

3:55-4:15 Dr Pat O'Mahony,  
Chief Specialist Food Technology,  
Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI)

*'Implementation of GM Food Legislation in Ireland'*

4.15-4.35 Mr Gerry Lohan,  
Agricultural Inspector Feeding Stuffs,  
Fertiliser, Grain and Poultry Division,  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the  
Marine (DAFM)

*'The Role of the DAFM in the Regulation of GMOs in Ireland'*

4:35-4:55 Panel Discussion Close Day 1

## DAY 2

### Session 4 - GMO Technology Research

Chairperson: Professor Fergal O'Gara, Director, Biomerit  
Bioscience Institute, University College Cork

8.30-8.50 Mr Carel du Marchie Sarvaas,  
Director - Green Biotechnology, EuropaBio

*'The future of GMO technology in the EU for Industry and  
Agriculture in the international context'*

8:50-9:10 Dr Ewen Mullins,  
Senior Research Officer,  
Crop Science Department Oakpark, Teagasc

*'Assessing and monitoring the impact of GM crops relevant  
to Irish Agriculture'*

9:10-9:30 Professor Samuel McConkey,  
Head of Department,  
Infectious Disease and Tropical  
Medicine Service at Royal College of  
Surgeons in Ireland, Beaumont Hospital

*'The use of GMO technology in clinical trials/gene therapy'*

9:30-9:50 Dr Mike Morris,  
Director of Scientific Affairs,  
Irish Medicines Board

*'The regulation of clinical trials on humans involving  
therapies containing or consisting of GMMs'*

9:50-10:10 Panel Discussion

10:10-10:35 Coffee

### Session 5 - GMO Technology Communication and Risk Management

Chairperson: Mr Dara Lynott, Deputy Director General,  
Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use,  
Environmental Protection Agency

10:35-10:55 Dr David Heron,  
US Department of Agriculture

*'The Regulation of GM crops in the USA'*

10:55-11:15 Dr Pdraig Murphy,  
School of Communications,  
Dublin City University

*'The #gmpotato Community of Inquiry project'*

11:15-11:35 Mrs Kathryn Marsh,  
Irish Environmental Network

*'An NGO Perspective on GMOs'*

11:35-11:55 Mr Frank Mangan, Biological Safety Office,  
Trinity College Dublin

*'University Standards of Governance regarding GMOs – a  
Biological Safety Officer's perspective'*

11:55-12:15 Mr Thomas Carpenter,  
Chairman, National Potato Committee,  
Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)

*'A farmer's perspective on GMO crop technology'*

12.15-12.45 Panel Discussion and Close of Conference

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### Conference Programme



10th & 11th October 2013  
The Printworks  
Dublin Castle

8:15-9:00     **Registration and Coffee**

9:10-9:25     **Welcoming Address**  
Ms Laura Burke, Director General,  
Environmental Protection Agency

## DAY 1

### Session 1 – GMO Technology in Ireland

Chairperson: Professor Martin Clynes, Director of the  
National Institute for Cellular Biotechnology, Dublin City  
University

9:30-10:00     **Keynote speaker**  
Professor David McConnell,  
Professor of Genetics,  
Trinity College Dublin

*‘Achievements and setbacks in genetic engineering 1973-2013:  
prospects for the future’*

10:00-10:20     Dr Thomas McLoughlin,  
Senior Inspector,  
Environmental Protection Agency

*‘The role of the Environmental Protection Agency in regulating  
GMO Technology in Ireland’*

10:20-10:40     Professor Mark Ferguson,  
Director General,  
Science Foundation Ireland and Chief  
Scientific Adviser to the  
Government of Ireland

*‘Excellence and Impact- Science Foundation Ireland’s research  
funding strategy and programmes’*

10:40-11:00     Panel Discussion

11:00-11:20     Coffee

### Session 2 – Use of GMO Technology in Industry

Chairperson: Professor Paul Ross, Head of Teagasc Food  
Research Programme

11:20-11:40     Professor Oliver Dolly, SFI Research Professor  
of Neurotherapeutics & Director of the  
International Centre for Neurotherapeutics  
(ICNT), Dublin City University

*‘Biosafety and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) - taking a  
GMM from R&D in the Laboratory to Commercialisation’*

11:40-12:00     Dr Barry Heavey - IDA Ireland

*‘Modern Biotechnology: Essential for the transformation of  
Ireland’s Pharmaceutical Sector’*

12:00 -12.20     Dr Michael Gillen,  
Senior Executive, Pharmachemical Ireland

*‘The Importance of Modern Biotechnology in Job Creation in  
Ireland’*

12.20-12.40     Dr Neysi Ibarra,  
Senior Manager and Group Lead,  
Manufacturing Sciences, Pfizer Grange Castle

*‘The use of GMO technology at Pfizer Ireland’*

12:40-1:00     Panel Discussion

Lunch             1:00-2:15 pm

### Session 3 – The Regulation of GMO Technology

Chairperson: Professor James Burke, Masstock Professor of  
Crop Science, University College Dublin

2:15-2:35         Mr Niall Gerlitz,  
Head of Sector for Control Policy and  
Horizontal Issues in Biotechnology,  
DG Sanco

*‘EU legal framework on GMOs for food, feed and cultivation’*

2:35-2:55         Professor Detlef Bartsch,  
former member of the EFSA GMO Panel  
and Head of the Department of Genetic  
Engineering at the Federal Office of  
Consumer Protection and Food Safety  
(BVL), Germany

*‘The role of the EFSA in the risk assessment of GMOs in the EU’*

2.55-3:15         Dr Shane Morris,  
Research Affiliate, Plant and  
Agribiosciences Research Centre (PABC),  
NUI Galway

*‘EU crop regulation: a precautionary principle failure unfit for  
future frontiers?’*

3:15-3:35         Coffee

3:35-3.55         Professor Rosie Hails,  
Science Director for Biodiversity and  
Ecosystem Science at the Centre for  
Ecology and Hydrology, UK

*‘Operating within the EU’s regulatory system for GM Crops- a  
perspective from the UK’s Advisory Committee on Releases to  
the Environment’*