 15.45h

Workshops

Saturday, 25th April 2009 (9:00 – 15:00)

Please check out definitive room and workshop allocation on site.

A. Democracy

A1. Democracy lives by participation - case in point gene technology

B. Food

B1. A GMO free Europe - one step to gain food sovereignty

B2. Health risks of GM-food and environmental risks in agriculture: state of the arguments

B3. Organic farming and food diversity

B4. Food from cloned and transgenic animals

C. GMO freedom

C1: "Co-Existence?" – Theories and Realities

C2: Future availability of non-GM resources

C3. Patents: The monopolization of plants and animals

C4: STOP THE CROP! Strategy and tactics for keeping the EU GMO-free

C5. Exchange of experiences of farmers unions on gene technology in the farming sector

C6: Diversity of Seeds and Breeding - Basis for GMO-free Food and Feed

Long Workshops (A1, B1, B2): Coffee break 10:30h – 11:00h (Foyer Lucerne Hall)

Long Workshops (A1, B1, B2): Lunch 12:00h – 13:00h (Foyer Lucerne Hall)

Short Workshops: Coffee buffet 10:15h – 10:45h (Buffet aisle workshop rooms)

Short Workshops: Lunch 11:30h – 12:30h (Foyer Lucerne Hall)

Coffee break 15.00h – 15.45h

Foyer Lucerne Hall

Session 3

Saturday, 25th April 2009 (15:45 – 17:15)

Lucerne Hall

Conclusions of the conference: Foreward strategies

- Farmers fate, when GMO's invade – how to fight for a GMO free world?
Percy Schmeiser, Canadian farmer, 2007: Alternative Nobel prize
- Rediscovering Plants: Do plants have a soul?
Florianne Koechlin, Blauen-Institut, Schweiz
- World agricultural report: Multifunctionality as the best future strategy
Hans Herren, President Millennium Institute, USA; President of the Swiss foundation BioVision
- The EU needs a moratorium - the model of Switzerland
Benny Haerlin, Foundation on Future Farming/Save Our Seeds

Concluding farewell session

GOOD BYE AND SEE YOU. THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR VISIT!

