



**GM and non-GM supply chains: their CO-Existence and TRAcability**

**Invitation**

## **Co-Extra's Stakeholder days in Buenos Aires**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**

**Venue:**

**Universidad Católica Argentina - UCA  
Campus Puerto Madero  
Av. Alicia Moreau de Justo 1600  
Edificio San José – Aula Magna Cardenal Pironio 1° Piso  
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**Admission is free. Registration of participants is required.**

**Kindly hosted by:**

**Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA)**



**Dear invited guests,**

The European research project Co-Extra (see [www.coextra.eu](http://www.coextra.eu)) supports stakeholders in the food and feed supply chains by providing practical and economic measures to ensure the segregation and traceability of GM and non-GM product lines.

Co-Extra will hold a two-day open session on March 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in Buenos Aires (Argentina). This open session provides South American stakeholders with the opportunity to get informed about the scientific results further to four years of collaborative research by the 54 project partners. Additionally, participants will be able to explore stakeholders' views and experience with coexistence and traceability systems currently in place in South America and in the European Union.

The open session will be of particular interest to scientists, operators in food and feed chains, regulators, the media and consumer organisations.

**The science day (19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009)** will present the entire outcome of the Co-Extra research work covering the following topics:

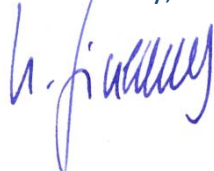
- Management of gene flow, including agricultural and biological containment techniques
- Sampling strategies, detection, identification and quantification of GM ingredients in crops, foods and feed supply chains (including detection of unapproved GMOs)
- Modeling of supply chains, practical and economic (costs/benefits) aspects of coexistence and traceability in the food and feed supply chains
- Liability and redress issues associated with management of 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)

**The “stakeholder interactive” day (20<sup>th</sup> March, 2009)** will allow comprehensive discussion on issues of coexistence and traceability in South America and the European Union, taking account of the demands, needs and practical experiences of stakeholders in this field.

On behalf of Yves Bertheau, coordinator of Co-Extra and of the Co-Extra consortium, I am pleased to invite you to contribute to, and participate in, this Co-Extra Open Session. You will find enclosed the agenda of the Open Session. Please register online (see below). Please note that registration will be close on 15 March 2009. The language of the Open session will be English and Spanish.

Looking forward to your participation and contribution to what we expect to be a successful and interactive Co-Extra Open Session for all.

Yours sincerely,



Kristina Sinemus  
(Workpackage leader “Communication and Dialogue”)

## Online Registration:

<http://www.coextra.eu/OpenSessionArgentina>

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### Local representatives of Co-Extra in Argentina:

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## Have your say!

Do you want to provide a statement (about 5 minutes) during the “stakeholder interactive” day (20th March, 2009) expressing your experiences and viewpoint on practical coexistence and traceability issues?

