

Subject: Re: Talk in China

Eric

I forgot to ask if there will be sequential or concurrent translation.

I'll call tomorrow at 3PM.

Regards

Bruce

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Bruce - I apologize for the gaps in information. This opportunity came to my attention late in the process and I was narrowly focused on finding the best 3rd-party expert that could speak on the topic of safety assessment of products employing RNAi. Here is more information to put the entire event into perspective.

Conveners - Monsanto China is working with Chinese Agricultural Biotech Association to host the seminar

Audience - Approximately 20 National Biosafety Committee (NBC) scientists and MOA officials

Purpose - Exchange information and present to Chinese scientists on safety assessment for products developed with new technologies (e.g., drought tolerance in corn, RNAi technology and product characterization using e-Southern approach). The goal is to pave the way for import approval for biotech products in China.

Presentations - I don't know but would assume you have 45-60 min for presentation and Q&A. I will follow up.

Your Talk - Possible title, "Safety Assessment of Agricultural Products Employing RNAi". Use your knowledge of the safety assessment paradigm for protein-based traits in GM crops and ILSI/IFBIC experience (Parrott et al. Food and Chemical Toxicology 48 (2010) 1773-1790) to explain how RNAi-based products can be assessed using the existing robust safety assessment paradigm.

In my opinion, the audience is not challenging that point. In reality, they need to better understand the paradigm that already has been applied over and over by regulators and how it can also be used to assess the safety of technologies based on RNAi. Hopefully the presentations John sent will help.

In addition, here is some information you undoubtedly already have: (i) ILSI-CERA Workshop Proceedings http://cera-gmc.org/docs/cera_publications/pub_08_2011.pdf and (ii) Auer and Frederik 2009 (attached).

I am free to talk at 10:30am or 4:00pm today and at 3:00pm on Friday. We can arrange a time and I will call you or you can call me. Please note my new mobile phone number below.

All my best,
Eric

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chassy, Bruce M [<mailto:bchassy@illinois.edu>]
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Subject: Talk in China

Hi Eric

John sent me a couple of interesting powerpoints, He also asked that I send my deck when I have it ready. There are a few things I need to know before I prepare a talk.

You originally asked if I would go to China and do what I did in Korea. You wanted to know if I was available and said you would explain later. One thing led to another and I am now going but we never did speak about the actual mission on China.

Where am I speaking? To whom? For how long? More importantly, what is the topic and is there an assigned title? What's really going on and what are the between the lines issues? Knowing the answers to all of these questions would really help me plan a talk.

Can we talk sometime before I start putting a talk together?

Regards

Bruce