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 Subject: Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes newsletter - Dec. 17, 2018
 Date: Monday, December 17, 2018 5:51 04 PM

Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

New research was published last week concluding that organic farming, due to its use of more land to produce the same amount of crops, is **worse for climate change** than conventional farming. The study received high-profile news coverage, including a piece highlighted below from Alexa Lardieri in *U.S. News & World Report*.

This week's newsletter also includes items taking a closer look at the Organic Consumers Association's stances on various issues and explaining that seed patents aren't just for GMOs. Also, David Zaruk provides some tips for getting through the holidays if contentious topics come up at your family gatherings.

Following this edition, Favorable Outcomes will take a brief break for the holidays. Look for our next newsletter in early January. We hope you enjoy a festive holiday season and have a happy new year!

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Environmental Health Sciences



Environmental Health Sciences was founded by "Our Stolen Future" co-author Pete Myers in 2002 to "increase public understanding of the scientific links between environmental

Stories Worth Sharing

[Alexa Lardieri: Study finds "organic food is so much worse for the climate" than conventional agriculture](#)

[Hank Campbell: Organic Consumers Association not really pro-organic but "against any science a client will pay them to be against"](#)

[David Zaruk: How to make it through family gatherings with a zealot who relies on "alarmist fabrications"](#)

[Leia Flure: Money from seed patents gets reinvested in research and development of better plants](#)

[Hembree Brandon: Research estimates massive drop in farm income, crop production if glyphosate is banned](#)

[Drew Kershen: Deadly food poisoning incidents a cautionary tale about abandoning science and technology in farming](#)

[Jerry Weinberger: "Deep ecology" doctrine evident in Non-GMO Project warnings on food that won't sicken or kill anyone](#)

[Aishwarya Kumar: Biologist Nina Fedoroff says there's "no evidence" GM crops grown today are dangerous when consumed](#)


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
EHS publishes Environmental Health News and both operate under the NGO Virginia Organizing, which funds and houses the Science Communication Network.

Documents recently exposed via various Freedom of Information Act requests reveal the Science Communication Network helped coordinate attacks on glyphosate linked to claims from the International Agency for Research on Cancer and litigators that the herbicide causes cancer.

Click here to **LEARN MORE** about Environmental Health Sciences.

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Vic Martin: With misleading labels like non-GMO salt, consumers must be "armed with facts and not swayed by fear or emotion" 

Podcast: Kevin Folta and Rob Saik discuss Erin Brockovich article "laced with scientific inaccuracies" about glyphosate 

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What's Trending?

Study in Nature concludes organic farming is worse for climate due to increased land usage to produce same amount of food

French agricultural research institute study debunks Seralini claims about negative impact on rats from GM corn

Austria latest European country to grant exemption allowing neonic usage on sugar beets in 2019

Calendar highlights

December 18-20	December 19-21	December 19
IQue No Te Alteren Las Hormonas EDC webinar series	International Conference on Agriculture and Biotechnology	Green Week in German Bundestag

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

A theme running through several of the pieces highlighted on this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter is skepticism about the ability of organic farming - as well as agroecology and regenerative agriculture - to provide food security and environmental benefits to the world.

Writing for the Breakthrough Institute, Ted Nordhaus examines the findings of a World Resources Institute report that instead suggests the need for sustainable agricultural intensification. Ivo Vegter, in South Africa's *Daily Maverick*, argues that organic farming is relying on "magic" instead of science to solve food production needs. And Stuart Smyth of the University of Saskatchewan argues that it's time for environmental NGOs to accept vast evidence that agricultural technology is the best way forward.

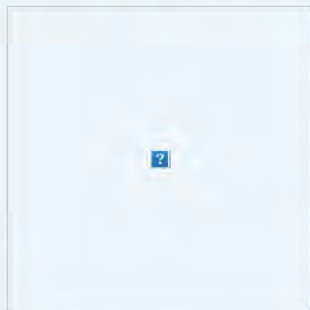
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Stakeholder Spotlight: Food Tank



Food Tank was founded in 2012 by Danielle Nierenberg and Ellen Gustafso as a "think tank" on global sustainable food systems.

Food Tank partners with a wide range of stakeholders, which includes organic trade interests and anti-GMO/anti-pesticide

Stories Worth Sharing

[Stuart Smyth: Will environmental groups ever accept "vast amount of evidence" on benefits of technology traits and chemicals](#)

[Ted Nordhaus: World Resources Institute report skeptical of regenerative farming and agroecology](#)

[Ivo Vegter: Organic farming, built on "unscientific principles of magic," provides no substantial benefits](#)

[Jean-Paul Oury: "Food Evolution" documentary arrives in France, could change perception of GMOs](#)

[Hank Campbell: The Guardian lets famed scaremonger Erin Brockovich reel off "series of logical fallacies" about glyphosate](#)

[Katherine Baker: Sharing an underappreciated perspective about the role of GMOs in sustainably producing food](#)

[Truth in Advertising: Bumble Bee Foods, Non-GMO Project give mixed messages on labeling of tuna as non-GMO](#)

[Andre Heitz: Recently published items evidence of Nature journal's "slipping editorial standards and a descent into activism"](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Environmental Working Group belongs on Santa's naughty list for claims about glyphosate contamination of food](#)


advocacy groups.

Last week, Food Tank promoted **World Soil Day** and highlighted the sentiment of the U.N. **sustainable development goals** that soil health is key to environmental and human health.

It also **amplified and applauded** anti-GMO campaign funder David Bronner, CEO of Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps, stressing the need to design agricultural production systems that go beyond organic to encompass labor and social values envisioned in regenerative practices.

Click here to **LEARN MORE** about Food Tank.

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Cameron English: Pediatrician explains similarities between anti-vaccine movement and biotechnology opposition 

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What's Trending?

Nobel Prize winners in chemistry warn that unwarranted fear of GMOs limit scientists' ability to address food security needs

Belgium approves derogation to allow neonic usage on sugar beets, Austrian environment minister considering proposal

California judge considers excluding regulatory assessments from glyphosate cancer cases

French farmers union organizes response to government "agri-bashing" from glyphosate regulations, taxes

Calendar highlights

December 12	December 12	December 12-13
"Does our environment seriously affect health?" seminar hosted by France's Inserm	France's ANSES scientific conferences on bee health	European Commission Plants, Animals, Food and Feed committee meeting (agenda)

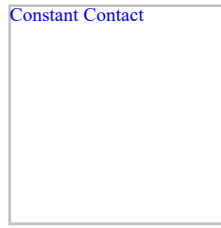
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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights a series of articles that explore how consumers struggle to identify risk - and perhaps some of the reasons why.

Alex Berezow makes the argument that statistics showing an increase in organic food purchases and a decrease in the percentage of adults getting flu vaccines - despite 80,000 Americans dying from the flu last season - proves that humans are bad at understanding risks. As Hank Campbell explains, though, organic food labels confuse consumers by making them believe their food is safer. And David Zaruk suggests that the public's trust is eroded even further by predatory law firms.

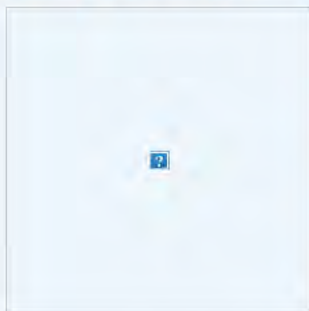
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Stakeholder Spotlight: Henry Rowlands



Henry Rowlands is an anti-GMO/pesticide activist and organic entrepreneur. He is publisher of the Sustainable Pulse and other anti-GMO campaign websites.

In addition to being founder and CEO of the [for-profit glyphosate testing](#) company The Detox

Stories Worth Sharing

[Hank Campbell: Organic label "does not mean your food is any safer"](#)

[Colin Berry: Troubling when "risks, feelings, opinions, and conjecture are of equal value with reason and knowledge" in Europe](#)

[Matt Ridley: Britain "at risk of missing out on a revolution" if it follows EU court decision on genome editing after Brexit](#)

[Andrew Porterfield: Scoreboard shows several victories for genetic modifications, with possibility for more](#)

[Alex Berezow: Drop in flu shots, rise in organic food purchases shows humans are terrible at judging risk](#)

[David Zaruk: Public is the true victim of predatory law firms as trust is eroded in regulatory science](#)

[Adriel Dave "AD" Alvarez: Even the most isolated and deprived farmers can benefit from technology](#)

[Michelle Miller: Kansas liquor store stands up to "fake fearmongering" of non-GMO vodka](#)

[Tim Burrack: Dicamba renewal gives U.S. farmers key lifeline with "as many options as possible for growing the food we need"](#)

Project, Rowlands is linked to various business interests in Bulgaria and the U.K. with ties to both the Maharishi movement and the Sustainable Food Trust (an organic-linked NGO run by former U.K. Soil Association chairman Patrick Holden).

Rowlands provides public relations services and promotional support to the Russian-led **Factor GMO** campaign and affiliated Russian GMO and pesticide testing and "research" efforts led by the Kremlin-linked **National Association for Genetic Safety** (NAGS).

Click here to [LEARN MORE](#) about Rowlands.

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Know Ideas: Science ensures herbicides are safe, just as it does with cars, airplanes and bridges

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What's Trending?

European Commission expresses commitment to reducing human and environmental exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals

German environment minister commits to government ending glyphosate usage by 2023

Uganda Parliament debates biosafety bill updated to address president's concerns

Harvard-led research draws attention for unique system detecting impact of neonic exposure on in-hive behavior

Calendar highlights

November 12-13	November 12-16	November 13
20th International Conference on Plant Breeding and Biotechnology	Asian Seed Congress hosted by Asia & Pacific Seed Association	European Commission Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed meeting on genetically modified food and feed
November 14-29	November 15-16	November 19-20
Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity	International Conference on Agriculture and Biotechnology	Meeting of the EU Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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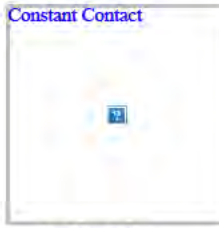
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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

In the past week, two academic journals have published papers alleging that agricultural pesticide usage is unsafe for human health. A publication run by the Journal of the American Medical Association posted results of a French survey suggesting that consumption of organic foods can **reduce a person's cancer risk**, and a Public Library of Science journal printed a paper co-authored by Natural Resources Defense Council scientist Jennifer Sass that called for **organophosphates to be banned** due to health risks.

Today's Favorable Outcomes newsletter includes responses noting the safety of pesticides, as well as pieces on the impact of predatory law firms and updates on biotechnology issues in Nigeria, Kenya and the Philippines.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Haas Institute



The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society was founded in 2010 at the University of California-Berkeley.

