

GENET - European NGO Network on Genetic Engineering

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GENET is an European network of non-governmental non-profit organisations engaged in the critical debate of genetic engineering. It is an international non-profit association under Swiss law, founded in 1995.

GENET's main work is to provide information on genetic engineering for the member organisations and the interested public via mailing-lists and to coordinate activities and campaigns. At the moment, GENET has 41 member organisations in 21 European countries.

Aims of GENET

The purpose of GENET is to exchange information on genetic engineering and campaigns

focussing on

- plant and animal breeding
- agriculture
- food production
- human genetics and medicine

and its implications on

- human health
- animal welfare
- biological diversity
- the environment
- sócio-economic development

By informing interested organisations and individuals, it facilitates the citizens' involvement in decision-making processes which have to guide the development of this technology.

GENET supports activities that aim to avoid the introduction of products of gene technology that are not in the interest of consumers or farmers, harm the environment or animals, and conflict with human rights and ethics.

Services of GENET

GENET communicates via 3 moderated mailing-lists: GENET-news, GENET-forum and GENET-action.

GENET-news provides a broad range of current news covering the fields of interest of GENET. GENET-news send journal articles, press releases, internet documents and member contributions as email text on a daily basis. Currently, the messages are sorted by following subjects:

- 1- Proteins: production and use of recombinant proteins
- 2- Plants: breeding and use of transgenic plants, ecological and biodiversity risks
- 3- Food: production and use of food made from or produced by GMOs, production and use of enzymes and other food ingredients synthesized by GMOs
- 4- Patents: patenting of genes and transgenic organisms, biopiracy
- 5- Animals: breeding and use of transgenic animals in agriculture and "gene pharming", xenotransplantation
- 6- Regulation: national and international laws covering genetic engineering
- 7- Business: economics, company news
- 8- Humans: genome projects, cloning, gene therapy
- 9- Misc: other news

GENET-forum is a mailing-list for strategy discussions and political evaluations amongst GENET's members.

GENET-archive contains all GENET-news messages sent after February 13, 1999. This webpage allows a fast full text research by key words. www.genet-info.org

GENET-action is a mailing-list for members to organise joint activities and coordinate actions.

Membership in GENET

Membership can be given to European non-governmental organisations that share the goals of GENET. Such NGOs are welcome to apply for membership at the board by writing to the coordinator. Applications should be supported by a member organisation in the same country, or failing that, by another member organisation which the applicant organisation feels affiliated to. Members can subscribe to GENET-forum which allows them to send messages directly to other members. GENET meets once a year.

Board of GENET

The board consists three to five elected members. Currently, the board is formed by:

Adrian Bebb (Friends of the Earth Europe, Germany)
Eric Gall (Fondation Sciences Citoyennes, France)
Marion Selig (Menschen für Tierrechte, Germany)
Svetla Nikolova (Agrolink, Bulgaria)
Luca Colombo (Fondazione Diritti Genetici, Italy)

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