



Workshop: Intellectual property rights (IPR)

Date: Friday, the 25th of February 2011, 3.30 PM-5.30 PM, Workshop session 2

Languages: English, French, Hungarian

Room: II plenary room, basement

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Purpose and summary of the workshop:

The workshop will give an introduction into the current status of Intellectual Property Rights related to seeds, especially on patents and plant variety protection on a global and regional level. A new petition addressed to the European parliament will be presented.

1. Patents

- Introduction
- TRIPS Agreement
- EU Biotech directive
- Trends in Patent Applications
- Recent Court Decision related to patents
- Upcoming political agenda and the main actors in the Decision

2. Plant Variety Protection

- Presentation of the European legislative framework and its application in the different countries
- Links between Plant Variety Protection, patents, and hidden GMOs: questioning plant breeders' and farmers' privileges?
- Objectives of the review of European regulation on plant varieties protection
- Prelude of the European patent regulation reform?
- Farmers' rights

Background documents:

www.semencespaysannes.org

<http://www.no-patents-on-seeds.org/>