Capacity Building Activities, Projects and Opportunities

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General information

Title of the initiative

Biosafety Science and Policy (ENR 5482) [ENR = Environment and Natural Resources]

Website address

ISEES Sustainability Studies

Course website from 2003

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Type of initiative

Main target group(s) / beneficiaries

- Government officials (policy makers, administrators, regulators, risk assessors, inspectors, etc.)
- Graduate students
- Public interest groups (consumer groups, professional associations, NGOs, etc.)
- Undergraduate students
- Professionals, specialists and technicians

Donor(s) information

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

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Activity details

Description of the initiative

Science-related:

How to make independent conclusions about environmental and health safety of LMOs (microbes, plants, animals) by safety-science analysis and transparent deliberation. Learn steps and compare strengths and weaknesses of (a) prevailing risk assessment, management, and communication; and (b) pro-active approach involving 'safety first' elements and benefits assessment from the earliest stage of product development.

Policy-related:

Learn principles and approaches for open examination and management of LMO safety by independent scientists, governments, industry and citizens. Examine current national and international governance and how policies might change to incorporate the pro-active approach.

Practical exercises:

Includes real cases relevant to students.

Venue
University of Minnesota, College of Natural Resources, St. Paul

Country
United States of America

Eligibility

No requirements. Desirable-prior training or work in a scientific or policy aspect of environmental biology or public health.

Application process

For non-university students - register with University of Minnesota Registrar for 'adult special' enrollment

General thematic area(s)

- Scientific biosafety research relating to LMOs
- Public awareness, participation and education in biosafety
- Risk assessment and other scientific and technical expertise
- Socio-economic considerations
- Ethical aspects
- Environmental, food and feed safety
- Regulatory regimes (laws and regulations)
- Precautionary approach
- 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.

45 hours in class

Type of certification or accreditation

- 3 University of Minnesota course credits and grade; professional 'continuing education' credit possible.

Course / Programme fee(s) information

The amount per credit depends on residency.

Scholarships availability

No

Additional Information

Other relevant website address or attached documents

Course syllabus from 2005