

A Call for Papers on the topic,

“The Implications of TTIP and TPP for GM/non-GM Coexistence”

- Selected Papers will be presented in a day-long special session of the biannual GMCC-15, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Nov. 17-20, 2015
- Eight to ten of the Selected Papers will appear in a special 2016 edition of the *Journal of and Food Industrial Organization (JAFIO)*.
- Papers will be selected under blind review. Submissions from all countries are encouraged.
- USDA will reimburse ten U.S.-based authors for travel and conference expenses, up to \$3000.

A Special Session Coordinating Committee is seeking abstracts for papers focusing on the interplay between trade agreements and coexistence of genetically modified and conventional crops and food. These papers will be a part of a special session at the GMCC-15.

Bi-annually, the organizing committee of GMCC hosts the International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains (<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/activity/Congress-GMCC15.htm>). The GMCC is aimed at gathering multidisciplinary academic and industry experts, regulators, policy makers and other key stakeholders from around the world to discuss coexistence. The GMCC-15 will be in Amsterdam, November 17-20, 2015. With support from a USDA-AFRI Conference Grant, the coordinating committee will host a special session at the GMCC-15 on the implications of the trade agreements, especially the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement (TTIP) and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, for coexistence of genetically-modified (GM) and non-GM food and agricultural products.

A principal aim of both the current TTIP and TTP negotiations is to encourage trade by removing non-tariff trade barriers, and by harmonizing government regulations. The topic of this special session is the interplay among the ongoing TTIP/TPP trade negotiations, international differences in the regulation of genetically modified agricultural commodities and foods, and the coexistence of those GM products with non-GM products.

Submissions should consist of a two-page, 12-point font, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, potential for generating discussion during the meeting and potential for publication in *JAFIO*. In the submitted pdf, please do not include your name or contact information. **Abstracts are due midnight (US Eastern Standard Time or UTC - 5:00) January 30.** Abstracts should be sent to TradeandGMOConfernece2015@auburn.edu with the subject *GMCC-15 Trade Sessions*.

Abstract authors will be notified of selection by February 27, 2015. Authors of the selected abstracts must submit complete papers for review by May 28, 2015. After blind-review of the papers, the coordinating committee will notify authors of selection for the conference by June 5, 2015. U.S.-based authors who receive support from USDA will be notified of this support by June 5, 2015.

Special funding has been set aside to support lead authors who are graduate-student researchers, junior scholars (who have completed doctoral studies after January 1, 2010), and 1890s faculty.

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