

Betreff: Press invitation: Commissioner Dalli defends new GM policy at European organic conference

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GMO-Free Europe Conference 2010

**Press Briefing Invitation: 09:00 Thursday 16th
September**

European Parliament, Brasserie Jan 3Q (3rd floor)

Speakers:

- *Benedikt Haerlin, Conference organising committee*
- *José Bové, vize-chairman of the European Parliament agricultural committee*
- *Marco Contiero, Greenpeace European Unit*
- *Additional Conference speakers (also available for interviews)*

2010 will be a decisive year for the future of GMOs in Europe. New approvals for the cultivation of GMOs and new legislative proposals by the European Commission are pending. On Thursday 16th, at 9:45, EU Commissioner John Dalli will defend his new policy on genetically modified organisms at the opening of the 6th European Conference of GMO-Free Regions in the European Parliament.

Will the Commission's proposal to leave decisions on GMO planting to member states while rushing through new approvals at EU level really break the deadlock on genetic engineering in food and agriculture? Is it really a victory for regional and national resistance to GMOs? What are the next steps in the battle over GMOs in Europe?

Representatives of the current and subsequent EU-presidency, European Parliament, food business, farmers, consumers and civil society organizations, as well as 300 participants from GMO free regions and initiatives in 30 European countries will be present to discuss these issues during the day.

Full programme for the conference can be found here: www.gmo-

free-regions.org/conference2010

Speakers at the GMO-Free Europe Conference, located at Jan 4Q2 (4th floor), include:

- *John Dalli: [European Commissioner](#) for Health and Consumer Policy*
- *Professor Andrés Carrasco: leading Argentinean embryologist with newly published findings on the impact of Monsanto's "Roundup" (Glyphosate) on embryonic development.*
- *Evelyne Huytebroeck: Minister for the Region of Brussels.*
- *Vandana Shiva: Alternative Nobel Prize laureate and Indian seed activist.*
- *Hans Herren: Internationally renowned entomologist, agriculturalist, development expert, and world food prize winner.*
- *Representatives of Carrefour, Edeka (Germany) and the GMO-free association of German food companies.*

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