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## Preannouncement

# The Co-Extra International Conference

### A two-day scientific conference and a one-day stakeholders' workshop.

Co-Extra\* will present the results of four years of scientific research and discuss how these integrate with other EU and international studies to provide information for the management of GMOs and their products from farm to fork. A stakeholders' workshop will take place on Day 3 (Friday, 5 June 2009) to enable discussion of coexistence and traceability issues taking account of demands, needs and practical experiences of stakeholders.

The Conference will consider the following topics:

- ✔ Managing gene flow including agricultural and biological containment techniques
- ✔ Sampling strategies, detection, identification and quantification of GM ingredients in crops, foods and feed supply chains (including detection of unapproved GMOs)
- ✔ Supply chains modelling, practical and economic (costs/benefits) aspects of coexistence and traceability in the food and feed supply chains
- ✔ Liability and redress issues associated with managing crop production and supply chains
- ✔ Coexistence and traceability practices around the world
- ✔ Technologies for effective supply chain management, including data integration and decision support systems (DSS)
- ✔ Stakeholders' views

Invited presentations on the results of the related EU research projects – SIGMEA\* and Transcontainer\* – and also from representatives of non-EU countries will provide a broader picture of current knowledge both within and outside Europe.

Based on the outcomes from these projects, on international experience and on the contributions of Co-Extra, discussions will take place on the management of GM and non-GM production and supply chains to suit European and international requirements.

The conference will be of particular interest to scientists, policy makers, operators in food and feed chains, regulators, the media and consumer organisations. The Stakeholders' Workshop will also be of major interest to the general public.

**Registration for the Co-Extra Conference will open in January 2009 ([www.coextra.eu/conference/](http://www.coextra.eu/conference/)).**

To receive more information on the Co-Extra International Conference, please subscribe to the Co-Extra newsletter at: <http://www.coextra.eu/newsletter/>

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\*Co-Extra, SIGMEA and Transcontainer are European Commission research projects in the 6th Framework Programme priority 5 - Food Safety and Quality ([www.coextra.eu](http://www.coextra.eu), [www.sigmea.go.dyndns.org](http://www.sigmea.go.dyndns.org), [www.transcontainer.wur.nl/uk/](http://www.transcontainer.wur.nl/uk/))