



Regulation of Biotech Trees in Europe, the United States and Canada: a Road to Resolution

COST ACTION FP0905 WORKSHOP



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Biosafety of forest transgenic trees



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“ For three years COST Action FP0905 has been dedicated to the mission of evaluating and substantiating the scientific knowledge relevant for genetically engineered (GE) tree biosafety protocols as the basis for future EU policy and regulation for the environmental impact assessment (EIA) and the safe development of GE trees. This workshop will be the 10th of a series of specialty workshops within COST action FP0905. It will provide a valuable opportunity to bring together a cross-section of expert. The workshop will also allow us to further expand these knowledge and to foster the development of science-based regulatory solutions. ”

Monday, October 21, 2013

8:30-09:00
Registration

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

09:00-09:15
Cristina Vettori & Mattias Fladung, chair & vice chair of COST Action FP0905

OPENING REMARKS

09:15-09:30
Marie Baucher, PhD, Senior Research Associate, FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

PRESENTATIONS

09:30-10:00
The US Regulatory framework and its application to transgenic trees
Leslie Pearson, PhD, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Arborgen, USA

10:00-10:30
Risk assessment considerations and the regulation of transgenic trees in plantation forestry in Canada
Philip Macdonald, PhD, National Manager, Plant and Biotechnology Risk Assessment Unit, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canada

10:30-11:00
Coffee break & group photo

11:00-11:30
The Swedish GMO discussion - are we as scientists supporting a science-based approach to GM risk evaluation?
Ove Nilsson, PhD, Dept. of Forest Genetics and Plant Physiology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

11:30-12:00
Regulatory Framework for biotechnology derived crops in the European Union
René Custers, PhD, Chairman at Belgian Biosafety Professionals, Regulatory & communications manager, VIB, Belgium

12:00-12:30
Field trials with GM crops and GM trees in Belgium: State of the art and lessons learned
Breyer Didier, PhD, Scientific Institute of Public Health, Division of Biosafety and Biotechnology, Belgium

12:30-13:30
Lunch

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

13:30-14:30
Moderators: Wout Boerjan, Antoine Harfouche, Jeremy Sweet, Jaime Aguilera
A bottom-up revision of the regulatory framework governing GE trees
Identifying priorities for ecological risk assessment
Differentiating EIA for the purpose of permitting research trials from ERA for authorizing commercial releases of GE trees
Adoption of rational, science-based principles for the harmonization of biosafety regulation of GE trees