Food, Feed, and Fuel for the World: Seed and Biotechnology

2010 BIGMAP Symposium | April 27-28, 2010 | Gateway Hotel & Conference Center | Ames, IA

Tuesday April 27
Registration 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Session 1: Food, Feed, and Fuel for the World: Challenges and Issues for Trade—1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Garden Room
—Introduction to Session, Jeff Wolt, Professor of Agronomy, Iowa State University (session chair)
—Jack Bobo, Senior Advisor on Biotechnology, U.S. State Department, “Agriculture Arrives Late to the Climate Debate”
—Sally McCammon, Science Advisor, USDA/APHIS/BRS, “Overview and Activities of the OECD with Respect to Low Level Presence”
Break 3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
—Bernice Slutsky, Vice President for Science and International Affairs, American Seed Trade Association (ASTA), “Private Sector’s Efforts and Responsibilities Regarding Low Level Presence”
—Delphine Guey, French Association for Seeds and Seedlings (GNIS), “A European Perspective on Challenges and Issues for Seed Trade”
Panel Discussion (Jeff Wolt, moderator)
Adjourn 5:00 p.m.
Wine and Cheese Reception and Poster Session 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Iowa Biotechnology Assoc.—Garden Room

Wednesday April 28
Registration 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.
Session 2: Food, Feed, and Fuel for the World: Global Issues and Perspectives—8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Garden Room
—Introductory Remarks, Manjit Misra, Director, Seed Science Center and BIGMAP, Iowa State University
—Welcome, Joe Colletti, Senior Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University
—Introduction to Session, Bruce Maunder, Retired, Senior Vice President, Dekalb (session chair)
—Joe De Vries, Director, Program for Africa’s Seed Systems, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), “Seed Enterprise Development Challenges: Africa”
—Arjula Reddy, Professor of Plant Sciences, University of Hyderabad and Vice Chairman, Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) India, “The Crop Biotechnology Pipeline in India”
Break 10:10 a.m.-10:20 a.m.
—Christopher Hansen, Deputy Director General, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), “Regional Needs for Seed Trade: Latin America”
—Yilma Kebede, Senior Program Officer, Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, “The Role of Foundations in Global Agricultural Development”
Panel Discussion (Bruce Maunder, moderator)
Adjourn 12:00 p.m.
Buffet Lunch—12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Central Prairie Room
Luncheon Speaker: David Lambert, BIGMAP Distinguished Fellow “The Human Face of Science: A Challenge for Agricultural Research in Advancing Global Food Security”
Session 3: Infrastructure for Seed and Biotechnology Development: Focus on Africa—1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Garden Room
—Introduction to Session, Adelaida Harries, Assistant Scientist, BIGMAP (session chair)
—Joe Cortes, Global Seed Program Leader, Iowa State University, Seed Science Center, “Seed System Development”
—Cris Muyunda, CEO, Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa (ACTESA), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), “Seed and Biotechnology Challenges to Seed Trade”
Break 2:50 p.m.-3:05 p.m.
—Justin Rakotoarisaona, Secretary General, African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA), “Regulatory Frameworks for Seed and Biotechnology in Africa”
Panel Discussion Gary Munkvold, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology and Seed Science Endowed Chair (moderator)
Adjourn 4:30 p.m.
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