

Dear Planet Diversity participants around the world!

Two weeks to go until we meet in Bonn. We have now 540 registrations from 90 countries – fabulous and most exiting!

Check out the website to find out who is coming and what is going on between May 12 and 15.

-> If you receive this message although you know you are not coming to Planet Diversity please do notify us immediately!

You may imagine that the conference team is quite busy these days. So please bear with us and do not expect any help with accommodations, flights and other logistics, unless you are a speaker or already have arrangements with us. There is all you need to book a room at

<http://www.planet-diversity.org/registration-and-travel-planning.html>

What next?

1) PLEASE, PLEASE REGISTER IMMEDIATELY FOR THE WORKSHOPS!

We cannot make proper plans for the rooms without your input and the organizers need to know who is coming.

> Chose only one workshop per day (the record so far was registration for 14 workshops by 1 person)

> If you can help with translation during one of the workshops (we do need help on this) please let us know.

If you have not registered for the workshops yet, don't wait for a better moment, just do it NOW, click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/5wjrw7>

> Register at the left with your last name and your email address.

> Only if you fail, go to the end of this message for manual registration. However, the workshops descriptions are only available on the web.

2) WE ARE GOING BANKRUPT

The huge success of the conference at this point leaves us with a deficit of over 20.000 Euros still to be covered. We frankly have no idea where to get this additional money from.

So, we think 540 dedicated folks like you will easily handle that small problem: -> Help us raise additional funds with your organisation or favorite donors -> pay a conference fee, even if you initially thought you could not -> donate a little more than that (send it to the Bank or bring it in cash, German charity receipts available) -> bring something to sell at the festival -> whatever. Just don't leave us alone with this deficit: We are a small and dedicated NGO and no big fat cats, you know.

3) TELL YOUR STORY TO THE OTHERS

We are still keen to collect more stories, pictures and short descriptions of your work to put them online, so you all get to know each other. Please send your story to

> stories@planet-diversity.org

4) PREPARE FOR THE "DIVERSITY AGAINST MONOCULTURES" DEMONSTRATION ON MAY 12TH

We want to make this a truly international event – so please bring your own banners, eventually typical cloth and any other means to identify your origins and to express your views.

5) YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FESTIVAL

Last chance to join in the regional pavilions and stands at the festival on Monday 12th: For further details please check the festival page on the website and directly contact

> festival@planet-diversity.org

6) NEW ADDRESS FOR SHIPPING BOOKS AND MATERIALS IN ADVANCE:

Please ship all advance materials and books to the following address: Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e.V., z.Hd. Herr Arndt (Planet Diversity), Langer Grabenweg 68, D-53175 Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Germany

These are the news for today. You will receive more logistical information next week and find much more on the website, which is growing by the day.

Sending our best and cordial spring-time greetings from Berlin to a unique web of live around this planet. See you soon!

Benny Haerlin & the Planetary Diversity Team

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Manual Workshop registration
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HAVE YOU TRIED TO REGISTER ONLINE? IF YOU USE THIS FORM YOU WILL CREATE EXTRA WORK FOR THE SECRETARIAT.

BUT IF YOU CANNOT REGISTER ONLINE, THEN DELETE ALL WORKSHOPS EXCEPT THE ONE WORKSHOP PER DAY YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AND MAIL THE LIST OF THOSE 3 WORKSHOPS TO

workshops@planet-diversity.org

PLEASE PUT "workshop registration" IN THE SUBJECT LINE

I) TUESDAY, 13 MAY / MARDI 13 MAI / DIENSTAG 13. MAI / MARTES, 13 DE MAYO

1) Rediscover the plant: A scientific and ethical discourse / À la redécouverte de la plante: discussion éthique et scientifique / Neues Pflanzenbild: Ein wissenschaftlicher und ethischer Diskurs / Redescubrir las plantas: un discurso científico y ético,organised by Florianne Koechlin