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# Programme

## OPEN Session - Science day 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009

### Scientific Information from Co-Extra

Time	Session	Topics	Chairs & Speaker
9:00 – 9:30	1	<b>Methods for Managing Gene Flow (WP1)</b>	<b>Chair: Jeremy Sweet (NIAB, UK)</b>
9:00 – 9:30		Coexistence and biological measures for gene flow mitigation: an overview	Alexandra Hüsken (JKI, Germany)
9:30 – 11:00	2	<b>Coexistence and Traceability in Agriculture and Food Production</b>	<b>Chairs: Antoine Messean, (INRA, France) &amp; Morten Gylling (FOI, Denmark)</b>
9:30 – 9:40		Introduction	Antoine Messean (INRA, France)
9:40 – 10:05		Managing coexistence along commodity supply chains: a modelling approach.	Louis-Georges Soler (INRA, France)
10:05 – 10:35		Coexistence cost of final end use products	Morten Gylling (FOI, Denmark)
10:35 – 11:00		Global trade implications of the EU GMO regulation	Morten Gylling (FOI, Denmark)
11:00 – 11:30		<b>BREAK</b>	
11:30 – 12:15	3	<b>Legal, Liability and Redress Issues</b>	<b>Chair &amp; presenter: Bernhard Koch (ECTIL, Austria)</b>
12:15 – 13:30		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
13:30 – 16:50	4	<b>Technologies for managing the Supply Chain, and Detection of GM ingredients in foods</b>	<b>Chairs: Kristina Gruden (NIB, Slovenia) &amp; Roberta Onori (ISS, Italy)</b>
13:30 – 13:50		GMO sampling strategies in the food and feed chain	Marina Miraglia (ISS, Italy)
13:50 – 14:10		Rationalization of GMO testing: sub sampling, control plans	Yves Bertheau (INRA, France)
14:10 – 14:30		Validation of novel methods and technologies	Marco Mazzara (JRC-IHCP, Italy)
14:30 – 14:50		The modular approach implemented; pros, cons and guidelines	Marc Van den Bulcke (IPH, Belgium)
14:50 – 15:20		<b>BREAK</b>	
15:20 – 15:40		Reference materials and reference genes	Isabel Taverniers (ILVO, Belgium)
15:40 – 16:00		Novel methods (tools) available for routine GMO detection labs-performance and applicability	Dörte Wulf (Genescan, Germany)
16:00 – 16:20		Reliability and costs	Kristina Gruden (NIB, Slovenia)
16:20 – 16:40		Detection of unapproved GMOs	Yves Bertheau (INRA, France)
16:40 – 17:00		<b>BREAK</b>	
17:00 – 18:00	5	<b>Data integration and Decision Support Systems</b>	<b>Chairs: Marko Bohanec (JSI, Slovenia) &amp; Nevena Alexandrova (ABI, Bulgaria)</b>
17:00 – 17:30		Approaches, Methods & Case Studies	Marko Bohanec (JSI, Slovenia)
17:30 – 18:00		<b>Discussion</b>	

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## OPEN Session – “Stakeholder interactive” day 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

This day is dedicated to the open exchange of views between Co-Extra partners and South American stakeholders on coexistence and traceability challenges, on management tools currently in place in South America and the possible use of research results provided by the Co-Extra project.

Time	Topics	Chair / Speaker
	<b>(I) Summary: EU research projects on coexistence and traceability</b>	<b>Chair: Yves Bertheau (INRA, France)</b>
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and introduction	Kristina Sinemus (Genius GmbH, Germany)
9:15 – 9:45	<b>CoExtra:</b> Overview on challenges and results	Yves Bertheau (INRA, France)
9:45 – 10:15	<b>Coexistence at farm level:</b> Results of the EU project Sigma	Antoine Messéan (INRA, France)
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Traceability:</b> Reliable and cost-effective sampling approaches & GMO detection methods	Kristina Gruden (NIB, Slovenia)
<b>10:45 – 11:10</b>	<b>Decision Support System:</b> How can I manage my non-GM supply chain? Ask the computer!	Marco Bohanec (JSI, Slovenia)
<b>11.10 – 11.40</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>11.40 – 12:00</b>	Stakeholder perceptions on coexistence in the European Union	Giorgios Sakallaris (NHRF, Greece)
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion	
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
	<b>(II) Stakeholders’ statements and discussions</b>	<b>Chair: Yves Bertheau (INRA, France)</b>
13.30 – 13:45	Coexistence and traceability: the general viewpoints, challenges and experiences from Argentina / South America	Norma Pensel (INTA, Argentina)
13:45 – 14:45	4-6 Stakeholder statements from South America	Invited: exporters, certifying companies, authorities, associations (farmers, traders, producers) and others
<b>14.45 – 15:15</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:15 – 16:30	<b>Moderated Round Table Discussion</b>	Moderator: Kristina Sinemus (Genius GmbH, Genius)