Earlier this month, the institute released a [report](#) suggesting major mergers within the agribusiness industry will mean

Stories Worth Sharing

[Chase Purdy: Given closer look, study claiming organic food reduces cancer risk not "terribly compelling"](#)

[Steven Novella: Impossible to draw clear conclusions from study claiming organic food consumption reduces cancer risk](#)

[Matt Bogard: Use non-GMO and other labels adding only perceived value comes at expense of more affordable food](#)

[Alex Berezow: Claim that organic food reduces cancer risk is "complete nonsense" since that is biologically impossible](#)

[Patience Koku: Time to move on from Nigeria's decision to block GMOs, which "held back the entire country"](#)

[Andrew J. Wight: European court decision blocking gene editing slows research on bananas for Africa, soy for Brazil](#)

[David Zaruk: Predatory law firms turn "victim of a tragedy into an opportunity to manipulate"](#)

[Munene Kamau: Bt cotton could revive dormant Kenyan textile industry, bring new jobs](#)

[Henrylito D. Tacio: Golden Rice offers potential solution to increasing Vitamin A deficiency in Philippines](#)

the end of competition.

Last year, the institute collaborated on opposition to the new Green Revolution for Africa initiative supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Gates Foundation and others.

The Haas Institute is also linked to the Shahidi Project, which has produced several reports and initiatives critical of corporate agribusinesses and technology comparing them as industrial systems versus more equitable agroecology.

Click here to **LEARN MORE** about the Haas Institute.

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Jon Entine: Public has "unhealthy" obsession with alleged dangers of chemicals [?](#)

Peter Griffin: New Zealand regulators "made the right call" in resisting political pressure to reassess glyphosate [?](#)

Cam Dahl: Embrace modern agriculture because "good old days were not very good for those living in them" [?](#)

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What's Trending?

French researchers claim survey shows consumption of organic foods reduces cancer risk

Natural Resources Defense Council scientist, North American researchers publish paper demanding ban on organophosphates

Dozens of research institutions ask European lawmakers to address gene-editing regulations that put EU at disadvantage

Meeting between U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration fails to resolve conflict over lab-grown meat

California judge reduces punitive damages, upholds jury verdict holding glyphosate responsible for causing man's cancer

Calendar highlights

October 29-30	November 1	November 1-3
Organic & Non-GMO Forum	U.S. EPA biotechnology seminar	1st International Congress of Green Biotechnology
November 1-2	November 3-5	November 5
Hawaii Department of Agriculture public hearings on proposed amendments to pesticide regulations	African Food Systems Conference	Gilles-Eric Seralini book tour appearance at Dalhousie University

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

Against the backdrop of recent NGO tests claiming the presence of glyphosate in popular foods and campaigns to get its use banned, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration released data finding no glyphosate residues in more than half of the close to 7,500 samples it tested. It also found more than 99 percent of domestic and 90 percent of imported food samples were in compliance with federal pesticide standards.

This week's Favorable Outcomes features criticism of fear-based campaigns overstating concerns about glyphosate risks and residues in foods. Other pieces examine misuse of labels, such as GMO-free and non-GMO, and misconceptions about organic foods.

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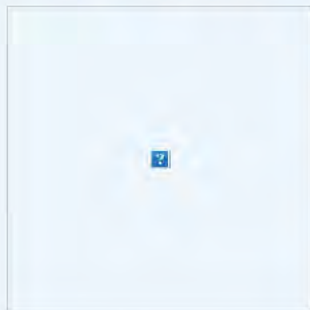
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Stakeholder Spotlight: The Swift Foundation



The **Swift Foundation**, founded in 1999, is a U.S.-based private foundation that claims to support "cultural and biological diversity through environmental protection and the local stewardship of communities."

It was created by the sale of

Stories Worth Sharing

[Jon Entine: Canada's "suspect" move to phase out neonics to "protect bees" sets stage for U.S. regulatory battle](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Growth of "free-from" labels, including GMO-free denotation, is just another symptom of a "scientifically illiterate society looking for quick fixes"](#)

[Joan Conrow: Battle on both sides of "GMO-free" branding gathers steam, with Non-GMO Project claiming it gives consumers choices, while ITIF files lawsuit saying it stigmatizes safe GM products](#)

[David Zaruk: Seven-part exposé alleges activist scientists, NGOs conspiring with U.S. tort law firms to create fears, collect money through litigation over claims of glyphosate health risks](#)

[Kavin Senapathy: Recent glyphosate saga concerning residues in popular breakfast foods is mostly a fear-driven movement promoted by anti-GMO activists toward moms](#)

[Michelle Miller: Buying organic apples doesn't mean they're pesticide-free, organic farmers often use more pesticides than conventional](#)

[Rebecca Watson: University of Texas study linking glyphosate to honeybee declines involved mega-dosing bees with glyphosate; honeybees not in trouble, anyway](#)

United Parcel Service family shareowners John F. Swift and daughters Sonja and Karen. Swift is a major donor to organic-promoting, anti-GMO NGOs, including [Greenpeace](#), [Center for Food Safety](#) and [Pesticide Action Network](#).

A founding member of the [AgroEcology Fund](#) and the [Global Alliance for the Future of Food](#), Swift is a leading promoter of narrowly defined technology-eschewing agroecology. It provides grants to NGOs in Africa, Latin America and Asia to oppose the use of conventional agriculture, claiming it risks human health and creates dependence on multinational corporations and Western governments.

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Julie Gunlock: Lawsuit against LaCroix sparkling water over "all natural" reveals misuse of labels such as non-GMO; verdict in Monsanto trial likely to spur more "ridiculous lawsuits" [?](#)

Kevin Folta: Class-action lawsuit over Chipotle non-GMO claims is "baseless;" but proves you reap what you sow [?](#)

Andrew Porterfield: Organic industry has an unacknowledged "pesticide problem," the rise in detection of pesticides not allowed in organic production in imported organic produce [?](#)

Brian Lovett: Non-GMO Project Verified butterfly logo is a marketing ploy "exacerbating fears with nonsensical labeling" [?](#)

Jason Lusk: Recent paper on social pressure consumers feel to buy organic suggests a portion of organic consumption is driven by conspicuous consumption [?](#)

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What's Trending?

New Zealand's Royal Society Te Aparangi releases discussion paper on new plant breeding techniques (NBTs)

GMO Answers releases the results of an online survey demonstrating most U.S. consumers are still confused about genetically modified foods

U.S. Food and Drug Administration releases data finding no glyphosate residues in more than half of samples tested

Anti-pesticide "We Want Poppies" protests spurred by the Charlie Hebdo-led campaign take place throughout France

U.S. Right to Know accuses Cornell Alliance for Science of being a PR campaign for the agrochemical industry

Calendar highlights

October 1-31	October 1-16	October 10
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	International Conference on EDCs	EPA/ECHA/Health Canada workshop - Accelerating the Pace of Chemical Risk Assessment
October 10	October 10	October 11
CHE webinar - Whitewash: A Conversation with Author Carey Gillam	Colorado State panel - CRISPR gene editing in agriculture	Générations Futures conference on EDCs

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

Favorable Outcomes returns this week with a double issue of Stories Worth Sharing.

Featured newsletter items include criticism of a California university using public money to sponsor NGO efforts to smear university scientists and several pieces warning of the "loaded words" used by the Non-GMO Project to scare consumers - along with a campaign urging the U.S. government to do something about it. Authors also examine NGO claims that honeybees were facing extinction and a study suggesting it's "nonsense" that organic farms are better for the environment than their conventional counterparts.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Environmental Defense Fund



Environmental Defense Fund, one of the largest environmental NGOs in the world, was founded based on opposition to pesticide use and has expanded its campaign scopes to include broader challenges to industrial chemicals and endocrine disruptors.

Stories Worth Sharing

[Andrew Porterfield: Environmental NGOs starting to admit bees were never at threat of extinction](#)

[Hank Campbell: Organic industry's misleading labels, attacks on GMOs "count on consumer ignorance"](#)

[Joni Kamiya: FDA should deem Non-GMO Project's misleading advertising built on "scary, loaded words" to be illegal](#)

[Angela Logomasini: Competitive Enterprise Institute report details why U.S. government should stop funding IARC](#)

[Alex Berezow: University of California-San Diego "using taxpayer dollars to personally smear other scientists" about GMOs](#)

[Henry Miller: Organic industry leaders "have to lie in order to defend a flawed product"](#)

[Jenny Splitter: Group asks U.S. government to do away with non-GMO label, which lacks oversight](#)

[Jacqueline Rowarth: Are consumers willing to accept higher prices and negative environmental impact of banning glyphosate?](#)

[Steven Novella: Non-GMO label's purpose is to trick consumers into paying more for equivalent or inferior products](#)

[David Zaruk: Europe in Dark Age due to rejection of plant biology and](#)

EDF has a mixed history in regard to food and agriculture systems, typically promoting organic production and opposing most pesticide uses and other conventional agriculture practices. It has promoted a precautionary principle approach to regulating alleged endocrine-disrupting and toxic chemicals.

However, starting in 2017, it began to acknowledge potential climate and environmental benefits with specific GM crops and technologies. However, EDF remains in "partnership" campaigns with Greenpeace while sharing board members and directly funding several staunchly anti-GMO organizations, including Environmental Working Group.

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[Lominda Afedraru: Scientists see Uganda's failure to embrace biotechnology as "lost opportunity"](#)

[Ronald Bailey: Cambridge study finds conventional, high-yield farming more environmentally friendly than organic](#)

[Alex Berezow: Science shows claims that organic food is tastier, healthier and better for the environment are "nonsense"](#)

[Paul Driessen: "Rogue" International Agency for Research on Cancer exemplifies scientific corruption in food arena and beyond](#)

[Stephan Neidenbach: Consumers Union sees Moms Across America leader as "loon," helps spread her misinformation anyway](#)

[Nick Saik: In debate over organic vs. conventional, there's no "only good kind of farming"](#)

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What's Trending?

[Information Technology and Innovation Foundation asks U.S. FDA to ban non-GMO labeling](#)

[United Nations Human Rights Council approves NGO-supported Peasant Rights Declaration that endorses food sovereignty](#)

[French National Assembly panel begins work on crafting strategy to phase out glyphosate usage](#)

[University of Texas study claims glyphosate negatively affects honeybees, makes them susceptible to pathogen](#)

Calendar highlights

October 1-2	October 1-16	October 1-13
Plant Genomics and Gene Editing Congress: USA	16 days of global action on agroecology	Austria GMO-free weeks
October 2	October 4-6	October 7-8
French roundtable on societal health impacts of endocrine disruptors	International Biodiversity Congress	Regeneration International annual meeting

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Dear Caitrin,

A jury's recent \$289 million judgment for a California man over his claims that his glyphosate usage led to him contracting cancer has brought new attention to the International Agency for Research on Cancer classification that led to the lawsuit – and the activist groups that helped make the agency's ruling prominent.

