Appendix G: Internet Resources

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1. European Union Regulations:

a.) www.gmo-compass.org

provides animations summarizing the application and approval processes accessible via animation buttons on www.gmo-compass.org/eng/home and www.gmo-compass.org/eng/gmo/db respectively.

2. United States Regulations:

a.) usbiotechreg.nbii.gov

United States Regulatory Agencies Unified Biotechnology Website covering agricultural applications (joint effort of US Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency).

- b.) usbiotechreg.nbii.gov/lawsregsguidance.asp provides texts of the relevant federal legislation and agency regulations.
- c.) www.cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/biotechm.html

Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Biotechnology Covers proposed, pending and final rules and policies regarding food biotechnology.

3. Other countries' regulations

a.) http://www.oecd.org/biotrack

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Site maintained by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Programme on the Harmonization of Regulatory Oversight in Biotechnology.

b.) http://binas.unido.org/

UN Industrial Development Organization site with information about and texts of GM-related regulations in various countries [under construction as of Jan. 2011]

c.) www.ogtr.gov.au

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, Australia's central regulatory agency.

d.) www.inspection.gc.ca/english/sci/biotech/bioteche.shtml

Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Office of Biotechnology, Canada's central regulator of biotechnology products.

e.) www.igmoris.nic.in/

Government of India's GMO Research Information System site, focusing mainly on scientific information about particular GMOs and products using them under development or on the market.

4. General information about GM organisms, plants, feeds, and foods

a.) https://scholarworks.iupui.edu/handle/1805/736

Institutional repository archive of the Genetically Engineered Organisms Public Issues Education Project at Cornell University. This includes an interesting "genetic engineering urban legends" section under mass media and public opinion.

b.) www.gmsciencedebate.org.uk

Results of a 2004 United Kingdom government review of GM technology risks and benefits that included a process of public involvement.

c.) www.gmo-compass.org/eng/home

Site run by Genius GmBH of Darmstadt, Germany, a group of science journalists who state they are "not decidedly 'for' or 'against' genetic engineering" but seek "to contribute to the informed, autonomous development of opinions and encourage responsible debate". The group acknowledges financial support from the EU, the German Ministry of Food, Agriculture, and Consumer Protection and the European Association of Bioindustries.

5. Information about types and extent of use of agricultural applications of GM technology

a.) www.gmo-compass.org/eng/home

Open site carrying news reports summarizing various field trials and plantings of GM crops.

b.) http://www.coextra.eu

Project focusing on questions of relations between GM and conventional crops; includes analysis tools for growers and others needing to meet EU rules on separation of crops and traceability of GM ingredients.

c.) www.isb.vt.edu

Virginia Tech site self-described as providing "information resources to support the environmentally responsible use of agricultural biotechnology products".

d.) http://biotech-info.net/

Ag Bio Tech Info Net also carrying information on technical and policy developments in agricultural applications of biotechnology.

e.) http://www.abneta.org/

Maintained by the African Biotechnology Stakeholders Forum in collaboration with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, with pages on biotechnology and how some of the different biotechnologies work; also promotes networking among researchers, breeders, and other interested parties in Africa.

f.) http://www.agbiotechnet.com

Site run by CABI International, a major publisher in the field of GM technology. Includes notices of industry developments as well as covering technological developments and policy debates.

6. Websites of selected participants in debates

a.) www.afaa.com.au

Website maintained by Agrifood Awareness Australia Ltd with non-technical explanations of biotechnology, and an industry positions section with information about GM positions taken by farmers' associations, commodity groups, and other entities in the food and feed sectors.

b.) www.agbioworld.org

A non-profit foundation based in Auburn, Alabama, USA supported by researchers and others who support pursuing agricultural applications of GM and other forms of biotechnology and believe such technologies can contribute to safe, ecologically sustainable food production in both industrial and developing countries.

c.) www.centerforfoodsafety.org

Washington, DC-based advocacy organization generally opposed to use of GM technology, artificial hormones, and cloning in food production.

d.) www.europabio.org

Industry Association of biotech firms in Europe developing health, agricultural, and industrial applications.

e.) http://gmopundit.blogspot.com/

GMO pundit a.k.a. David Tribe, an Australian site favoring choice with frequent postings challenging the claims of anti-GMO activists.

f.) www.i-sis.org.uk

Institute of Science in Society, London-based collaboration among critics of all elite control of technology policy choices who advocate simpler lifestyles (note their campaign for "a GM-free sustainable world"), broad participation in decisions, and special attention to the needs of developing countries.

g.) www.monsanto.com

Monsanto Corporation, US-based developer of GM plant varieties.

h.) www.sygenta.com

Sygenta Corporation, Switzerland-based developer of GM plant varieties.

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