

List of some important and useful websites related to agriculture and environment biotechnology.

Information System for Biotechnology (ISB) provides information on agricultural and environmental biotechnology research, product development, regulatory issues, and biosafety.

<http://www.isb.vt.edu>

The National Agricultural Library (NAL) provides access to a variety of information services and publications covering many aspects of agricultural biotechnology. Specific topics include theory and techniques of genetic engineering, plant and animal genetics, monoclonal antibodies, single cell proteins, food processing, biomass applications and risk assessment and bioethics.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/bic>

A division of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Biotechnology and Scientific Services regulates and issues permits for the importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of certain genetically engineered plants and microorganisms under the Code of Federal Regulations vol. 7 part 340.

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/bbep/bp>

The Biotechnology Strategies and Coordination Office (BSCO) was formally established in 1993 (although it has been in operation since 1988) to provide a one-window approach for information on biotechnology in Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

<http://www.cfia-acia.agr.ca/english/food/biotech/bSCO.html>

An electronic public debate about biotechnology. Of particular interest is the Commercialization of Plant Biotechnology Products.

<http://www.scicomm.org.uk/biosis>

Institute for Biotechnology Information (IBI) has provided comprehensive information on commercial biotechnology to hundreds of organizations worldwide - corporations, universities, and government agencies. IBI makes this information available in a variety of formats, including databases, a unique array of publications, and special studies.

<http://www.biotechinfo.com>

The National Biotechnology Information Facility (NBIF) will provide a single-point access to a vast store of widely distributed biotechnology data. The NBIF will encourage information sharing between researchers, promote biotechnology in Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions, and provide training in biotechnology. The NBIF will also be active in developing new sources and types of biotechnology databases.

<http://www.nbif.org>

Providing people with differing viewpoints a neutral forum where they can come together and freely exchange ideas on the critical issues facing agricultural biotechnology, the National Agricultural Biotechnology Council (NABC), founded in 1988, counts among its membership the leading agricultural research and educational institutions from throughout the United States and Canada.

<http://www.cals.cornell.edu/extension/nabc>

Dedicated to increasing awareness and communications between biotechnology investors, researchers, and industry. Bioportfolio specialises in applied commercial developments utilising modern biotechnological techniques impacting on the life sciences and associated industries.

<http://www.bioportfolio.com>

A Technical Cooperation Network on Plant Biotechnology formed to accelerate the process of adaptation, generation, transfer, and application of plant biotechnology to contribute to the solution of crop production constraints and genetic resources conservation for the countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

<http://rlc.fao.org/redes/redbio/html/home.htm>

Monitors the safety evaluation of genetic resources; provides procedures for release and marketing of genetically modified organisms under the German legislation; maintains databases of field trials in Germany and the EU, releases of GMOs, a list of products placed on the market in the EU, and regulations in other countries.

http://www.rki.de/gentec/geneng/gentec_e.htm