This week's Favorable Outcomes includes a piece from Australian attorney Trent Thorne on the validity of IARC's assessment as well as pieces from Sara Snipes and Know Ideas Media that look at Environmental Working Group's claims that minuscule traces of glyphosate on such products as Cheerios could be harmful to consumers.

Other pieces examine calls for a "national conversation" in New Zealand about biotechnology, the use of taxpayer funds in California to boost activist campaigns against public university scientists and the fallout from the European Union's restrictions on neonics.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Global Alliance for the Future of Food



The Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF) is a project of the U.S.-based New Venture Fund and a coalition of

Stories Worth Sharing

[Trent Thorne: Track record for International Agency for Research on Cancer "would put Chicken Little to shame"](#)

[New Zealand Herald: Former chief science adviser urges "national conversation" on GMOs](#)

[Cameron English: Washington State University professor explains how anti-GMO groups tried to "take me out"](#)

[Megan Poinski: Pro-GMO food companies find transparency is best for overcoming controversy, confusion among consumers](#)

[Bransford Owusu: African farmers need GMO seeds to "improve food security and reduce poverty"](#)

[Kevin Folta: University of California-San Francisco using taxpayer funding for "assault" on scientists](#)

[David Brown: With neonics unavailable, beetle causing "unprecedented degree of destruction" to oilseed rape crops](#)

[Vivian Fernandes: NGO's claims that lax oversight led to import of foods with GM material just "scaremongering"](#)

large U.S. and European Union foundations that are promoting the creation of pesticide- and GMO-banning agroecology policies with governments and international policy-setting entities, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

GAFF funds extreme anti-GMO advocacy groups that have supported the criminal destruction of biotech field trials and research, lobby to block establishment of biosafety regulations in emerging markets and undertake other aggressive political and litigation strategies to block and disparage the development of agricultural biotechnology tools.

Click here to [LEARN MORE](#) about the alliance.

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Sara Snipes: Glyphosate levels in Cheerios are safe as long as your cereal bowl isn't a five-gallon bucket [🔗](#)

Know Ideas Media: Environmental Working Group takes glyphosate fear-mongering to the "point of absurdity" [🔗](#)

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What's Trending?

United Nations special rapporteur claims worker exposure to chemicals, including pesticides, is "global health crisis"

More than 30 U.K. biotechnology stakeholders ask Defra to set up round table on regulation of gene editing

U.S. environmental groups seek to eliminate Farm Bill provision that would pre-empt local pesticide bans

French magazine Charlie Hebdo launches campaign for national ban on synthetic pesticides / Lawmakers resume talks on food bill

European Parliament approves committee report claiming pesticide regulation does not protect human health or the environment

Calendar highlights

September 17-21	September 18-21	September 18-19
Meeting of FAO's Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee	European Food Safety Authority scientific conference	European Commission Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed meeting on pesticide residues
September 19	September 19	September 20-23
Collaborative on Health and the Environment webinar on chemical exposures among pregnant women	Uganda Biotechnology and Biosafety Consortium annual meeting	New Scientist Live featuring gene editing discussion

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Dear Caitrin,

Writing in *The Wall Street Journal* last week, Henry Miller laid out the case for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to crack down on "blatantly false and deceptive advertising claims" from the multibillion-dollar organic industry and the Non-GMO Project. Responding two days later, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb **promised on Twitter** that "in the coming weeks" he would provide information to help consumers better understand such labeling claims as organic and antibiotic-free.

Amanda Zaluckyj, who wrote a piece for *The Detroit News* the same day as Gottlieb's tweet, later **followed up with a blog** arguing it is "well past time" for U.S. regulators to take action. And Georgetown University law professor C. Dean McGrath Jr., writing in *The Hill*, called for the law to be strictly applied to such misleading labels and marketing claims.

Other pieces on this week's newsletter include a report on the U.S. Congress withholding funding for the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a University of Nairobi professor's appeal for biotechnology in Africa and a warning that focusing on GMOs and organic food can distract from actual food security issues.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Bioscience Resource Project



The Bioscience Resource Project is an Ithaca, New York-based

■ Stories Worth Sharing

[Henry Miller: FDA must stop giving a pass to organic industry's "blatantly false and deceptive advertising claims"](#)

[Dean McGrath: U.S. regulators should apply strict labeling laws to Non-GMO Project's misleading claims about GMOs](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Non-GMO Project "by far the worst offender" when it comes to misleading marketing claims](#)

[Cathy Siegner: Miller's Wall Street Journal article shines light on lack of consumer education about labeling](#)

[Science 2.0: U.S. Congress withholds funding for International Agency for Research on Cancer due to glyphosate controversy](#)

[Jessica Eise: GMOs and organic food are "red herrings" compared to threat posed from climate change and water scarcity](#)

[Mulaa Francis Jakim: "Critical gaps" preventing actualization of beneficial biotechnology applications in Africa](#)

NGO founded by Allison Wilson and her husband, Jonathan Latham.

They collaborate with U.S. Right to Know founding director Lisa Graves' Center for Media and Democracy to spread conspiracy claims that agrochemical companies are illegally conspiring with government regulators to expose the public to dangerous pesticides and GMOs.

These efforts include promotion of the so-called "Poison Papers" documents they claim show direct industry influence. Bioscience Resource Project recently donated the Poison Papers to the University of California-San Francisco.

Latham and USRTK executive director Gary Ruskin are set to take part in a panel discussion about the documents Sept. 13.

Latham participated earlier this month in a GMO-Free Kauai event.

Click here to **LEARN MORE** about the Bioscience Resource Project.

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Hank Campbell: Court ruling to require chlorpyrifos ban based on secretive science and "voodoo methodology"

Stephan Neidenbach: European court ruling on mutagenesis empowers activists to make more attacks on scientists and farmers

Michelle Miller: Labeling misconceptions and fearmongering tactics can backfire on food manufacturers

University of Strathclyde study: No correlation between pesticide usage and cases of leukemia or lymphoma

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What's Trending?

Jury awards \$289M to California man over claim that Roundup causes cancer

Food Standards Australia New Zealand releases preliminary report on NBTs / European activists demand end to field trials after NBT ruling

U.S. appellate court rules EPA must ban chlorpyrifos

Trump administration overturns ban on neonics and genetically modified crops in wildlife refuges

Calendar highlights

August 15-16	August 18	August 19-24
"Ag Technology & The Law" conference hosted by National Agricultural Law Center and National Association of Attorneys General	Inspiring Australia speaking series: "From Genes to GMOs"	International Association for Plant Biotechnology Congress

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Dear Caitrin,

When a European court ruled last week that products of new plant breeding techniques such as gene editing should be restricted in the same way as those from previous genetic modification methods, it prompted broad criticism from advocates who see the decision as "**scientifically illiterate**" and hypocritical when compared to the continent's acceptance of climate change science. Several responses are featured in this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter.

We also highlight a U.S. congressman's criticism of another legal decision - a California judge's agreement, despite what he called "shaky" evidence, to allow a lawsuit to move forward with claims that glyphosate causes cancer.

Other items explore NGOs' false claims about bee die-offs and tactics used by the organic industry to attack crop protection products and biotechnology.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Green America



Green America (formerly Co-op America) is a Washington, D.C.-based membership organization that claims to promote ethical consumerism and green businesses.

Stories Worth Sharing

[Hank Campbell: Court ruling leaves Europe "in the dark" on plant breeding innovations](#)

[Cameron English: European court ruling will make gene editing too expensive for universities, nonprofits and small businesses](#)

[Ronald Bailey: European court ruling applies "uselessly onerous" regulatory schemes to gene-edited crops](#)

[Paul Driessen: After years of fundraising against neonics, Sierra Club and other NGOs admit bees aren't dying off](#)

[U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas: Judge's decision to let Roundup cancer case move forward poses "immediate and detrimental impact on farmers"](#)

[Stephan Neidenbach: Exposing "rapid response team" that serves Stonyfield's Hirshberg on GMO, herbicide issues](#)

[Hope Kelly: Biotechnology boosts Philippines agriculture market and gives hope of feeding growing population](#)

[Angela Logomasini: "Opportunistic" lawyers seeking big payouts, not proof that glyphosate causes cancer](#)

Association members include leaders from the organic and natural products industries who use Green America certifications and marketing aids to promote their products as safer, healthier and more socially responsible than competing conventional products.

Green America sponsored campaigns include GMO Inside and the Non-GMO Supply Chain Working Group.

Click here to [LEARN MORE](#) about Green America.

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Gary Truitt: [If science doesn't matter, agriculture has a problem](#)

Plant pathologist: [European neonic ban based on unreasonable zero-risk principle](#)

Christopher Bendana: [African plant biotechnologists benefit from collaborative research](#)

GENETIC LITERACY PROJECT SERIES

BY DAVID ZARUK

European Union taking away farmers' tools that are "perfectly safe as used"

Glyphosate, endocrine disruptors, neonics fall victim to EU's precautionary regulation

For highly motivated activists, "main focus is attacking industry"

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What's Trending?

European court rules products of new breeding techniques should be governed as GMOs

France reveals new Ecophyto plan to reduce pesticide usage

India's Centre for Science and Environment demands better labeling after study found GM ingredients in 32 percent of samples tested

U.S. EPA opens two-month comment period on atrazine risk assessment

Calendar highlights

August 4-10	August 5-10	August 5-6
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation food security week	Ecological Society of America annual meeting	Agricultural & Applied Economics Association annual meeting

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

A wave of French media coverage emerged last week detailing how new studies have invalidated Gilles-Éric Séralini's 2012 research claiming a link between genetically modified corn and cancer. Our Favorable Outcomes newsletter starts by highlighting the first of those articles, written by Cecile Thibert of *Le Figaro*. We also have included economist Gérard Kafadaroff's take, in addition to a link to broader coverage in the What's Trending section.

Other articles take a closer look at a Roundup cancer claim lawsuit, the activist group SumOfUs and its tactics and a change of heart for a former biotechnology opponent in Ghana.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Thousand Currents



Thousand Currents, formerly IDEX, is a leading player in the global movement to adopt pesticide- and GMO-eschewing agroecology development policies.

