

# Regional Conference on Agricultural Biotechnology

## Program of Activities

### First Day, 29 June 2000

7:30-8:00	<i>Registration</i>
8:00-8:15	<i>Welcome Remarks</i>
	<i>The Asia and Pacific Seed Association (APSA)</i> <i>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</i> <i>SEAMEO Secretariat</i>
8:15-8:30	<i>Opening Remarks</i>
	<b><i>Dr. Ruben L. Villareal</i></b> <i>Director, SEAMEO SEARCA</i>
8:30-9:00	<b><i>Keynote Speech</i></b>
	<b><i>Dr. Emil Q. Javier</i></b> <i>Chair, Technical Advisory Committee, CGIAR</i> <i>"Global Developments in Agricultural Biotechnology: Current Status and Future Prospects"</i>
<b><i>Plenary Session 1 – Southeast Asian Agriculture and Biotechnology</i></b>	
	<b><i>Dr. Endang Sukara, chair and moderator, Session 1</i></b>
9:00-9:30	<b><i>Dr. Sutat Sriwatanapongse</i></b> <i>Deputy Director, BIOTEC Thailand</i> <i>"Regional Developments in Agricultural Biotechnology: Capacity Building in the 21st Century"</i>
9:30-10:00	<b><i>Dr. R. B. Singh</i></b> <i>Assistant Director-General, FAO</i> <i>"Biotechnology, Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture - A Contradiction?"</i>
10:00-10:15	<i>Open Discussion</i>
10:15-10:30	<i>Photo Session/ Coffee Break</i>

**Plenary Session 2 – Agricultural Biotechnology: What is it for Developing Countries?**

*Dr. Frederic Erbisch, chair and moderator, Session 2*

10:30-11:00

**Ms. Lim Li Lin**

*Third World Network*

*"Agricultural Biotechnology: What is it for Developing Countries? - A Perspective from a Non-Government Organization"*

11:00-11:30

**Dr. Paul S. Teng**

*Director, Regional Science and Technology, Monsanto Phils.*

*"Agricultural Biotechnology: What is it for Developing Countries? - A Perspective from The Private Sector"*

11:30-12:00

**Dr. William G. Padolina**

*Deputy Director General for Partnerships*

*International Rice Research Institute*

*"Agricultural Biotechnology: What is it for Developing Countries? - The Role of the International R&D Centers"*

12:00-12:30

*Open Discussion*

12:30-1:30

*Lunch Break*

**Plenary Session 3 – Emerging Issues in SEA Agricultural Biotechnology**

*Dr. Sutat, Sriwatanapongse, chair and moderator Session 3*

1:30-2:00

**Ms. Julie Howden**

*Executive Director, Asian Food Information Council*

*"Communicating Biotechnology: Conquering the Fear of the Unknown"*

2:00-2:30

**Dr. Linda Posadas**

*ASEAN Secretariat*

*"Harmonization of Biosafety Framework in SEA"*

2:30-3:00

**Dr. Tetsuo Matsumoto**

*International Cooperation Center for Agricultural Education*

*"Managing Technology Transfer in Agricultural Biotechnology"*

3:00-3:15

*Coffee Break*

3:15-3:45

**Dr. Frederic H. Erbisch**

*Former Director, Intellectual Property Office*

*Michigan State University*

*"IPR in Agricultural Biotechnology"*

3:45-4:15 Open Discussion  
4:15-4:30 Wrap-up and closing of the first day  
7:00-9:00 Cocktails and Welcome Dinner  
**Second Day, 30 June 2000**

**Plenary Session 4 – Country Situationer**

**Dr. Randy A. Hautea**, chair and moderator, Session 4

7:30-8:00 Registration

8:00-8:30

**Dr. Zhangliang Chen**

Director, National Laboratory of Plant Genetic Engineering

"Experience of a Developing Country: The Case of China's Development  
And Commercial Use of Agricultural Biotechnology"

8:30-8:50

The Case of Indonesia

**Dr. Endang Sukara**

8:50-9:10

The Case of the Philippines

**Dr. Saturnina Halos**

9:10-9:30

The Case of Thailand

**Dr. Hiran Hiranpradit**

9:30-9:50

The Case of Vietnam

**Dr. Tuong-Van Nguyen**

9:50-10:15

Open Discussion

10:15-10:30

Coffee Break

**Workshop Proper**

10:30-10:45

Objectives, Rationale, and Mechanics of the  
Workshop

**Dr. Gil C. Saguiguit, Jr.**

R&D Manager, SEAMEO SEARCA

10:45-12:00

Workshop Proper

12:00-1:00

Lunch Break

1:00-2:00

Continuation of the Workshop

2:00-3:00

Presentation of Workshop Reports

3:00-3:15

Coffee Break

3:15-3:45

Summary, Integration and Conclusion

**Dr. Evelyn Mae T. Mendoza**

Professor, Institute of Plant Breeding

College of Agriculture

University of the Philippines Los Baños

3:45-4:15

Awarding and Closing Ceremony

**DR. NERLITA M. MANALILI**

Master of Ceremonies