

Recommendations of the Fifth International Conference on genetically modified foods held in Amman - Jordan 6-7 / June / 2011



H.E. minister of Agriculture in Jordan awarded a trophy for participation for Dr. Osama A. Momtaz, Deputy D.G. AGERI-ARC and Dr. Ismail El. Dahish, Director for Egyptian Biotechnology Information center

Under the auspices of His Excellency the Minister of State and Minister of Agriculture Mr. Samir Habashneh Noble, the Centre held a technical advisory with the participation of specialized institutions such as the Ministry of Agriculture, National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension, the General Organization for Food and Drug Administration, Agricultural Engineers Association and the Association of veterinarians and the Arab Federation for Food Industries. The Fifth International Conference on genetically modified foods which was held in the presence of a large number of experts and scholars from various Arab countries, has concluded the following recommendations:

1. Address the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development and other Arab financiers to exploit the possibility of the funding available to it, to promote and support research activities and knowledge in the field of genetically modified foods.
2. Establishment of national centers for biotechnology research and laboratories specialized in this field.
3. Establish a specialized department for GMO in the Ministry of Agriculture in each Arab country, and the Council to unite the Arab specialized references and legislation.
4. Activate and engage the private sector and civil society institutions in the national committees and national development and the development of legislation and laws on the subject.
5. Establish notarized references for genetically modified foods, and issue these references as regulation including the importance of the Declaration of the existence of inputs genetically modified inputs on different products and food imports.
6. Regulatory recommendations:
 - The importance of the involvement of young scientists at future conferences.

- To allocate the next conference to discuss regulation and logistics platform for in this area.
- Dissemination of findings and recommendations to all stakeholders and interested parties.