



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: THE ROLE OF GMO'S IN TRADE DISPUTES

October 30th & 31st, 2003

The *Historic Menger Hotel* in San Antonio, Texas is the site for the upcoming conference, **The Role of GMOs in Trade Disputes**. The conference will focus on genetically modified organisms and how their use can result in barriers to trade. The country coverage includes the United States, Canada, Mexico, the European Union, Japan, and less developed countries.

Border disputes over agricultural products continue worldwide. These arise for many reasons. One type of barrier to trade for the United States is the reluctance of certain trading partners to import products that are genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Cases abound, including the controversy surrounding resistance by the European Union to import new varieties of U.S. biotech corn and soybeans. Likewise, even where countries allow the importation of GMO products from the United States, disputes have arisen over product contamination. Among the issues this conference will examine are the following:

- ❖ Why are some U.S. wheat farmers opposed to GMO wheat? Would non-GMO producers lose more than what GMO producers would gain due to cross-contamination? Why has there been reluctance by Canada to introduce GMO wheat, when in fact the acceptance of GMO canola is increasing?
- ❖ There has been a significant increase in productivity brought about by the Green Revolution. Will the new "*Gene Revolution*" have similar results?
- ❖ Malnutrition remains a significant problem in less developed countries. Some argue that GMOs are the solution to the malnutrition problem but others disagree.
- ❖ Those who oppose the adoption of GMOs argue that overall they do not result in an increase in producer profitability nor add to food quality. However, there are cases in which food quality can be significantly enhanced through GMOs.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Peggy Caswell

Economic Research Service/USDA

Harvey Glick

Monsanto Company

Parr Rosson

Texas A&M University

Ian Sheldon

Ohio State University

Murray Fulton

University of Saskatchewan

Gordon Rausser

University of California-Berkeley

Andrew Schmitz

University of Florida

Tom Wahl

Washington State University

CONFERENCE QUICK FACTS:

- **Conference Agenda: Begins with Breakfast on October 30th, Ends at noon on October 31st**
- **Registration: \$175 by September 28th/\$225 afterwards, credit cards welcome, and includes Thursday and Friday meals, breaks, and conference materials**
- **Accommodations: The Menger Hotel, (210) 223-4361, \$91/single + tax, \$101/double + tax**

To register and for more information, <http://www.fred.ifas.ufl.edu/conference/fre/gmotexas>

Questions: Please call Flynn Adcock at the Center for North American Studies, Texas A&M University at (979) 845-7277

The Role of GMOs in Trade Disputes is sponsored by:

g Farm Foundation g Ben Hill Griffin Chair-University of Florida g

g Center for North American Studies-Texas A&M University g

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Conference Registration Form

The Role of GMOs in Trade Disputes

October 30-31, 2003 z The Menger Hotel z San Antonio, Texas

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_____ \$175 Early Reduced Registration Fee (for fees postmarked on or before September 28, 2003)

_____ \$225 Regular & On-site Registration Fee (for fees postmarked after September 28, 2003)

_____ \$ 75 Student Early Reduced Registration Fee (for fees postmarked on or before September 28, 2003)

_____ \$ 95 Student Regular & On-site Registration Fee (for fees postmarked after September 28, 2003)

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Early registration deadline is September 28, 2003.

To qualify for the early registration fee, payment must accompany your registration form on or before this date.

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www.fred.ifas.ufl.edu/conference/fre/gmotexas

2.) **BY FAX:** If paying by credit card, complete and FAX this registration form to (352) 392-9734.

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Special Needs: Participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting Kjerstin Terry at least 10 working days prior to conference. She can be reached by phone at 1-352-392-1845, ext. 418; by fax at 1-352-392-3646; or by calling 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). The TI number can only be assessed from within the State of Florida.

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