

Planting the Future:
***Opportunities and challenges for using crop genetic
improvement technologies for sustainable agriculture***

27 June 2013 from 14:30 to 16:30,

at the Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU, Boulevard Saint Michel 80, Brussels

Agriculture faces major challenges to deliver food security at a time of increasing pressures from climate change, social and economic inequity and instability, and the continuing need to avoid further loss in ecosystem biodiversity. The introduction of new EU legislation requiring farmers to reduce reliance on crop protection chemicals creates additional challenges for maintaining levels of crop productivity. The production of more food, more sustainably, requires the development of crops that can make better use of limited resources and must harness the potential of biotechnology in all its facets.



A launch event for the new EASAC report presented by **Professor Volker ter Meulen**, Past President of EASAC and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina as well as IAP Co-Chair, Germany.

Conclusions and recommendations will be presented by the member of the EASAC working group **Professor Ian Crute**, United Kingdom.

Professor Walter Alhassan from the Project on Strengthening Capacity for **Safe Biotechnology Management in sub-Saharan Africa (SABIMA)**, Ghana will speak about crop genetics and agricultural innovation in Africa.

Followed by a panel discussion with the following experts:

- Heribert Hirt (President, European Plant Science Organisation)
- Garlich von Essen (Secretary-General, European Seeds Association)
- Tina Kyndt (Belgium Young Academy)
- Guy van den Eede (European Commission, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre – JRC)
- MEP - to be confirmed

The event will be followed by a reception.

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