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### MACEDONIA: "GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS, ADVANTAGES AND TREATS FOR THE HUMAN HEALTH" DEBATE

French embassy in Macedonia in cooperation with French cultural center in Skopje are organizing week of debate with attendance of French and Macedonian experts, on the topic "Actual environmental challenges".

The event will take place from November 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 2008 in the Faculty for economic sciences and Medical Faculty. The event is supported by Fond d'Alamber.

The debate "Genetically modified organisms, advantages and treats for the human health" will be organized on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in the amphitheater of Medical Faculty. The main speaker will be Professor Seralini from France. He is an expert in the field of GMOs and the author of the book "GMOs are changing the world". Professor Seralini is a president of the Science committee for independent research and information for genetic engineering. Also he is a regular Professor in the University of Caen in biochemistry laboratory.

Also, in this debate there will be participants from Faculties, Ministry of agriculture, foresting and water economy, NGOs and media.

### OBAMA'S ANSWER TO THE TOP 14 SCIENCE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING GMOs

Read about Barack Obama's policies on GM food, genetics research, and other scientific question.

<http://www.sciencedebate2008.com/www/index.php?id=40>

### PHILIPPINES: RESTAURANTS JOIN GM-FREE RICE CAMPAIGN

Some of the top restaurants in the Philippines have decided that the rice they serve will be free of GMOs. The Bistro Group of Companies, in partnership with Greenpeace, launched the "GMO-free rice restaurants" campaign at Fish and Co. restaurant in Shangri-la Ortigas.

<http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/storypage.aspx?StoryId=129712>

### GERMANY: EU STATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO STOP GM CROPS

Germany wants EU member states to have the power to block GM crops in their countries, agriculture minister Horst Seehofer said. Currently the EU Commission takes the decision whether GMOs are safe and has approved several GMO crops for commercial farming. But some EU states including France and Austria have announced bans on cultivation. "I believe that the EU member states should be able to decide themselves whether they actually want cultivation in their areas," Seehofer said.

<http://www.forbes.com/afxnewslimited/feeds/afx/2008/09/03/afx5383694.html>



### **U.S.: COURT SAYS NO -- AGAIN -- TO GM ALFALFA**

An appeals court has ruled that the US government must review the potential environmental effects of GM seeds before farmers can plant them. The decision of the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals forces the US Dept of Agriculture to issue an environmental impact statement on Monsanto's Roundup Ready alfalfa seeds. "It's a historic moment of a court requiring an environmental review, and until it's done Monsanto can't plant or sell its seed," said Kevin Golden, a staff attorney for the Center for Food Safety (CFS), which along with eight other parties sued the government.

<http://www.sciam.com/blog/60-second-science/post.cfm?id=court-just-says-no--again---to-gen-2008-09-02>



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