

eulaff European Action on Latin American *Functional Foods*



DEBATE ON "TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, BIODIVERSITY AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS"

México City, March 31st – April 1st, 2008

CONVENTION ON THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Article 8. In-situ conservación

Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:

(j) Subject to its national legislation, respect, preserve and maintain knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and promote their wider application with the approval and involvement of the holders of such knowledge, innovations and practices and encourage the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge, innovations and practices;

INTRODUCTION

Functional foods are those foods that provide an additional benefit for the health, improving the quality of life. In some cases, its development has involved the experience and knowledge of indigenous communities which have been orally transmitted from generation to generation, also known as the traditional knowledge; as well as the biological diversity that the same communities have preserved.

How to achieve a sustainable development of functional foods, based on the traditional knowledge and biodiversity of Latin America, in such a way that it provides an equitable and fair benefit to the indigenous communities and to those who commercialize them? Why is it important to focus efforts of Europe and Latin America in this common development? How can the Intellectual Property Rights promote the equitable distribution of the benefits?

These are some of the questions that we wish to answer in the DEBATE ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, BIODIVERSITY AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS, that will take place in the City of Mexico on March 31st and April 1st of 2008, organized within the framework of the activities of the EULAFF Project, "Europe-Latin America Action on Functional Foods", sponsored by the European Commission.

ORGANIZED BY:

CCADET – Center of Applied Sciences and Technology Development of Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México-UNAM

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PLACE:

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - MARCH 31st

9:30 - 10:00	REGISTRY AND INSCRIPTION OF PARTICIPANTS
10:00 - 10:45	Opening Conference: <i>"Development of functional foods based on the traditional knowledge, and its importance in current diets; particularly in the European and American countries"</i> Dr. Georgina Coral Sandoval Fabián Researcher, Center of Research and Technology Assistance of Jalisco (CIATEJ), México
10:45 - 11:30	<i>"European legislación on novel foods and functional foods"</i> Dr. Pilar Rodríguez Iglesias Head, Department of Nutrition, Directorate of Risk Assessment, European Food Safety Authority-EFSA
11:30 - 12:15	<i>"Trends in functional food commercialization in Europe, based on the traditional knowledge of Latin America"</i> Speaker to be confirmed
12:15 - 12:30	COFFEE BREAK
12:30 - 13:15	<i>"Conditions for the access to Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity in order to develop new products"</i> Dr. Begoña Venero Aguirre President, Hall of Intellectual Property, INDECOPI, Lima, Perú
13:15 - 14:00	<i>"Legal frame established in the Conference of Bonn: Guides to access genetic resources by means of equitable contracts"</i> Dr. María de la Paz Bossio Member of RISAPRET-CYTED, Group Jujuy, Universidad Nacional de Jujuy, Argentina
14:00 - 15:30	LUNCH BREAK
15:30 - 18:00	ROUND TABLE: <i>"Current national legislation and guidelines in Latin American countries involved in the development of functional food, based on the Conference of Bonn"</i>
15:30 - 15:45	Introduction of the subject by the Moderator: Francisco Ferrandiz García, PhD Member of the Board, Spanish Society of Biotechnology (SEBIOT), Madrid, Spain
15:45 - 16:15	Panelist 1: <i>"Case of Perú"</i> Dr. Luisa P. Negrón Ballarte Advisor, Vicepresidency of Research, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM), Lima
16:15 - 16:45	Panelist 2: <i>"Case of Argentina"</i> María de la Paz Bossio, PhD Member of RISAPRET-CYTED, Group Jujuy, Universidad Nacional de Jujuy, Argentina
16:45 - 17:15	Ponente 3: <i>"Case of Mexico"</i> Enriqueta Molina Macías, MSc Director, National Service of Seeds Inspection and Certification (SNICS), Mexico
17:15 - 17:45	Ponente 4: <i>"Case of Bolivia"</i> Franz Terrazas Andia, MSc Researcher, Unit of Genetic Resources, PROINPA, Cochabamba, Bolivia
17:45 - 18:00	Questions and discussion

DAY 2 – APRIL 1st

9:30 - 10:00	<i>"Contracts and agreements for the commercialization of functional foods, based on the traditional knowledge"</i> José Luis Solleiro Rebolledo, PhD Senior Researcher, Center of Applied Sciences and Technology Development, UNAM, Mexico City
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10:00 – 10:30	<i>"Analysis of the critical issues for establishing the negotiation agreements proposed in the Conference of Bonn"</i> Amelia Díaz Barroso, MSc Advisor, CamBioTec, A.C., Mexico City
10:30 - 11:00	<i>"Negotiation for the access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge. Case studies"</i> Fernando Quezada Botello, PhD Executive Director, Biotechnology Center of Excellence Corp., Mass., USA
11:00 – 11:30	<i>"Negotiation for the access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge. Case studies"</i> Adriana Sosa Villacrés, PhD Secretary General, Foundation Chankuap': Resources for the Future, Quito, Ecuador
11:30 – 11:50	Questions and discussion
11:50 - 12:15	COFFEE BREAK
12:15 - 14:30	DEBATE <i>"Propose for the management of the rights of intellectual property of functional foods based on the Traditional Knowledge"</i>
12:15 - 12:30	Presentation of the themes to be discussed by the Moderator: José Luis Solleiro Rebolledo, PhD
12:30 – 13:30	Discussion by working groups
13:30 – 13:40	Proposal presented by the secretary of Group 1
13:40 – 13:50	Proposal presented by the secretary of Group 2
13:50 – 14:00	Proposal presented by the secretary of Group 3
14:00 – 14:30	Plenary Session
14:30 – 16:00	LUNCH BREAK
16:30 – 17:30	GUIDED VISIT TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN OF UNAM

REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fees are US\$150 (American dollars) or \$1,500.00 (Mexican national currency). It includes the coffee services and lunches for the two days of the meeting, information material, a guided visit to the botanical garden of UNAM, and a certificate of participation.

The corresponding payment can be done either by wire transfer or by deposit to Banco Santander Serfin, Account N° 6550039560-6, under the name of CamBioTec, A.C. (CLABE 014180655003956069).

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