



Capacity Building Activities, Projects and Opportunities

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General information

Title of the initiative

Third summer course on Biosafety Assessment and Regulation of Agricultural Biotechnology (2006)


Website address

 [Course material](#)

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Type of initiative

Main target group(s) / beneficiaries

- Government officials (policy makers, administrators, regulators, risk assessors, inspectors, etc.)
- Graduate students
- Professionals, specialists and technicians
- Industry and government officials involved in the biosafety of agricultural biotechnology

Donor(s) information

Agency(ies) or Organization(s) implementing or sponsoring the initiative

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Activity details

Description of the initiative

During the two week course the major topics in the field of regulatory and safety issues of agricultural biotechnology covered include:

- * the history of regulatory oversight in biotechnology
- * biosafety and biotechnology
- * biosafety evaluation in practice
- * national biosafety framework development
- * international platforms for biosafety regulation
- * the EU biosafety regulations
- * the Cartagena protocol

This course is offered every summer at the IPBO. The first was held August 9-20 2004 and the second was held August 8-19 2005.

Venue

Institute for Plant Biotechnology for Developing Countries (IPBO), Ghent

Country

Belgium

Eligibility

Applicants must be at least 25 years old, have a good knowledge of English and hold a Masters degree (or equivalent) in science, medicine, agriculture, agronomy or law.

Application process

See attached registration form.

Objective and main expected outcomes or lesson learned

To provide training oriented to the needs of developing countries in the area of biosafety.

General thematic area(s)

- Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs
- Regulatory regimes (laws and regulations)
- General biosafety

Language

- English

Academic Training

Type of course or programme

- On-site course/programme

Training format

- Non-modular/ course format

Duration of the programme / course

Total duration in hours.

31 July 2006 - 11 August 2006

Maximum number of students

20

Type of certification or accreditation

- Certificate

Course / Programme fee(s) information

Sponsored price for participants from developing countries (see list of countries on <http://www.vlir.be> - UDC - target group) and for university students (M. Sc. or Ph.D.) = 200 €; Price for participants from university or government institutions; Price for participants from industry = 500 €

Scholarships availability

Yes

Scholarships information

12 scholarships are also available for students from developing countries.

Additional Information

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The scholarship is sponsored by the VLIR (Flemish Interuniversity Council) and covers the following expenses only:

- * registration fee for the course and the course material.
- * reimbursement of airline ticket in economy class, cancellation insurance and visa expenses with a maximum of 1000 euros.
- * accommodation at the student home Vermeylen, Stalhof 6, 9000 Ghent from Sunday July 30, 2006 until Saturday August 12, 2006.
- * a per diem of 12.71 euros per day for 14 days.
- * basic accident and health insurance.

Included in the registration fee are also:

- * 2 half day excursions (Ghent Historical Centre, Bruges)
- * 2 guest lectures
- * closing dinner

The Institute for Plant Biotechnology for Developing Countries (IPBO) is an initiative of the University of Ghent, under the impulse of Prof. Em. Dr. Marc Van Montagu. Its mission is training, technology transfer and plant biotechnology research, oriented to the needs of the developing countries. IPBO was inaugurated on June 13, 2000.

Other relevant website address or attached documents

 [BrochureRegistration2006\[1\]\[1\].pdf](#)