

**Agenda -
Founding meeting of the Network of European Citizen Scientists
(working title)**

venue: NABU (Naturschutzbund Deutschland - Birdlife Germany), Charitéstraße 3, 10117 Berlin
date: 11-12 December 2008

10.12.2008

19:00 Coming together at Bistro Lina, Charitéstr. 3, next door to NABU

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09:00 Welcome and Opening: International perspective of biosafety, society and science – an issue of democracy
Christine von Weizsäcker (chairperson of the meeting), Ecoropa, Emmendingen

09:20 Why the network? Past developments and vision of the network
Angelika Hilbeck, ecostrat Zürich/ ETH Zürich/ GenØk Tromsø

09:40 Involvement, goals and vision of the 'Fondation Sciences Citoyennes'
Claudia Neubauer, Director of FSC, Paris

Block I: Country reports on the situation of science, society and biosafety
(10 minutes presentation + 10 minutes discussion after each presentation)
Moderator: Christine von Weizsäcker

10:00 The USA after the federal elections – status of GMOs and recent events
Doug Guerian Sherman, Union of Concerned Scientists, USA

10:20 Germany
Hartmut Meyer, Socio-Ecological Research Project "GeneRisk", Vechta/Braunschweig

10:40 Coffee Break

11:10 France, the events around GMOs under Sarkozy's government and CRIIGEN
Gilles-Eric Seralini, University of Caen Bas-Normandie, Caen/Paris

11:30 Italy – a surprisingly non-chaotic science situation?
Marcello Buiatti, University of Florence, Florence

11:50 Situation of GMOs in Norway and GenØk – the northern light of exception?
Terje Traavik, GenØk, Tromsø

12:10 Austria – When government and people agree – reflected in science?
Werner Müller, Global 2000, Wien

12:30 Spain – the unknown resistance
Rosa Binemelis, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Barcelona

12:50 General discussion

13:15 Lunch

Block II: Societal issues and the situation of biosafety science at the EU level

Moderator: Claudia Neubauer

- 14:30 EU regulatory conflicts: science-based versus uncertainty-based expertise
Les Levidow, The Open University, Milton Keynes
- 14:50 The never-ending problem called EFSA
Adrian Bebb, Clare Oxborrow, Helen Holder – Friends of the Earth Europe, Brussels
- 15:10 The sell-out of science – case example UK and the role of social science
Brian Wynne, Centre for the Study of Environmental Change-CSEC, Lancaster

15:30 Coffee Break

Block III: Past and future examples and guidance from other science groups

Moderator: Angelika Hilbeck

- 16:00 Union of Concerned Scientists
Doug Guerian Sherman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington
- 16:20 Federation of German Scientists
Stephan Albrecht, President of FGS, Hamburg
- 16:40 International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility
Gabriele Krauskopf, Executive Secretary of INES, Berlin
- 17:00 Discussion
- 17:30 World Social Forum – Sciences & Democracy Day 26 January 2009
Claudia Neubauer, FSC, Paris
- 18:00 End of Day 1**
- 19:30 Joint conference dinner – Ristorante Cinque, Reinhardtstr. 27D**

DAY 2

Discussion and decision making for the founding of Network of European Citizen Scientists

Moderator: Stephan Albrecht

09:30 Structured discussion (working groups?) on:

- Assessment of the needs for a network
- Structure and functions of a network
- Possible name of the network
- Possible legal forms of a Network
- Goals and provisions of the founding document – the task and guidelines for the drafting team
- Election of a drafting team

11:00 Coffee Break (15 min)

13:00 Lunch + Press conference

Block IV: Moving towards science – open research issues

Moderator: Hartmut Meyer

15:00 Introduction into the tasks for the afternoon (working groups?)

A) Open research issues

- collecting the issues and
- possibly rank them

B) Formation of research alliances

- develop proposal for joint research projects and cooperation of top 3 research issues

16:45 Coffee Break

17:00 Brief presentation of proposals

Way forward, timeline, sharing of work load, due dates, creating ad-hoc working groups

18:00 Closure of conference