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Global Scientists: No scientific consensus on GMO safety

MADGE Australia welcomes a statement by global scientists declaring that there is no scientific consensus on GM food safety. The scientists “strongly reject claims by GM seed developers and some scientists, commentators, and journalists that there is a “scientific consensus” on GMO safety”.

Some of the objections to the claim of scientific consensus are as follows:

1. There is no consensus on GM food safety
2. There are no epidemiological studies investigating potential effects of GM food consumption on human health
3. Claims that scientific and governmental bodies endorse GMO safety are exaggerated or inaccurate
4. EU research project does not provide reliable evidence of GM food safety
5. List of several hundred studies does not show GM food safety
6. There is no consensus on the environmental risks of GM crops
7. International agreements show widespread recognition of risks posed by GM foods and crops

In conclusion the statement notes that decisions about GM food and crops “involve socioeconomic considerations beyond the scope of a narrow scientific debate”, and must “involve the broader society”. The decisions, however, must “be supported by strong scientific evidence on the long-term safety of GM crops and foods for human and animal health and the environment, obtained in a manner that is honest, ethical, rigorous, independent, transparent, and sufficiently diversified to compensate for bias.”

In the first 93 signatories there over 80 PhD's.

Statement: <http://www.ensser.org/increasing-public-information/no-scientific-consensus-on-gmo-safety/>

First Signatories: http://sustainablepulse.com/wp-content/uploads/First_signatories_to_the_statement_no_scientific_consensus_on_GMO_safety_lv.pdf

“it is appalling that for over a decade and a half we have been part of a GM food experiment. GM proponents have told us scientists agree GM is safe to eat but this is wrong. Most Australians unknowingly eat GM ingredients every day. Our labelling laws are full of loopholes and although most processed foods contain GM ingredients virtually nothing is labelled. The GM industry has been shown they are not to be trusted. It is time to freeze GM crop and food approvals and get GM food off our plates until it is proven safe to eat.” said Fran Murrell of MADGE Australia.

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