



Nordic GMO-Conference 2022

It is a pleasure to invite you to our third Nordic GMO-Conference. The first was held in Copenhagen in June 2019. The second was held online in May 2021.

This year's Conference will take place at Aalborg University Copenhagen,
address A.C. Meyers Vænge 15
Thursday 19th of May from 12:00 to Friday 20th of May 14:00

We, the organisers, want to bring together scientists and different stakeholders. Our main goal is to build knowledge about gene technology, especially the new gene editing techniques. In many countries and in EU there are ongoing debates on how new GMOs should be regulated.

In our GMO-conference we will focus on possible impacts on ecosystems, socioeconomic perspectives, alternatives to GMO, and last not but least, consumers and farmers right to choose.

We have invited speakers from different disciplines to update us on different perspectives. After each presentation there will be time for questions and comments. During the conference we will have workshops and "roundtable" session where we can discuss further work and possible collaboration. The working language will be English.

The Conference is organised by Aalborg University Copenhagen, GMO-Network Norway, NOAH, and Nordic Ecolabelling.



Programme day 1

Tuesday 19th of May

11:30 Registration and coffee/tea

12:00 **Welcome to Aalborg University (AAU)**

Associate Professor Michael Søgaard Jørgensen, Department of Planning, AAU

Welcome to the Nordic GMO-conference

June Rebekka Bresson, NOAH and Aina Bartmann, GMO Network Norway

Short presentation of all participants

12:20 **New Genomic Techniques- risks and opportunities from an ecological perspective**

Prof.Dr.Katja Tielbörger, University of Tübingen

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Coexistence - a realistic scenario?**

Martin Sommer, Policy Officer on GMOs, Patents, and Seeds, IFOAM Organics Europe

Comments from:

- Erika Olsson, organic farmer and president in IFOAM Sweden
- Bodhild Fjelltveit, conventional farmer and vice-president in Norwegian Farmers Union (COPA-partner)

14:45 **Similarities and differences between old and new gene technology methods.**

Odd-Gunnar Wikmark, scientist, Norwegian Research Centre AS (NORCE)

15.30 Coffee/tea break (with something light to eat)

15.45 **New GMOs in the current EU regulatory process: Technology and communication in the light of some (well-known) ethical and societal perspectives**

Doctor Kristin Hagen, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Germany

Comment from environmental organisation

16:45 **Technology assessment of CRISPR: Relevant solutions to relevant problems?**

Associate Professor Michael Søgaard Jørgensen, Department of Planning, AAU

17:50 Sum up day one

18:00 Dinner and social get-together at AAU

Causerie: New Nordic Kitchen – the dream of a sustainable foodsystem

Hafliði Halldórsson, Chef and CEO Icelandic Lamb

Programme day 2

Friday 20th of May

10:00 Welcome day 2

10:05 **The story about GM Yellow Rice (Golden rice). Perspectives from the Global South**
Cid Ryan Manalo, Programme Officer for Policy, Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)

10:45 **Attitudes and demands towards GMO in food-production**
Annechen Bahr Bugge, Research Professor, Consumers institute Norway (SIFO)

Comments from:

- Thomas Roland, Head of department, responsibility, COOP Denmark
- Doctor Audrun Utskarpen, Senior Environmental Adviser, Nordic Ecolabelling

11: 30 **Coffe/tea in groupsessions organised by June Rebekka Bresson**

12:30 Sum-up and end of Nordic GMO-Conference

13:00 Lunch

