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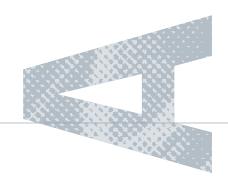
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Annex to the 1999-2000 Annual Report



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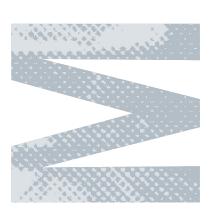
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The following records provide a crude measure of RAFI's outreach, and by extrapolation, of RAFI's impact during 2000. Though no replacement for quantitative indicators, these lists - of RAFI Communiqués, News Releases, and GenoTypes provide a thumbnail sketch of the issues RAFI has addressed over the year, and the publications we have released about them. The later summaries (of media contacts and coverage in the North and South, and of speaking engagements and other events where RAFI's research was disseminated) provide additional measures of RAFI's contact with the public. Lastly, a summary of RAFI's electronic information services illustrates the extensive dissemination of RAFI's research and publications via the Internet. Because we have conducted a

periodical search for media references in North America, the media coverage we know about is significantly skewed in favour of North America. Media impact in the South and Europe is almost certainly under-represented in this list. Known citations of RAFI material in academic journals have not been included, because we have not monitored these publications systematically. We do know, however, that RAFI is quoted frequently in a wide range of scientific, legal and other specialized publications. We also know that RAFI material is further distributed, as it appears, on several well-subscribed listservers, including GRAIN's "BIO-IPR Resource Pointer", and the Global Forum on Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security.

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### On the Internet

The Internet has become the most important method for disseminating RAFI's research and analysis. Approximately 1,758,000 publications, graphics, and other RAFI documents were opened from our website, <a href="http://www.rafi.org">http://www.rafi.org</a>, during the year, by an average of almost 25,000 distinct users each month, from 113 identifiable countries. In addition, RAFI has joined GRAIN and Latin American colleagues in mounting a new Spanish language Web site, aimed at users in Latin America. Please feel free to visit at:

http://www.biodiversidadla.org

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# Communiqués

By the end of 2000, print copies of the RAFI Communiqués were mailed to **445 subscribers in 81 different countries**. Of the subscribers, **69% (or 308) were from the South**. Four issues of the Communiqués were published during the fiscal year of September 01,1999 to August 31, 2000.

1999 2000

### November/December:

<u>Phase II for Human Genome Research – Human Genetic</u> <u>Diversity Enters the Commercial Mainstream</u>

### February/March:

Suicide Seeds on the Fast Track

### May/June:

Biopiracy: RAFI's Sixth Annual Update

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# **News Releases**

By the end of the fiscal year 1999-2000, RAFI News Releases and Genotypes were sent in English to an electronic mailing list of 3200, and in Spanish to a mailing list of approximately 500.

1999

### September 3:

World Seed Conference: Shrinking Club of Industry Giants Gather for Wake or Pep Rally?

#### October 4:

<u>Terminator Terminated? Monsanto surrenders "suicide seeds"</u>, but continues work on other Traitor Technologies

#### October 29:

**USDA** Must Abandon Terminator Technology

#### November 26:

"Trait" Sanctions?

#### November 26:

Biopiracy Project in Chiapas, Mexico Denounced by Mayan Indigenous Groups

### 2000

### January 12:

Biopiracy Project in Chiapas, Mexico Denounced by Mayan Indigenous Groups

### February 25:

Suicide Seeds on the Fast Track: Terminator 2 Years Later

#### March 24:

USDA Betrays Public Trust with Two New Terminator
Patents – Will USDA's Biotech Advisory Board Demand
Accountability?

### May 12:

Terminator on Trial: Nairobi Biodiversity Meeting Must Ban
Terminator or Precautionary Principle Will Become PostMortem Critics Warn

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### **News Releases**

### May 17:

<u>The Captain Hook Awards: For Outstanding Achievements in Biopiracy</u>

#### **June 16:**

Cop 5 Cops Out: Despite Mounting Opposition from the Southern Nations, Delegates at the Biodiversity Convention Fail to Ban Terminator

### **July 26:**

<u>Snakes in the GM Grass 7/26/2000: Scotts Says GM Grass</u> <u>Could be Greener with Terminator</u>

### **July 28:**

<u>USDA Refuses to Abandon Terminator Technology: Delta & Pine Land Gets One Step Closer to Commercialization</u>

# **RAFI Genotypes**

1999

#### November 23:

<u>GMO (God May Object) – Unholy Alliance: Corporate Christi</u> at the Vatican

#### November 25:

"Give us this day our Bio-Bread?": U.S. Thanksgiving, 1999

#### December 21:

Pharma-gedon (What do you get when you make a GM cross of Pharmacia-Upjohn and Monsanto?)

#### December 22:

Messages from the Chiapas "Bioprospecting" Dispute

### 2000

### January 4:

<u>Update on Basmati Rice Patent: Controversy Still Steaming</u> over "Counterfeit" Basmati

January 7: AgBiotech's Five Jumbo Gene Giants

#### January 17:

Mexican Bean Biopiracy: US Mexico Legal Battle Erupts over Patented "Enola" Bean

#### March 26:

Decoding the Clinton/Blair Announcement

### April 12:

The Spill-out from CIMMYT's Revised Patent Policy: Oil on Troubled Waters... Or Just a Tempest in a Test-tube?

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# **RAFI Genotypes**

### June 20:

On Golden Pawns: The Golden Rice deal — do the poor get unproven GM rice while Astra Zeneca gets the Gold?

### **July 17:**

Earmarked for Extinction? Seminis Eliminates 2000 Varieties

### August 10:

The Mouse that Roared on Animal Pharm: Canadian Courts
Rule that Mammals can be a Patented Invention

### August 31:

Prisoners and Plowshares: Who will feed the inmates?

