

Select Sites on Agricultural Biotechnology Supporting Institutes

The Agricultural Biotechnology Support Project (ABSP)

ABSP is a USAID-funded project based in the Institute of International Agriculture at Michigan State University. ABSP works with private and public institutions to improve the capacity and policy environment for the use, management and commercialization of agricultural biotechnology in developing countries.

<http://www.iaa.msu.edu/absp/index-old.html>

The National Agricultural Biotechnology Council

The National Agricultural Biotechnology Council has been hosting annual public meetings about the safe, ethical, and efficacious development of agricultural biotechnology products since its formation by the Boyce Thompson Institute in collaboration with Cornell University, Iowa State University, and the University of California-Davis in 1988. It is a consortium of 36 leading agricultural research and teaching governmental agencies/institutions/universities in the U.S. and Canada, continues to provide all stakeholders the opportunity to speak, to listen, and to learn about the issues surrounding agricultural biotechnology.

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

Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission (AEBC)

The Biotechnology Commission (AEBC) was set up in June 2000 following a review in 1999 by the Cabinet Office & the Office of Science & Technology of the Advisory & Regulatory framework for Biotechnology. Our remit is to provide the UK Government and Devolved Administrations with independent, strategic advice on developments in biotechnology and their implications for agriculture

and the environment. It looks at the broad picture taking ethical and social issues into account as well as the science.

The Commission works alongside the Human Genetics Commission (HGC) which advises on how new developments in human genetics will impact on people and health care, and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) which is the body responsible for food safety, including GM food.
<http://www.aebc.gov.uk/>

Agriculture Network Information Centre (AgNIC)

AgNIC is the Agriculture Network Information Center – a voluntary alliance and partnership of nearly 60 member institutions and organizations working to offer quick and reliable access to quality agricultural information and sources. AgNIC is supported, in part, by the USDA's National Agricultural Library (NAL) through provision of the AgNIC Secretariat and other program support. AgNIC partners select important information sources that are readily available on the Internet for inclusion in the AgNIC system. These selections are based on quality and significance to AgNIC customers. AgNIC partners also create resources and tools to assist customers in accessing key information on selected topics. These topics cover a full range of agriculture, environmental, and food related disciplines.
<http://www.agnic.org/>

International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA)

ISAAA is a not-for-profit organization that delivers the benefits of new agricultural biotechnologies to the poor in developing countries. It aims to share these powerful technologies to those who stand to benefit from them and at the same time establish an enabling environment for their safe use.
<http://www.isaaa.org/>