Thousand Currents president Rajasvini Bhansali, also a board member of Greenpeace, serves

Stories Worth Sharing

[Cecile Thibert: New study invalidates Séralini claims that genetically modified corn caused tumors](#)

[Angela Logomasini: Roundup cancer claim should be dismissed because "no court of law" should take IARC reviews seriously](#)

[Alex Berezow: Live Science harms reputation by publishing anti-pesticide fearmongering](#)

[Joy: Former Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana president changes stance, declares GMOs safe](#)

[EurActiv: Brussels lobbyist sees environmental NGOs holding more power than even European Food Safety Authority](#)

[David Zaruk: SumOfUs anti-pesticide campaigns "squeezing the innocent and confused for every nickel and dime they can get"](#)

[Gérard Kafadaroff: Media failed to inform public that Séralini glyphosate study didn't meet scientific standards](#)

[Tim Durham: Despite "decades-long track record of safety," GM crops treated harshly by regulators](#)

[Richard Roberts: GMOs can make a real difference in the lives of the world's poor](#)

as a key advisor to the AgroEcology Fund and other donor groups that have committed \$500 million to promoting this agenda with government and international organizations including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Learn more about Thousand Currents [HERE](#).

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Nick Saik: CRISPR is faster, cheaper and higher quality than other techniques for gene editing

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What's Trending?

Proposed regulation in Brazil draws concern about rolling back pesticide approval requirements

French media highlight studies invalidating Seralini risk claims about GM crops, glyphosate

Trial begins in California lawsuit claiming Roundup causes cancer

Convention on Biological Diversity science advisers discuss synthetic biology at Montreal meeting

Calendar highlights

July 10-12	July 11-13	July 13-15
One Water Summit	Heartland Apicultural Society conference	Slow Food Nations Festival
July 15-18	July 16-19	July 17
Institute of Food Technologists annual expo	World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology	Hearing on U.S. EPA science censorship rule

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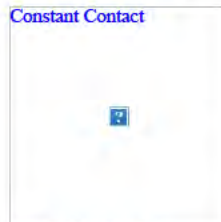
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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

Is the Non-GMO Project labeling craze about to run its course? The University of Saskatchewan's Stuart Smyth examines this question in the piece that leads off this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter. Smyth notes that brands including Betty Crocker and Clover Leaf Seafood have dismissed the Non-GMO Project's label in recent weeks in a possible trend of companies casting doubt on the anti-biotech initiative. In a separate piece, *BEEF Magazine* columnist Amanda Radke explains how an "abundance of labeling claims" is leading to confusion among consumers.

Other pieces highlighted this week include a pair of articles on the potential nutritional value of Golden Rice, plus a scientific explanation of why glyphosate should not be considered harmful to bees.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Sustainable Food Alliance



The Sustainable Food Alliance is a nonprofit set up in partnership with the U.K.-based Sustainable Food Trust solely to funnel resources from U.S. donors to European campaigns promoting regenerative, organic and agroecology practices while

Stories Worth Sharing

[Stuart Smyth: Brands fighting back against Non-GMO Project's labeling "gimmick" that has no proven benefits](#)

[Amanda Radke: IFIC survey shows media and activist rhetoric turning public toward foods labeled non-GMO](#)

[David Zaruk: Small group used exclusionary methodology to create momentum against glyphosate in Europe](#)

[Iida Ruishalme: Closer look at research shows glyphosate does not pose threat to bees](#)

[Emil Javier: Thousands of children becoming blind, dying from Vitamin A deficiency as Philippines refuses to approve Golden Rice](#)

[Science 2.0: Cancer label for glyphosate would have no scientific validity](#)

[Alex Berezow: "Improperly educated, hyperpartisan" New York Times reporters spread pseudoscience on GMOs, pesticides](#)

[Andrew Porterfield: U.S. FDA rejects activists' attempts to misconstrue statement on nutritional benefits of Golden Rice](#)


[Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute videos show success of Bt brinjal: Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

criticizing GMOs and pesticides.

Both groups receive financial support from the organic and natural products industries and are responsible for funding the U.K. NGO GMWatch and Gilles-Eric Seralini research attacking the safety of GMOs and pesticides.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Sustainable Food Alliance.

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Adele Peters: U.K. researchers attempting to use CRISPR to save bananas 

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What's Trending?

PG Economics: GM crops bring significant value to farmers in developing countries

Court rules cancer warnings not needed on glyphosate products in California

Hawaii governor signs bill to ban chlorpyrifos

Canadian Food Inspection Agency discovers unapproved, Roundup-tolerant GM wheat in Alberta

National Pollinator Week observed in United States

Calendar highlights

June 18-21	June 19	June 19-22
Plant Biology Europe	European Parliament committee meeting on EU authorization procedure for pesticides	International Conference on Environmental & Food Monitoring
June 20-21	June 21	June 25-27
4th Global Summit on Plant Genomics	U.S. Congressional Pollinator Protection Caucus briefing	World Biotechnology Conference

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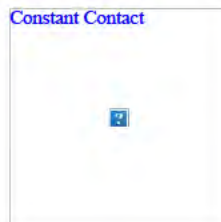
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Dear Caitrin,

In 2014, a Russian-backed outfit promised the world's most comprehensive study into the safety of genetically modified crops and glyphosate. Despite plenty of hubbub about its plans, *BuzzFeed* reports that it never delivered.

The Ramazzini Institute pumped out a series of papers claiming to show glyphosate is dangerous, only to be received by European government regulators as a promulgator of junk science.

The Non-GMO Project portrays itself as an organization dedicated to educating consumers, but *Agweek* criticized its labeling practices as misleading.

All these deceptive tactics are explored in pieces highlighted in this week's Stories Worth Sharing. Other articles describe the push by young Ugandans for biotechnology, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of Golden Rice and a report estimating the financial impact of China's delays in approving biotechnology products.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: National Association for Genetic Safety



A new report from *BuzzFeed* raises the question of what happened to the now overdue

Stories Worth Sharing

[Dan Vergano: Russian group's promise for world's largest GMO study seems to have been a ruse](#)

[Lominda Afedraru: Youth in Uganda demand lawmakers embrace science, technology and innovation](#)

[Hank Campbell: Europeans have figured out the Ramazzini Institute's junk science on glyphosate](#)

[Sandhya Ramesh: Approved by U.S. FDA, Golden Rice could solve vitamin A deficiency in Asia](#)

[Jonathan Knutson: Non-GMO Project's labeling of non-GMO salt is "downright deceptive"](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Farmers don't "drown" or "douse" their fields with pesticides](#)

[Gregory Bond: Like other chemicals, regulation of suspected endocrine disruptors should be based on risk instead of hazard](#)

[Andrew Newhouse: Biotechnology safely bringing back the American](#)

Factor GMO study that was billed as the definitive investigation into the safety of genetically modified foods and glyphosate.

Promoted in 2014 as a three-year, \$25 million study, any trace of the Factor GMO project has fallen off the map. A board member for the study told *BuzzFeed* he knows nothing about where the project stands, and Factor GMO isn't responding to inquiries.

The Moscow-based National Association for Genetic Safety (NAGS) was one of the key organizers of the Factor GMO launch.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about NAGS and Factor GMO.

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[Reuters: Report finds China's slow biotech approvals costing U.S. companies \\$7 billion](#)

[Jenny Schlecht: Agriculture supporters #BakingWithBetty after science-based support of GMOs by Betty Crocker](#)

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What's Trending?

[Study estimates financial impact of China delaying biotech product approvals](#)

[Canada opens 90-day comment period on plan to phase out many uses of imidacloprid](#)

[Macron administration pledges to keep pursuing glyphosate phase-out despite exclusion from France's food bill](#)

[European Commission launches pollinator initiative that includes plan to strengthen pesticide risk assessments](#)

[Whole Foods Market delays plan to require GMO labeling with USDA proposal still in flux](#)

Calendar highlights

June 7	June 7-8	June 8
European Parliament pesticide committee to hear testimony from EFSA, ECHA, Chris Portier	Mid-South Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference	Pesticide Action Network Europe conference on creating pesticide-free towns

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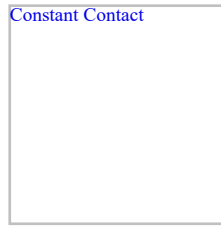
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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter highlights commentary on variety of current food and agriculture topics, including the use of CRISPR to fight a critical citrus disease, discussion of how organic farms could harm the environment, reaction to the selection of a new leader by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and criticism of Scotland's policy against GMOs.

Other items offer praise for U.S. regulators' GMO labeling proposal and favorable review of Golden Rice.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Made Safe



Made Safe, also known as Nontoxic Certified, is a registered non-profit involved in advocacy against endocrine-disrupting chemicals and pesticides in North America.

It offers a "made safe" certified seal tied to the for-profit consultancy Veritey Consulting, which is run by the same co-founders, Amy Ziff and Adrienne

Stories Worth Sharing

[Mark Lynas: Scotland's stance against GMOs a "travesty" for science, with trickle-down effect in other countries](#)

[Yi Li: CRISPR technique offers potential solution to citrus greening](#)

[Robert Paarlberg: Increasing organic food production could harm environment by destroying wildlife habitat](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: USDA's proposed GMO labeling guidelines are brilliant, casting bioengineered foods in a positive light](#)

[Henry Miller: European neonic ban based on fabricated studies, rigged regulatory review](#)

[Louis Auge: Selection of Weiderpass as IARC leader dashes optimism agency would change its ways](#)

[ACSH: Golden Rice gets favorable evaluation from U.S. regulators](#)

[Alex Berezow: Betty Crocker stands up to hysteria, proclaims "GMOs are safe"](#)

[Tom Whipple: Scientists skeptical of claims "obesogen" chemicals cause obesity](#)

[Joseph Opoku Gakpo: Mozambique citizens seem ready to accept GMOs](#)

Peres.

Made Safe just released its Hazards List, which says GMOs, high-risk pesticides and endocrine disruptors, as well as numerous other chemicals, materials and ingredients, are excluded from being in any product it certifies. It noted it follows Pesticide Action Network's list of highly hazardous pesticides.

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Scientists debunk claims GMOs are causing cancer in Ghana

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What's Trending?