2) Indigenous livestock breeds and livelihoods in marginal areas / La subsistance en zones marginales par l'élevage de races indigènes / Einheimische Viehzucht und Existenzgrundlage in Randgebieten / Ganadería indígena y formas de vida en áreas marginales, organised by the League for Pastoral People, Schweißfurth Foundation

- 3) Building Knowledge around Biodiversity / Construire du savoir autour de la biodiversité / Wissensbildung zur biologischen Vielfalt / Construyendo conocimiento sobre la biodiversidad,,organised by ILEIA, AS-PTA, IED and AME
 - 4) Women's Action for Biodiversity / Actions de femmes pour la biodiversité / Frauenaktion für biologische Vielfalt / Acción de las Mujeres por la biodiversidad, organised by Women and Life on Earth
 - 5) Health impacts of GMOs / Impacts sanitaires des OGMs / Gesundheitliche Auswirkungen von GVOs / Impactos de los transgénicos (OGMs) en la salud, organised by the Federation of ecological physicists
 - 6) Farmer based seed adaption strategies and climate change / La sélection participative pour répondre au changement climatique / Bäuerliche Saatgutstrategien und Klimaveränderung / Estrategias de adaptación de semillas basadas en la cultura campesina y cambio climatic, organised by Protect the Future, Red de Semillas, Réseau Semences Paysanne, ICARDA
 - 7) Key issues of the official biosafety negotiations this week - NGO strategies and input / Enjeux des négociations du Protocole de Biosécurité: Responsabilités et Réparations pour les dommages causés par les OGMs / Haftung und Entschädigung bei GVO Schädigung / Responsabilidad y compensaciones ante el daño por transgénicos, organised by Ecoropa, Globelaw, Washington Biotechnology Action Council, Greenpeace
 - 8) Agro-ecology, A different approach to agricultural productivity / Agroécologie, une autre approche de la productivité agricole organisé / Agro-Ökologie, Eine andere Herangehensweise zu landwirtschaftlicher Produktivität, organised by the Federation of German Scientists
 - 9) A new paradigm for agriculture?, The UN International Agricultural Assessment, IAASTD / Un nouveau paradigme pour l'agriculture? L'Évaluation internationale de la science et de la technologie agricoles pour le développement (IAASTD) / Ein neues Paradigma für Landwirtschaft? Die Internationale Landwirtschaftsevaluierung der Vereinten Nationen, IAASTD, organised by Greenpeace
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II) WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY / MERCREDI 14 MAI / DIENSTAG 13. MAI / MIÉRCOLES, 14 DE MAYO
CAN ORGANIC FARMING FEED THE WORLD?

- 1) L'agriculture Bio peut-elle nourrir tout le monde? / Kann ökologischer Landbau die Welt ernähren? / Puede la agricultura orgánica alimentar al mundo?, organised by EED, IFOAM and Partners
- 2) Codex Alimentarius and GMOs / Codex Alimentarius et les OGMs / Der Codex Alimentarius und GVOs / Codex Alimentario y transgénico, organised by Greenpeace, Washington Biotechnology Action Council
- 3) Nanotechnology and synthetic biology / Nanotechnologies et biologie de synthèse / Nanotechnologie und synthetische Biologie / Nanotecnología y biología sintética, organised by the Platform Health and Environment
- 4) GMOs in Africa / Les OGMs en Afrique / GVOs in Afrika / Transgénicos en África, organised by Inades formation, Copagen and IRPAD

