

MEACB 2019

9th Meeting of the European Advisory Committees on Biosafety in the field of contained use and deliberate release of GMOs 6-7 November 2019, Berlin, Germany



Scientific Programme

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

9:00 – 10:00 Registration & Welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome**

Dr. Helmut Tschiersky, President of BVL Prof. Dr. Sigrun Smola, Head of ZKBS

10:15 – 12:00 SESSION I: Tasks of advisory boards/ special focusses – Chair: Sigrun Smola, Head of ZKBS, Germany

Recent work of the Biotech Advisory Board in Norway on the future regulation of GMOs Hilde Mellegård, Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board

Is a Comparison and Prioritization of Different Biological Risks possible? Isabel Hunger-Glaser, Swiss Expert Committee for Biosafety

Establishment of an informative platform for supporting the value of scientific advice Anke Stein, BVL, Germany

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 SESSION II: Benchmarks for adjustments of risk assessment in contained use - need for further safety measures? - Chair: Marion Kaspari, BVL, Germany

What can we learn from laboratory acquired infections? Nicolas Willemarck, Sciensano Belgium

Details from a special case - Laboratory acquired HIV-1 infection

Alessandro Soria, Social and Health Company Ground Monza, Italy

Path to WHO certification of polio-free status and its implications for risk assessment and management

Kathrin Keeren, Office of the National Commission for Polio Eradication in Germany

Lessons learned from the safety evaluation of novel live attenuated serotype 2 oral poliovirus vaccines candidates under contained use vs. deliberate release regulatory framework.

Didier Breyer, Sciensano Belgium



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14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:00	SESSION III: Gene drive systems – an update, Chair: Kathleen Lehmann, BVL, Germany
	An overview of gene drive systems Tony Nolan, Imperial College London, UK
	Report on EFSA's stakeholder workshop "problem formulation of the ERA of gene drive modified insects" Les Firbank, EFSA – GMO Panel; University of Leeds
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	SESSION IV: Medical applications of GMO, Chair: Anja Ehrhardt, ZKBS, Germany
	Manufacturing and application of CAR T-cells to treat cancer: chances and safety matters for patients Ulrike Köhl, Fraunhofer IZI, Germany
	Use of attenuated live rabies virus, strain SPBN as vaccine to protect wildlife and dogs against rabies – are there any risks left? Adrian Vos, Ceva Santé Animale, Germany
19:00	Get together @ brewhouse Georgbraeu



Thursday, 7 November 2019

08:45 - 09:00	Welcome coffee
9:00 – 10:30	SESSION V: New developments in plants, Chair: Anja Matzk, ZKBS, Germany
	Cas endonuclease technology in crop plants - establishment and applications Jochen Kumlehn, Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Germany
	From the lab to the Protected site - field trial with fire blight resistant cisgenic apple trees in Switzerland Andrea Patocchi, Agroscope Switzerland
	Risk assessment of GM cyanobacteria in contained and confined photobioreactors Cécile J.B. van der Vlugt-Bergmans, RIVM Netherlands
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session VI: The ECJ ruling – consequences and implications, Chair: Uwe Sonnewald, ZKBS, Germany
	Challenges to detect genome edited plants - consequences for Surveillance Authorities Lutz Grohmann, BVL, Germany
	International trade with agricultural commodities - Challenges in the context of the ECJ Ruling
	Momme Matthiesen, managing director Association of the oilseeds processing industry (OVID)
	Consequences of ECJ ruling on Plant breeding sector Anja Matzk, BDP, German Plant Breeders Association
	Norway's way ahead Hilde Mellegård, Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board
	How will Switzerland adopt the GMO legislation to cover all new gene technologies? Markus Hardegger, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Panel discussion
	The ECJ ruling in the context of the legal assessment of genome-edited plants in other parts of the world, Chair: Detlef Bartsch, BVL, Germany
15:00 – 15:30	Wrap up and farewell