National Assembly's consideration of food bill revives demands for France to end glyphosate usage within three years

Dalhousie University survey finds most Canadians want GMO labeling but don't understand whether GMOs are in their food

Thailand decides against ban on glyphosate, chlorpyrifos and paraquat but may pursue limits

Washington Post: Analysis sparks conversation over use of pesticides in organic farming

U.S. survey finds managed bee colony losses rose to 40 percent last year

Calendar highlights

May 29-30	May 29-30	May 31 - June 2
EU Food & Farm Forum	Horizon 2020 workshop - "Advancing Assessment of Chemical Mixtures and Their Risks for Human Health and the Environment"	Brazil National Meeting of Agroecology
May 31	June 1	June 4-7
Showing of Stephane Horel documentary "Endoc(t)rinement" at Friends of the Louvre EDC conference	Utrecht University obesogens researcher lecture: "Are Chemicals Making Us Fat?"	Biotechnology Innovation Organization international convention

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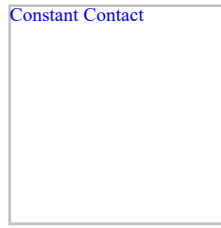
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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

As previewed in last week's newsletter, the International Agency for Research on Cancer selected its new director, choosing Elisabete Weiderpass to replace Christopher Wild. Favorable Outcomes this week leads off with Hank Campbell's reaction to the predictable selection and some tips if Weiderpass wants to restore the agency's credibility.

We also highlight reaction to the new glyphosate claims promoted by the Ramazzini Institute - which, like IARC, was investigated by the U.S. Congress last year - and Henry Miller takes a closer look at neonic regulation in Europe as compared to the United States.

And with organic promoters kicking off Organic Week today in Washington, Paul Driessen examines claims that organic crops are superior and healthier to their genetically modified counterparts.

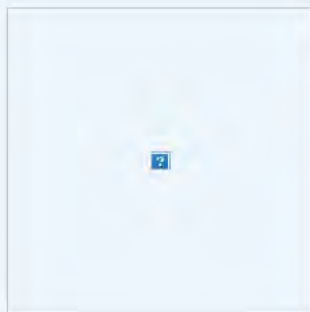
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Stakeholder Spotlight: Ramazzini Institute



The Italy-based Ramazzini Institute returned to the public eye last week when it [announced it will publish three studies](#) in the journal *Environmental Health* this month [questioning the safety of glyphosate](#).

Stories Worth Sharing

[Hank Campbell: New director Weiderpass likely to keep status quo for IARC](#) / [But she should purge activists, increase transparency](#)

[Henry Miller on neonics: Europe takes "evidence-be-damned" approach](#) / [U.S. follows science, recognizes benefits](#)

[Marc Brazeau: "Lot of problems" with Ramazzini study claiming glyphosate is harmful, and with Guardian coverage of it](#)

[Paul Driessen: "Evidence strongly supports GE over organic crops" with better shelf life, lower prices](#)

[Lindsay Burgess: GMOs are good for farmers and the environment while posing no additional threat to human health](#)

[Angela Logomasini: U.S. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System overly cautious due to reliance on "outlandish assumptions"](#)

[L.M.K. Tillekeratne: Glyphosate ban based on "half-baked" science responsible for decline in rubber plantation productivity](#)

[Pamela Ronald: Feelings are an inescapable obstacle to public's perception of genetic modification](#)

The enigmatic society, which has had its **funding questioned** previously by the U.S. House Science Committee, **published manuscripts** from its Global Glyphosate Study claiming that glyphosate-based herbicides alter sexual development, genotoxicity and the intestinal microbiome at doses considered safe by U.S. regulators. It continues to seek crowdfunding for an estimated 5 million euro campaign.

Ramazzini's work was quickly amplified by **Greenpeace**, the **Organic Consumers Association**, **GMWatch**, **Generations Futures** and **The Greens/European Free Alliance**. However, its work was questioned by academics in **France** and **Belgium**.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Ramazzini Institute.

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Steven Cerier: USDA regulatory approach to gene-edited crops will slash development costs [👉](#)

Norwegian thesis project finds African farmers see GMOs favorably, are eager to adopt new technology [👉](#)

Irish research finds 80 to 90 percent reduction in fungicide applications with blight-resistant potato [👉](#)

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What's Trending?

March Against Monsanto protests in Europe, Latin America, North America draw limited media attention

World Bee Day attracts broad stakeholder interest, with FAO calling for agroecology to replace pesticide-based agriculture model

European court upholds neonic restrictions

U.S. lawmakers vote down Farm Bill proposal; environmentalists pleased pesticide regulations won't be rolled back

Calendar highlights

May 21-24	May 21-22	May 21-25
Organic Week	The Organic Center's Organic Confluences Summit	Fera Science 12th European Pesticide Residue Workshop
May 22	May 22-24	May 22
European Parliament Sustainable Use of Pesticides Conference	EDC-MixRisk Consortium Meeting	International Day for Biological Diversity
May 23-24	May 24	May 24-25
AgriChem & Technology LatAm	Organic Trade Association policy conference	Meeting of the European Commission Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

As the International Agency for Research on Cancer is reportedly narrowing down its list of candidates to be its next president, this week's Favorable Outcomes highlights a pair of articles that explore IARC - one that revisits its controversial ruling that glyphosate could cause cancer and another suggesting that the agency can move back toward good science with a new leader in place.

We also shine a spotlight on items dealing with misleading food labels, European policy on endocrine-disrupting chemicals and a potential biotechnology solution to cassava virus in Uganda.

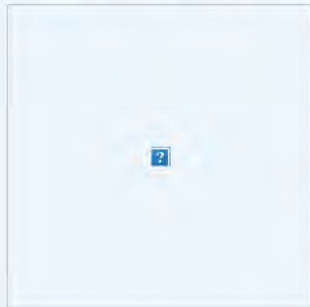
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Stakeholder Spotlight: Rainforest Alliance



The Rainforest Alliance promotes an agroecology-based certification service - similar to fair trade and other eco-friendly third-party programs - that prohibits the use of many pesticides (e.g., atrazine, paraquat, triazines) and all GMOs.

It promotes itself as going

■ Stories Worth Sharing

[Andre Heitz: Inside the IARC conspiracy to misrepresent health risks from glyphosate](#)

[Ellen Dhain: European draft guidance wrongly assumes chemicals have endocrine-disrupting properties](#)

[Lominda Afedrararu: Ugandan farmers eagerly await GMO solution to cassava virus](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: Europeans' embrace of organic, rejection of GMOs goes against environmental stewardship](#)

[Michelle Miller: Debunking latest claims that glyphosate is in your food](#)

[Ludger Wess: European organic industry getting in the way of CRISPR innovations, harming the environment](#)

[Joe McCarthy: Mike Adams creates alternate reality with Natural News "misinformation empire"](#)

[Consumer & Society: Change in leadership offers IARC chance to return to science instead of scaremongering](#)

[Alliance for Food and Farming: Media coverage becoming more critical of Environmental Working Group "Dirty Dozen" pesticide claims](#)

[AGDAILY: "Funny or Die" explores absurdity of food labeling](#)

"beyond organic" as relates to conservation and worker welfare. In 1998, it launched the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN), which follows RA certification requirements restricting use of pesticides and prohibiting use of GMOs, while extending the NGO's work in Africa and other regions.

It includes a focus on sustainable coffee, bananas, tea and other products that are marketed with its seal by major food retailers such as McDonald's, Unilever, American Airlines and Whole Foods Market. This week, SAN published a report claiming "sustainable" certification schemes for poor farmers in developing markets are the best pathway to sustainable agriculture for both farmer economics and the environment.

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What's Trending?

Activists claim U.S. farm bill up for consideration this week would ease pesticide regulations and harm farmworkers, pollinators

Anti-GMO groups unhappy with U.S. proposal to use "bioengineered" term on labels

Italian study warns of 259 pesticides in surface water

Sugar industry predicts significant losses from European neonic ban

Calendar highlights

May 14-15	May 15	May 15-18
Plant Genomics & Gene Editing Congress: Europe	European Parliament committee on EU authorization procedure for pesticides	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU general assembly
May 15	May 16-17	May 16-18
"Whitewash" presentation at Houston Museum of Fine Arts by U.S. Right to Know activist Carey Gillam	Meeting of European Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	Conference on Governance of Emerging Technologies & Science: Law, Policy and Ethics
May 17	May 17	May 19
European Court of Justice releases judgments on challenges to 2013 restrictions on neonics and fipronil	Center for Environmental Health "Evening of Audacious Action"	March Against Monsanto - some events also target Syngenta, Dow, BASF

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

A central theme of the items highlighted in this week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter is the importance of following good science - and the ramifications of doing the opposite.

The Washington Post opinion writer Michael Gerson explains that science supports the safety of genetically modified crops and that human lives are affected when that is ignored. David Zaruk, from his "The Risk-Monger" blog, takes a closer look at European authorities' conscious decision to ignore even their own science team's recommendations in proposing a ban on neonics. And Michael Dourson, in the *Washington Examiner*, describes how a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency policy proposal would emphasize replicable, transparent research in the risk assessment process.

Other items take a critical look at activists David Suzuki and Carey Gillam as well as misleading anti-GMO claims and pro-organic marketing from Stonyfield Farm.

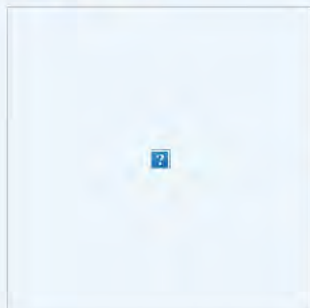
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Stakeholder Spotlight: ETC Group



Canada-based ETC Group is planning a monthlong campaign to promote the "peasant food web" as a sustainable alternative to industrial food production.

Stories Worth Sharing

[Michael Gerson: Anti-GMO movement is anti-science and has a human cost](#)

[David Zaruk: Neonic ban a "failure of European leadership," which decided to shun science](#)

[Alex Berezow: Guardian provided disservice by publishing out-of-context glyphosate claims from activist with conflict of interest](#)

[Michael Dourson: EPA research policy sound because public interest is "best served when science is replicable and consistent"](#)

[Margaret Wentz: David Suzuki, "menace to scientific inquiry," undeserving of University of Alberta honor](#)

[Josh Bloom: European study shows how misinformation spreads myths that GMOs and other factors cause cancer](#)

[Sarah Schultz: No reason for moms to pay more for organic food, despite Stonyfield's "absurd" anti-GMO marketing claims](#)


[Hank Campbell: With no "beepocalypse" happening, push to plant flowers makes humans feel good without doing much for bees](#)

Last week, the NGO put out its first in a series of four animated videos, claiming that peasant agriculture produces 70 percent of the world's food while using only 25 percent of the resources. The videos feature the theme "Who Will Feed Us?" and build on a report it released in October.

ETC Group - originally the Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration - is also a leading opponent of gene editing.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about ETC Group.

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Alison Bernstein: Understanding that safety is always relative and zero risk is an "impossible dream" 

Inter-American Network of Academies of Sciences food security report notes importance of biotechnology

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What's Trending?