- 5) GMOs in Asia / Les OGMs en Asie / GVOs in Asien / Transgénicos en Asia, organised by MASIPAG
 - 6) GMOs in Latin America / Les OGMs en Amérique Latine / GVOs in Lateinamerika / Transgénicos en Latinoamérica, organised by the Fundacion Sociedades Sustentables
 - 7) GMOs in Europe / Les OGMs en Europe /GVOs in Europa / Transgénicos en Europa, organised by Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth
 - 8) GMOs in Australo-Pacific / Les OGMs en Océanie / GVOs im Australisch-Pazifischen Raum / Transgénicos en el Pacífico Austral, organised by the Conservation Council of Western Australia and GE Free New Zealand
 - 9) No Patent on Life / Non aux brevets sur le vivant / Kein Patent auf Leben / NO patentes sobre la vida, organised by Scouting Biotechnology
 - 10) On-farm and in-garden seed conservation and education / Éducation et conservation des semences à la ferme et au jardin / Konservierung von Saatgut von Bauernhöfen und Hausgärten und Wissensvermittlung / Conservación de semillas y educación en fincas y jardines, organised by Arche Noah
 - 11) Benefit sharing? Legitimising the Commodification of Nature and Knowledge / Partage des bénéfices? Légitimer la commodification de la nature et des savoirs / Vorteilsausgleich? Legitimierung der Umwandlung von Natur und Wissen / Distribución de beneficios? Legitimando la co-modificación de la naturaleza y el conocimiento, organised by Thanal and the African Centre for Biosafety
 - 12) Knowledge Transfer among Generations / Transfer de Savoirs entre Générations /Wissensaustausch zwischen den Generationen, organised by students from University of Kassel, Organic Agricultural Sciences Witzenhausen
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III) THURSDAY, 15 MAY / JEUDI 15 MAI / DONNERSTAG 15. MAI / JUEVES, 15 DE MAYO

- 1) GMO contamination and Food Sovereignty / Contaminations par les OGMs et souveraineté alimentaire / GVO-Kontaminierung und Nahrungssouveränität / Contaminación con transgénicos y soberanía alimentaria, organised by EED, IFOAM and Partners
- 2) Diversity of Science / Diversité dans la science / Vielfalt in der Wissenschaft / Diversidad en la Ciencia, organised by Fondation Sciences Citoyennes
- 3) Seeds: Community commons, private control and public domain / Semences : Droits collectifs, contrôle privé et domaine public / Saatgut: Gemeinwesen, private Kontrolle und freie Zugänglichkeit / Semillas: bienes comunes comunales, control privado y dominio public, organised by Coordination Paysanne Européenne/Via Campesina, IG Saatgut
- 4) Crops for Fuels? / Des récoltes pour du carburant? / Futterpflanzen als Brennstoff? / Cosechas para combustibles?, organised by Eco-Nexus, Union of German Scientists, Friend of the Earth, Food First, FBOMS,

- 5) GMO free world perspectives / Perspectives pour un monde sans OGM / Perspektiven für eine Welt ohne GVOs / Perspectivas de un mundo libre de transgénicos, organised by GENET
- 6) Women, Diversity and Agriculture / Femmes, Diversité et Agriculture / Frauen, Vielfalt und Landwirtschaft / Mujeres, diversidad y agricultura, organised by Women and Life on Earth
- 7) Urban gardens and urban agriculture / Jardins Urbains et Agriculture Urbaine / Städtische Gärten und städtische Landwirtschaft / Jardines urbanos y agricultura urbana, organised by AS-PTA,
- 8) Agricultural Trade and Diversity / Commerce agricole et Diversité / Agrarhandel und Vielfalt / Comercio agrícola y diversidad, organised by Misereor, Heinrich Boell Foundation and partners
- 9) Climate Change and Organic Agriculture / Changement climatique et agriculture biologique / Klimaveränderung und ökologischer Landbau / Cambio climático y agricultura organic, organised by IFOAM
- 10) Genetically Engineered Trees / Arbres Génétiquement Modifiés / Gentechnisch veränderte Bäume / Árboles Transgénicos, organised by Global Justice Ecology Project
- 11) The "Livestock Revolution", Impacts of industrial livestock farming in Europe, Asia, Latin America / Révolution dans l'élevage, les impacts des élevages industriels en Europe, Asie et Amérique Latine / Viehzucht Revolution, organised by Aseed and Corporatewatch
- 12) Terminator Seeds / Semences Terminator / Semillas Terminator / Terminator Saatgut, organized by gen-ethic Network