

GENET Meeting in Bonn, 16th May 2008

AGENDA

14:00

1 Welcome & Introduction (30')

- NGO introduction/information round
- roll call and mandate confirmation
- approval or changes to the agenda

14:30

2 General Assembly (1h30)

2.1 Board report of activities 2007/2008

2.2 Financial report 2007/2008

2.2 Elections

2.2.1 election of new members - ECOSENS

2.2.2 election of Board members

16:00

3 PSx2 Project (45')

- update on the project;
- what is the result and message of this project

16:45

4 Future of GENET (3h15)

Discussion of paper presented by Adrian & Irina:

- What we want from GENET? Which direction to go?
- Networking, strategizing, aims and activities of GENET in the near future
- Setting working groups
- Fundraising
- How to get more countries represented in genet

20:00

5 Dinner

- Further discussion & networking around the buffet

People who showed availability to participate on the meeting (so far)

If you're not on the list but will also be present, please inform me about it.

Adrian Bebb	FoEE
Anita Idel	Liga für Hirtenvölker
Ariana	ISD
Benny Haerlin	SOS
Christof Potthof	GeN
Dirk Beel	Wervel
Helen Holder	FoEE
Florianne Koechlin	SAG
Irina Maia	GENET
Jens Kerg	Global 2000
Linda Coenen	A SEED
Marco Contiero	Greenpeace
Margarida Silva	PTF
Ruth Tippe	Kein Patent auf Leben
Tina Goethe	Swissaid
Vera Móra	ELTE

Voting by Proxy	Represented by
Marion Selig (MFT)	Ruth Tippe

Details on the meeting

- **Roll call and mandate**

If nobody from your organisation takes part, you can ask another organisation to vote for you (by proxy). This is relevant, because we need a certain minimum number of organisations to participate to be able to vote for new members.

- **New members**

1 - **EcoSens** is working on activities against GMOs in R. Macedonia and is one of the promoters of a new national network named "GMO free Macedonia".

EcoSens has worked on raising public awareness, on declaring new GMO free zones, in preparing national law for GMOs and cooperating with foreign countries on topics connected with protection from GMOs.

2 - **Development Fund** is an independent Norwegian organization working on environmental and developmental issues both at the policy level and through field

operations in developing countries in collaboration with local partners. Biological diversity and sustainable agriculture are some of our main areas of work. In this context, they are also working on GMOs by e.g. supporting the opposition to GMOs among our partners in developing countries and working in collaboration with NGOs in Norway opposing GMOs.

Their entry point to this issue is Farmers' Rights to seeds, and thus IPR issues are central in our work. E.g. we are part of the international campaign on No-patents-on-seeds, and Development Fund is coordinating the work against this patent in Norway (15 other NGOs have joined us so far).

- **Board**

- Luca Colombo and Marion Selig want to stand down of GENET board and we will need to elect 2 new board members.
- The other board members, elected in 2006, are Adrian Bebb (FoEE), Svetla Nikolova (Agrolink) and Eric Gall (Fondation Sciences Citoyennes).