USDA releases proposed labeling rule using bioengineered instead of GMO, will take comments through July 3

Pruitt research transparency proposal drives activist opposition, gains industry support

Monsanto challenges Indian court's ruling that it cannot patent Bt cotton seeds

European farm groups express concern about negative impact of neonic ban

Calendar highlights

May 9-10	May 13-17	May 14-15
International Food Policy Research Institute dialogue: "Towards Agricultural Innovation in Ghana: An Evidence-Based Approach"	Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry conference in Rome	6th Plant Genomics & Gene Editing Congress: Europe

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

This week's Favorable Outcomes newsletter features a series of articles that dig into some of the hottest food and agriculture topics of the day: the European ban on neonics, the U.S. farm bill and Environmental Working Group's "Dirty Dozen" list.

There's also a column from *The New York Times* that describes how science has yet to prove any real threats from genetically modified food - and how it could benefit developing countries.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action



Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) was founded in 2014 by activist Gary Hooser with board members from the environmental law group Earthjustice and other environmental, labor and political organizations.

HAPA has primarily engaged in lobbying efforts to ban GMOs

Stories Worth Sharing

[Jane Brody: Fears about GMOs are "theoretical," but benefits in developing countries could be real](#)

[Jon Entine: Why was Europe set on banning neonics when rest of world sees little threat to bees?](#)

[Amanda Zaluckyj: U.S. farm bill's \\$25M earmark for organic agriculture should instead be used to benefit all types of farming](#)

[Lindsay Burgess: It's OK to ignore the "Dirty Dozen" list](#)

[Joe Schwarz: Environmental Working Group sounds false alarm about pesticides on produce because it "keeps donations coming in"](#)

[Toban Dyck: Agriculture can always improve, but calling pesticides and GMOs "unhealthy and environmentally harmful is inaccurate"](#)

[Henry Miller and Drew Kershen: IFOAM ensures organic practices are to agriculture "what cigarette smoking is to human health"](#)

[Joseph Opoku Gakpo: Water Efficient Maize for Africa field trials showing armyworm resistance](#)

[Carrie Dennett: Don't let "Dirty Dozen" scare you away from buying produce](#)

[Chuck Dinerstein: Will Congress make the right call on who should oversee GM food and animals?](#)

and pesticide usage in Hawaii. The group is closely affiliated with the Center for Food Safety Hawaii office, which is a co-litigant with Earthjustice on numerous anti-agriculture lawsuits, and the organic industry-funded Hawaii SEED group.

Hooser, who formerly served as the Hawaiian Senate majority leader and a Kauai County Council member, was recently recruited by Swiss NGO Public Eye to aid in its promotion in Switzerland of the documentary "Poisoning Paradise" that claims agrochemical companies' use of pesticides on open-air GMO labs in Kauai harms the health of Hawaiians.

Hooser has been active recently advocating for passage of a Hawaii [bill that would ban the use of chlorpyrifos](#). The bill passed out of the legislature's conference committee Friday and votes in both chambers are expected Tuesday.

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What's Trending?

[European member states approve outdoor ban of neonics](#)

[U.S. advocacy targets: Farm Bill rollback of endangered species protections / EPA science transparency initiative](#)

[U.K. cancer research firm lists GMOs among "mythical" factors public wrongly believes cause cancer](#)

[Comment period on U.S. glyphosate review concludes](#)

Calendar highlights

May 2-4	May 3	May 9-10
Basel/Rotterdam/Stockholm conventions symposium: "Chemicals and wastes and the prevention of soil pollution"	Princeton University "Science for the People" panel featuring Tyrone Hayes	International Food Policy Research Institute dialogue: "Towards Agricultural Innovation in Ghana: An Evidence-Based Approach"

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

After NGOs marked Earth Day this weekend with a series of U.S. speeches from anti-GMO, anti-corporate activist Vandana Shiva and the spread of false claims about pesticides pushing bees toward extinction, this week's newsletter provides links to various sources' attempts to unearth some scientific facts on food and agriculture.

This week's Favorable Outcomes includes a review of bee health issues from Jon Entine, some tips from David Zaruk for communicating positive messages about pesticides and a couple of Earth Day-themed pieces. Also, Richard Roberts takes a closer look at biosafety legislation in Uganda.

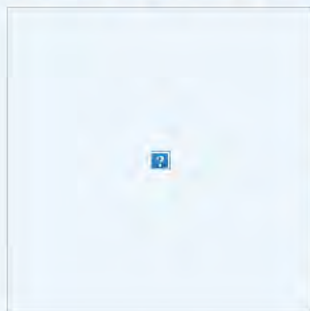
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Stakeholder Spotlight: U.S. Right to Know



An offshoot of the Organic Consumers Association, U.S. Right to Know has been a key player recently in promoting and supporting anti-pesticide litigation.

The NGO has publicized court hearings in California on claims that glyphosate causes cancer,

Stories Worth Sharing

[Jon Entine: Disputing claims that bees are going extinct and pesticides are to blame](#)

[Alex Berezow: Organic Consumers Association helps spread "nonsense" claim that pesticides influence school shootings](#)

[Richard Roberts: Anti-biotech activists using poison pill amendments to Uganda biosafety bill to impose pro-poverty agenda](#)

[David Zaruk: 10 tips for communicating positive information about pesticides](#)

[Ronald Bailey: USDA decision on gene editing opens "vibrant new biotech crop and seed industry"](#)

[Will Coggin: Earth Day brings out "garbage advice" from activists to shun GMOs, support organic](#)

[Henry Miller/Jeff Stier: Earth Day renews "deeply flawed" anti-pesticide claims from Rachel Carson](#)

[Mark Lynas: I changed my mind on GMOs because I "got the science wrong"](#)

[Michelle Miller: What Vandana Shiva needs to know about American family farms](#)

as well as promoting similar claims and anti-industry messaging in seeking to boost sales of Carey Gillam's "Whitewash" book.

USRTK also actively recruits whistleblowers to expose "hidden crimes or scandals" in the food industry.

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Science Codex: Friends of the Earth ignores danger to bees from common organic pesticide spinosad [?](#)

USDA radio service examines whether consumer-focused GMOs can bring public acceptance [?](#)

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What's Trending?

California court rules state can list glyphosate as potential carcinogen

Brazil's Senate approves measure to relax GMO labeling requirements

U.S. consultation on neonics ends with activists promoting submission of 219,000 negative comments

Court ruling could open door to GM crops in Italy

Vote planned Friday on proposed EU ban on outdoor uses of neonics

Calendar highlights

April 16-20	April 16-18	April 17
International Symposium on Pollination	Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America meeting	International Day of Peasant Struggle
April 21-29	April 23-24	April 23-24
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements leadership course in Ghana	International Conference on Food Technology and Biotechnology	International Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture and Agroecology

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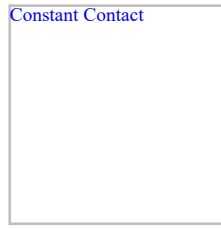
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Dear Caitrin,

Transparency has become the hot topic in food safety.

While **CropLife International** and the **European Crop Protection Association** are launching a joint initiative that will give the public greater access to safety studies, regulators in the United States are also focusing on changing their scientific transparency policies – a subject discussed in this week's newsletter in pieces by Steve Savage and Steve Milloy.

Other pieces highlight the back-and-forth over GMOs in Uganda, new research making endocrine disruption claims and a visit to the U.S. by Indian activist Vandana Shiva.

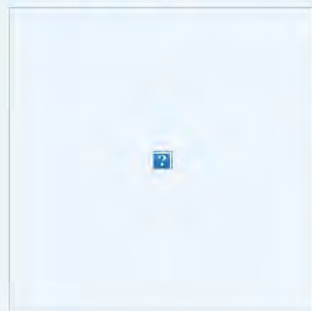
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Stakeholder Spotlight: International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements



IFOAM Executive Director Markus Arbenz will be among the presenters next week at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization's **2nd International Symposium on Agroecology** in

Stories Worth Sharing

Steve Savage: USDA Pesticide Data Program provides important transparency on food safety that gets twisted by activists

Steve Milloy: U.S. EPA should be praised for moving away from "unaccountable, dodgy science" based on political agendas

Michelle Miller: Wisconsin university will pay Vandana Shiva \$20,000 to spread her anti-GMO lies

Isaac Ongu: Opposition to GMOs in Uganda fueled by "threat to organic's profits"

Authors reverse findings from paper claiming CRISPR gene-editing technique could result in unintended mutations

Science 2.0: Activist researcher Barbara Demeneix has "anti-science mentality" that everything is an endocrine disruptor

Kevin Folta: U.S. congressional report spreads "conspiracy nonsense" and "blatant misinformation" about glyphosate

Devang Mehta: I'm quitting GMO research due to "relentless suspicion" of technologies proven to be safe

Chandre Dhamawardana: Sri Lanka ban on paraquat and glyphosate makes poor stay hungry while rich search for "clean food"

Rome. The NGO is touting the three-day symposium as an opportunity to spread its message that there's a "broad consensus that agroecology can be instrumental" in reaching environmental sustainability goals and combating rural poverty.

Last week, IFOAM and the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) promoted their joint report, "Socioeconomic Impacts of GMOs on European agriculture," that claims biotech and organic crops cannot coexist due to the threat of cross-contamination and that banning GM crops is an "efficient strategy."

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about IFOAM, which touts more than 1,000 affiliates in 120 countries.

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[Charles Laverty: California's Prop 65 cancer warnings an example of "bad science driving bad policy"](#)

[KNOW GMOs: New study explains "halo effect" of GM crops on nearby non-GM fields](#)

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What's Trending?

[U.S. Department of Agriculture clarifies that it will not regulate plants altered using gene editing](#)

[Former Socialist ecology minister resigns from French pesticide commission to highlight demand for glyphosate ban](#)

[Vote scheduled Tuesday on Mexico's general biodiversity law](#)

[Activists mark one-year anniversary of chlorpyrifos ban reversal with campaign against EPA Administrator Pruitt](#)

[Stakeholders demand pesticide reductions as April 5 deadline nears for EU Pollinators Initiative](#)

Calendar highlights

April 3-5	April 4	April 5
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition "Our Farms Our Future" conference	CRIIGEN's Christian Velot lectures on endocrine-disrupting chemicals	Tyrone Hayes lecture at San Jose State University
April 7	April 9-13	April 9-14
Tufts University annual Food and Nutrition Conference	FAO regional conference for Asia and the Pacific	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues meets in China

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Dear Caitrin,

For the second time in as many months, an analysis of decades of data has come to the conclusion that genetically modified crops are beneficial. First, an [Italian meta-analysis](#) last month found GM corn to be beneficial and carry no evidence of health risks. Now, a [University of Maryland study](#) released today finds that Bt corn brings "significant" decreases in pesticide spraying regimens and overall damage in crops including sweet corn, peppers, and green beans. In a piece below, Murenga Mwimali argues that its time for leaders to start paying attention to such research and embrace biotechnology.

