

2nd International Workshop on Environmental Risk Assessment / Biodiversity Assessment of Genetically Modified Organisms

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Through the discussion among the stakeholder such as researchers, regulators and industry people world-widely, we would like to find the best way for the environmental risk assessment based upon science. For this purpose we had held the “1st International Work Shop on Environmental Risk Assessment / Biodiversity Assessment of GMO” in 2006. We have succeeded to introduce the principle of the risk which is (hazard x exposure) among the regulators, government and scientists in Japan. On the contrary there were some requests to know more concrete examples relating the risk among the world. So we consider that the lectures which are more concrete and focused on specific matters should be presented in 2007.

This is the second international workshop relating to the Environmental Risk Assessment / Biodiversity Risk Assessment of GMO. We invited 2 speakers from US and EU. Ms. Denise Dewar, an executive director of CropLife international, USA, gave us the introduction of LMO-FFP (Living genetically modified organisms imported only for food, feed, or for processing.) and USDA's and industries' positions for article 8 in USDA's Draft for Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Dr. Piet van der Meer, who is a director of consulting company and also a guest professor of Ghent University, introduced us EU's situation on an environmental risk assessment together with brainstorming training on the environmental risk assessment.

We had 60 attendants from government, universities, and private companies etc. We believe that the work shop could give them a good opportunity to notify and to discuss the environmental risk assessment based upon sciences. We had good feedback from the attendants.