Also highlighted below are rebuttals to the European Food Safety Authority's assessments of neonics from David Zaruk and Angela Logomasini, plus further commentary on Russian influence on anti-GMO sentiment and criticisms of the International Agency for Research on Cancer. Several organizations also marked [International Women's Day](#) last week with profiles of [prominent women in food and agriculture](#) and efforts to [empower female farmers](#) in the developing world.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Gary Hirshberg



Leading mandatory GMO labeling and anti-pesticide advocate and organic industry mogul Gary Hirshberg is back in the news this week. His Stonyfield Organic brand

Stories Worth Sharing

- [David Zaruk: EFSA review claiming neonics harm bees based on "scientifically worthless" guidance document](#)
- [Iida Ruishalme and Alison Bernstein: IARC's reliance on hazard while ignoring actual risk only confuses public](#)
- [Jonathan Jarry: Mike Adams' online empire - including Natural News - creates "alternate reality" for anti-GMO pseudoscience](#)
- [Andrew Porterfield: Russia pushing anti-GMO propaganda in U.S. to boost its agricultural power](#)
- [Hank Campbell: Environmental Working Group adds another board member from organic industry, further proving it is not independent](#)
- [University of Maryland analysis finds Bt corn significantly decreases insecticide spraying and overall damage to several crops](#)
- [Angela Logomasini: EFSA neonic reviews applied "excessively precautionary approach that makes little sense"](#)
- [Julie Kelly and Jeff Stier: "Fundamental" changes needed to IARC before it engrains itself further into U.S. policy](#)

announced he would return to an operational role kicking off a major political advocacy campaign to promote organic interests in the 2018 U.S. elections.

Hirshberg was also named as a founder and angel investor in the natural health and supplement company Ancient Nutrition, seeking a multibillion-dollar payout bringing that company to market.

Learn more about Hirshberg [HERE](#).

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[Lowell Catlett: U.S. Sen. Udall should remove hold, allow authorization of Pesticide Registration Improvement Act](#)

[Murenga Mwimai: African leaders should pay attention to studies finding GM crops safe, embrace Water Efficient Maize project](#)

[Deepak Pental: India "can't go back to pre-1900 agriculture"](#)

[Steven Cerier: New breeding techniques bring potential to produce disease-, drought- and pest-resistant crops](#)

[Video: New York Times' Nicholas Kristof has skewed view about chemicals found in activist group's urine test](#)

[Deniers for Hire: Center for Biological Diversity's Nathan Donley and his "misplaced faith" in IARC](#)

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What's Trending?

Judge considers scientific testimony in case over claims that glyphosate causes cancer

University of Montreal researcher previews study claiming neonics impact hormones in humans

Indian cotton seed companies threaten to halt supply in protest of government plan to cut prices

Activist groups amplify poll finding most U.S. farmers fear Bayer's purchase of Monsanto will have negative impact

European Commission expected to propose neonic ban after EFSA risk assessments claim harm to bees

Calendar highlights

March 13	March 13	March 13
Chemical Watch Global Business Summit (Amsterdam)	Royal Society Te Aparangi gene editing workshop (New Zealand)	Geneva Human Rights Film Festival screening of "Poisoning Paradise"
March 14-16	March 14	March 14
World Biotechnology Conference (London)	Plant Genomics & Gene Editing Congress: Europe (Rotterdam)	South by Southwest festival session - "GMO 2.0: Beyond Monsanto"
March 14-15	March 14, 15 and 16	March 17-20
EFSA open meeting of Panel on Plant Protection Products and their	Norway Biotechnology Council public forums on GMOs	Endocrine Society annual meeting (Chicago)

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Dear Caitrin,

The question of whether there was Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election has been a topic in the headlines for more than a year. But what about Russian influence on U.S. agriculture and attitudes toward biotechnology?

An [Iowa State University analysis](#) concluded that [Russian outlets](#) are behind "misinformation attacks" spreading anti-GMO sentiment in the United States. The [topic](#) is explored further in a series of articles in this week's newsletter.

Among other articles, Bill Gates refers to GMOs as "perfectly healthy" and Paul Driessen calls for the U.S. Congress to "get tough" on the pseudo-science promoted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and U.S. National Institutes for Environmental Health Sciences director Linda Birnbaum.

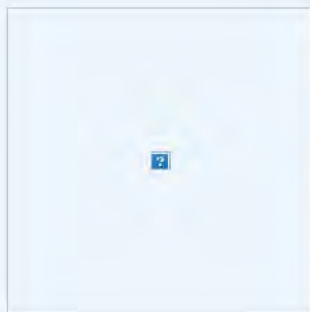
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Stakeholder Spotlight: Charles Benbrook



"He's back! The Energizer Bunny of organic industry-funded advocacy and pesticide litigation consulting, Charles Benbrook has released another [industry-funded study](#) claiming organic foods are superior in health and

Stories Worth Sharing

[Carly Cassella: Americans "playing right into Putin's hand" by distrusting GMOs](#)

[Anastasia Bodnar: Add Russian influence to reasons people have "irrational fear" of biotechnology](#)

[Paul Driessen: Time for U.S. Congress to show "spine" and hold International Agency for Research on Cancer accountable](#)

[David Zaruk: NGOs' "silence the science" tactic in full effect against neonicotinoids](#)

[Brian McNicoll: U.S. Right to Know activist Carey Gillam just behind Russian outlets in spreading most anti-GMO rhetoric](#)

[Bill Gates: GMOs are "perfectly healthy," promising tool to fight world hunger](#)

[Peter Van Voorhis: "Unscientific work" of IARC finally being revealed as U.S. lawmakers stand behind farmers](#)

[Hank Campbell: Judge turns to science to block lawyers' bid to "get rich" off glyphosate cancer claims](#)

nutrition to their lower-priced conventional counterparts.

Other Benbrook research was also cited this week by an **activist report** by the **Center for Biological Diversity** alleging the herbicide dicamba is threatening monarch butterfly populations. An ag economist, Benbrook's professed expertise extends well beyond his areas of academic study to include consulting and reporting on hot-button food issues ranging from alleged endocrine-disrupting chemical health risks to supposed nutritional benefits of organic foods.

Called one of the top go-to paid advocates for the organic marketing industry, anti-GMO activist groups and pesticide litigators - learn more about Benbrook **HERE**.

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Abdulrazak Ibrahim: Nigeria should host national workshop to consider potential of CRISPR use in food production

Chuck Dinerstein: By spreading Kristof's claims on chemicals, New York Times engages in "hyperbole at the price of scientific honesty"

USAID: Blight-resistant potato could make "dramatic impact" on lives of Bangladesh farmers

Terry Anderson and Henry Miller: Organic farming a prime example of inefficient water use in California

Omri Ben-Shahar: Italian analysis of GMO corn benefits should be "conclusive" science needed to end public debate

Australian geneticist Fahad Ali: "We need gene technology on our side" so it can save lives

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What's Trending?

European Food Safety Authority neonic risk assessments drive call for ban from NGOs and lawmakers

Monsanto faces key hearing in lawsuit over whether glyphosate causes cancer

Ghana activists meet with members of Parliament to raise opposition to GMOs

U.S. EPA opens 60-day comment period on draft assessments of glyphosate

European Parliament approves measures to boost beekeeping industry, endorses request for European Commission to propose neonic ban

Calendar highlights

March 5-7	March 5-9	March 6-7
World Congress on Plant Biotechnology and Agriculture (Paris)	CBD Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for Francophone Africa	Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Congress
March 7-8	March 7-11	March 14
Plenary meeting of the EFSA Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms	Natural Products Expo West	South by Southwest festival session - "GMO 2.0: Beyond Monsanto"

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

The verdict is in: Italian researchers reviewed the usage of genetically modified corn over more than 20 years, concluding that the crop provides clear yield and health benefits over the non-GM alternative. The findings are highlighted on this week's newsletter in pieces by Paul McDivitt, Jakob Owens and Mark Lynas. [Newsweek](#) also published an article on the study.

Among other items, researchers Alison Van Eenennaam and Nina Fedoroff call for changes to U.S. biotechnology regulations, and officials from Bayer and CropLife International - respectively - warn about efforts in Europe to restrict neonics and endocrine-disrupting chemicals based on politics instead of science.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa



Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa is [promoting](#) a meta-analysis of 50 case studies from 22 African countries that claims their view of technology-eschewing [agroecology](#) can help meet United Nations sustainable development goals. The NGO's

Stories Worth Sharing

Paul McDivitt: [Two decades of data prove GM corn increases yields and provides health benefits](#)

Jakob Owens: [Italian research should put rumors to rest about benefits of GM corn](#)

Alison Van Eenennaam/Nina Fedoroff: [Proven safe, biotechnology should be regulated "from common sense instead of fear"](#)

Mark Lynas: [Italian analysis gives "powerful scientific evidence" that GM maize is inherently safer and more productive](#)

David Zaruk: [Pesticides are a "valuable precautionary tool" in sustainable agriculture](#)

Howard Minigh: [If politics trump science on EU EDC regulations, it will have serious impact on trade and discourage innovation](#)

Ross Pomeroy: [Like papayas and bananas before, genetic engineering should be used to save coffee](#)

French magazine: [Activists skew facts in claiming EU pesticide authorization tests are linked to industry](#)

Bill Wirtz: [Tangled web of intermingled EU activist groups has "complicated relationship with the truth"](#)

study claims agroecology has benefits for yields, food security, nutrition, health, education, poverty reduction, environmental regeneration and climate resilience without the use of modern crop protection and biotechnology tools.

It's the latest move from the pan-African, anti-GMO activist group that has joined with the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements and GRAIN to block biofortified foods and campaign for agroecology instead.

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Martin Gruss: "No provably positive benefits for bees" from EU neonic ban

Lominda Afredaru: Prospects of gene editing in Uganda are exciting

William Reville: No "single unique culprit" for bee colony collapse, extensive use of honeybees could damage environment

University of Minnesota grad students ask U.S. government to update biotechnology regulations to allow more efficient research

Geoffrey Kabat: Campaigns against glyphosate, coffee, BPA take isolated findings out of scientific context to scare the public

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What's Trending?

European Parliament pressured to approve anti-neonic resolution / EFSA to release neonic risk assessments

Mexican Academy of Sciences Biotechnology Committee member's new book details benefits of GMOs

Monsanto subpoenas documents from NGO Avaaz about glyphosate, IARC

Generations Futures report claims 75 percent of French produce is contaminated with pesticides

Quebec government to restrict usage of neonics, atrazine, chlorpyrifos

Calendar highlights

February 27	February 28	February 28
Academie Royale de Belgique lecture on EDCs	Greens-led discussion on modern agriculture challenges (Germany)	European Food Safety Authority releases neonic risk assessments
March 3	March 5-7	March 5-9
University of California-Davis bee symposium	World Congress on Plant Biotechnology and Agriculture (Paris)	CBD Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for Francophone Africa

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

An ill-conceived attack ad on GMOs continues to blow up in Stonyfield Farm's face. After initial criticism for relying on young girls to spread myths about biotechnology, the organic giant only made matters worse by dismissing its critics as "trolls" with fake online profiles. The backlash got bad enough that its former creative agency **distanced itself from the video** and went as far as saying it disagreed with Stonyfield's response.

Four pieces on this week's newsletter - by Michelle Miller, Hank Campbell, Steven Novella and Andrew Porterfield - further examine the issue.

We also feature a commentary from former USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack on the ramifications of misleading non-GMO labels, an American Council on Science and Health article detailing incorrect information spread by NGOs about honeybee conservation and two pieces examining the ongoing dispute over glyphosate despite its proven safety record.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Pesticide Action Network



Pesticide Action Network International (PAN) is the global "hub" for its network of **regional centers** in North America.

Stories Worth Sharing

Michelle Miller: Stonyfield apparently thinks "right to know" about GMOs doesn't require responsibility to learn the truth

Matt Ridley: Brexit policies should not stifle innovation in areas such as gene editing

Hank Campbell: New anti-GMO ad shows Stonyfield must think girls don't understand science

Steven Novella: Stonyfield triples down on its "dubious" behavior with fear-mongering video, dismissive response to critics

Tom Vilsack: Misleading non-GMO labels hurt consumer confidence in food system

Chuck Dinerstein: Cambridge paper calls out NGOs, science journalists for trumped up claims that honeybees need to be conserved

Andrew Porterfield: Stonyfield turns to kids to extend its "history of spreading misinformation" about biotechnology, organic food

Colin Stevens: Hard to believe vitriol produced by "dubious"

Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

PAN was founded in 1982 out of organized opposition to globalization, capitalism and alleged control by multinational corporations and rich national governments.

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[glyphosate review by International Agency for Research on Cancer](#)

[EU Policies think tank: "Baffling" that glyphosate saga rages on despite its extensive safety record](#)

[Julie Gunlock: Radical green activists "lies" push African nations to ban GM crops that could reduce hunger](#)

[Uganda National Agricultural Research Organization official: Scientists willing to clarify president's concerns about biosafety bill](#)

[Bernard Goldstein: Europe's precautionary principle unfairly used to harm American agriculture, including GM grain](#)

[Cameron English and Kavin Senapathy: Tips for talking to people who reject "empirical scientific truths" on food and agriculture](#)

[Robert Amason: Cargill undermines claim that it supports science by teaming up with Non-GMO Project](#)

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[U.S. House committee plans Tuesday hearing to review scientific integrity of International Agency for Research on Cancer](#)

[Nigeria biosafety agency reiterates commitment to ensuring safety of GM crops, criticizes activist groups](#)

[French government agencies demand proactive strategy on endocrine disruptors](#)

[Harvard researcher behind disputed bee studies claims in new paper that neonics on produce could pose risk to people](#)

Calendar highlights

February 6	February 6-8	February 7
U.S. House committee hearing on IARC glyphosate monograph	Africa regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management	Norway Biotechnology Council public forum on GMOs
February 7	February 13	February 15
Chemical Watch webinar on European Union EDC criteria	Swiss Academy of Sciences presentation on NBTs	Uganda Biotechnology and Biosafety Consortium Biotech Awards

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Bonus Eventus Favorable Outcomes Newsletter

Dear Caitrin,

Despite the Ugandan president's rejection of a biosafety bill that had been approved by Parliament, there's still hope the measure could be passed. In this week's newsletter, separate pieces by Isaac Ongu and Arthur M. Makara examine the situation.

Two other pieces - by Wayne Parrott and Kathryn Zinke - explore the misleading claims of the Non-GMO Project and other similar labeling schemes, and Steve Savage writes for *Forbes* on the potential for a biotechnology solution to a looming banana shortage.

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Stakeholder Spotlight: Friends of the Earth



Friends of the Earth (FOE) is a multinational NGO with operations in more than 80 countries. Every week, one arm or another of FOE is engaged in lobbying and public opposition to corporations, capitalism and free trade via campaigns that target GMOs and pesticides while promoting alternative agroecology and organic

Stories Worth Sharing

Wayne Parrott: Do not fall for "marketing ploy" of non-GMO labels

Isaac Ongu: Delay in approval of Ugandan biosafety bill means more suffering against pests and diseases for farmers

Arthur M. Makara: Ugandan president's concerns with biosafety bill can be addressed to ensure passage

Steve Savage: Threat to bananas could be solved with "safe, viable, scientifically sound" technology

Kathryn Pinke: "Non-GMO Project is a sham" built on consumers' lack of understanding

Don Sanders: IARC claim that glyphosate can cause cancer is "clear-cut example of subterfuge" by activist scientists

Graham Brookes: Research shows carbon emissions would significantly increase if farmers stop using glyphosate-tolerant crops

Len Rosen: Spreading of false arguments against GMOs is immoral, led by proponents of organic farming


Gwyn Morga: "Baseless fear-mongering" stalls ag biotechnology despite unblemished safety record, use in human medicine


Alex Berezow: Preferring to push its ideology, The New York Times


production philosophies. A frequent partner with other global environmental advocacy groups such as Greenpeace and Action Aid, FOE is one of the largest green political advocacy groups in the world.

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has "no interest in getting the science right" on biotechnology 

Alison Van Eenennaam: Encouraging to hear viewers say "Food Evolution" documentary made them rethink GMOs 

- Vancouver screening planned Jan. 16 

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What's Trending?

Members of Parliament work on changes to Uganda biosafety bill after rejection by president

Claim that chocolate could vanish by 2050 unless saved by CRISPR draws attention

Indian state accepting public comments on pesticide use changes in response to farmer deaths

U.S. NIEHS director claims low doses of pesticides linked to human health risks

Calendar highlights

January 8	January 9-13	January 13
President Donald Trump speaks at American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention	American Beekeeping Federation and American Honey Producers Association annual conferences	International Rosa Luxemburg Conference

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<p>Stakeholder database</p> <p>More information on the people and organizations influencing the food and agriculture debate</p>	<p>Monitoring portal</p> <p>Catch up on the latest news and other developments impacting regulations on agriculture.</p>	<p>Bonus Eventus community</p> <p>Connect with academic experts and researchers, journalists and agriculture allies.</p>
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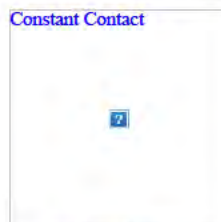
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Dear Caitrin,

Welcome to the Bonus Eventus network!

You now have access to a series of tools to stay abreast on key food and agriculture issues. These include a community networking site, an issues intelligence monitoring portal and a stakeholder wiki.

If you haven't done so already, you'll need to create an account. Once your registration is confirmed, you'll be ready to access the tools below.

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Bonus Eventus Network Tools

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Introduction

Bonus Eventus is a private social networking and communications platform for stakeholders who desire an informed, collegial and science-based public dialogue and understanding about key food- and agriculture-related issues.

The tools were developed by v-Fluence and the White House Writers Group with the support of academic, commercial, government and NGO stakeholders interested in meaningful dialogue on important food and agriculture issues.

For additional information, [click here](#).

Stakeholder Research

Bonus Eventus, in cooperation with the nonprofit Academics Review, provides a private stakeholder research wiki with profiles on more than 1,000 individuals, organizations and coalitions seeking to influence public attitudes on food and agriculture issues.

We encourage your contributions to keep these community-edited profiles up to date with the highest quality and most current information.

Members may share individual articles from the wiki with the public, but note that in doing so, you take responsibility for the accuracy and quality of that information.

STAKEHOLDER RESEARCH WIKI

Issues Intelligence Monitoring Portal

Everyone in the Bonus Eventus Community can view a general news feed on the site's home page, and customized content feeds are available to individuals or groups.

Topic feeds include plant biotechnology, crop protection, pollinator health, endocrine-disrupting chemicals and agriculture-focused water and climate issues.

As a paid service, v-Fluence provides issues intelligence monitoring reports with expert analysis using historical data and trends.

BONUS EVENTUS MONITORING

Community Forums/Networking

Bonus Eventus offers members a range of collaboration tools:

General Forum

Any member of Bonus Eventus may start a discussion thread visible to ALL members of the community.



Instructions

Using the Monitoring Portal

Navigating Forums

View/add to the calendar

Editing the Stakeholder Wiki

Have a tip for us?

v-Fluence is continually working to upgrade and develop products to better serve your needs.

If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback, please contact us at monitoring@bonuseventus.org.

We'd love to hear from you.

Groups

Existing organizations and informal groups may create private working spaces for collaboration and information sharing.

Training

Training information includes best practice resources for science advocacy, risk communications, news media and social media.

Issues Library

Members may share slides, background documents, images and videos with the community.

Calendar

Bonus Eventus offers a shared calendar where members can let the community know about conferences, presentations and other events.

v-Fluence topic analysts routinely update calendar items. However, any member may submit event information to be posted.

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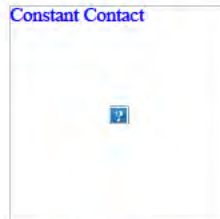
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You're now just a click away from a wealth of knowledge on food and agriculture issues. All that's left for you to do is to set up your own personal account and password.

[Register Now](#)

You'll soon receive a separate note with more in-depth instructions on how to use the many tools included in the Bonus Eventus community, including research on noteworthy stakeholders and tracking of key media activity and activist campaigns. Some highlights are noted below

You'll also be receiving our weekly Favorable Outcomes newsletter featuring articles worth sharing.

Knowledge is **Power**

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE

A library of background information on key players influencing food and agriculture issues - and who's funding them

ISSUES MONITORING PORTAL

Daily tracking of current events, news coverage and activist activities on food and agriculture issues

NETWORKING

Connect with other experts and influencers seeking favorable outcomes and science-based dialogue. Or find an expert in a particular field.

CALENDAR

See upcoming events of note - or let the network know of an event you're planning or attending.

Please [let us know](#) if you have any questions or need assistance.

Thank you!

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