### **Other Publications**

### 2000

NGO Position Statement on the Biosafety Protocol; signed by RAFI on January 25 and released to media and delegates at the Biosafety Protocol negotiations in Montréal

Biotalk, Volume 7 Nos. 1 and 2; May 17 and 19, 2000, during the COP 5 in Nairobi

<u>Poster</u> detailing biopiracy amongst the <u>Captain Hook Award</u> recipients, as well as outstanding acts to prevent biopiracy

NGO Statement on Terminator and other GURTs at COP 5; signed by RAFI in May, released to media and delegates at COP 5 in Nairobi

<u>Biotechnology: Under Whose Control?</u> by Hope Shand, in The Hindu Survey of the Environment 2000, pp. 163-170

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**NOTE:** Entries marked by the "†" symbol represent informational interviews that may or may not have resulted in published articles.

### 1999

September; **Tol Blong Pasifik (Canada)**; Patenting People – the Human Genetic Goldrush; by Jean Christie

Sept. 2; **CBC National News (Canada)**; interview with Jean Christie on launch of Canadian public education campaign on genetically modified food

Sept. 2; **Reuters (international)**; interview with Jean Christie on Canadian campaign launch on genetically modified food

Sept. 2; **Grand Prairie Cable TV (Canada)**; panel discussion on genetically modified food; Pat Mooney

Sept. 7; **Financial Times, London (UK)**; Prince firm on rice patent dispute

### 2000

Jan 6; Waters, Vancouver Aquarium (Canada); provided information about biopiracy and intellectual property rights †

Jan 6; **Fortune Magazine (USA)**; provided information and contacts on the labelling of genetically modified food †

Jan 6; **Wall Street Journal (USA)**; provided information about toxic seed dump in Paraguay †

Jan 6; **KEXS Radio, Kansas (USA)**; one hour open line talk show on Terminator, biopiracy and the life industries; invited guest Hope Shand

Jan 7; **CBC Radio, This Morning (Canada)**; provided general information on changes in the life industries, and trends in biotechnology †

Jan 7; Radio Canada, Zone Libre, Montréal (Canada); provided information on biopiracy †

Sept. 11; New Scientist (UK); Operation Eradicate

Sept. 19; **St. Louis Dispatch (USA)**; Biotechnology companies face new foe: the Internet and Critical German report quickly makes its way around the world

Sept. 27; **Financial Times, London (UK)**; Prince firm on rice patent dispute

October; Christian Social Action (USA); Terminator Technology and excerpts from RAFI's book "Enclosures of the Mind"

Oct. 1; San Francisco Chronicle (USA); Monsanto Won't Market Sterile Seeds

Oct. 4-7; **Canadian Public Affairs Channel – TV (Canada)**; four part series on genetically modified food; feature interviews with Jean Christie (frequently re-broadcast)

Oct. 5; Wall Street Journal (USA); Monsanto to Not Commercialize Terminator Gene

Oct. 5; **New York Times (USA)**; Monsanto Says it Won't Market Infertile Seeds (front page) and Stung by Critics, Monsanto Bars Sale of Infertile Seeds

Oct. 5; **CBC Radio - Atlantic region (Canada)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision not to commercialize the Terminator

Oct. 5; **BBC Radio (UK)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision not to commercialize the Terminator

Oct. 5; San Francisco Chronicle (USA); Monsanto Won't Market Sterile Seed

Jan 8; Vancouver Coop Radio (Canada); interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Chiapas biopiracy †

Jan 10; Radio Canada TV (Canada); provided information on human disease gene hunting †

Jan 13; **CBC Radio, This Morning (Canada)**; provided information on Mexican bean piracy †

Jan 14; Macumba International/Télé-Québec (Canada); provided information on biopiracy †

Jan 17; **UNESCO Courier (international)**; provided information about the Terminator campaign †

Jan 21; **BBC Radio (Scotland)**; interview with Hope Shand on life patenting †

Jan 23; NGO press conference, Biodiversity Convention (Montreal, Canada); press conference by NGOs from "Miami Group" countries whose governments opposed the Biosafety Protocol negotiations; participation by Silvia Ribeiro †

Jan 24; **Sud Nord (Italy/EU)**; provided information on genetically modified organisms for an EU documentary †

Jan 25; **The Economist (UK)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro in Montréal on biosafety negotiations †

Jan 25; **NGO Press Conference (Montreal, Canada)**; well attended press conference given by NGO of "Miami Group" countries at Biosafety negotiations; participation by Silvia Ribeiro †

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- Oct. 5; **Environmental News Network (UK)**; Monsanto Puts Terminator Seeds on the Shelf
- Oct. 5; **Manchester Guardian (UK)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 5; **Associated Press (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 5; **Voice of America (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 5; **Libération (France)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 5; **press service (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 6; **Capital Press (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 6; National Public Radio, "Living on Earth" (USA); interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision
- Oct. 6; **The Saratogian, Saratoga Springs, NY (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 6; **Philadelphia Inquirer (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 7; **Environmental News Network (USA)**; one hour open line show with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision
- Oct. 8; MacLean's Magazine (Canada); interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision †
- Oct. 8; **Deutschewelle (Germany)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision
- Oct. 12; Wall Street Journal (USA); A Group Sows Seeds of Revolt

- Jan 25; **CBC Radio (Canada)**; interview with Elizabeth Bravo, Silvia Ribeiro and others, on Biosafety negotiations and the involvement of women
- Jan 25 and 27; **CBC Radio This Morning (Canada)**; interviews with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety and related issues †
- Jan 26; **Le Devoir (Montreal, Canada)**; OGM: le Club Miami veut limiter le droit de refus Un handicap sérieux pour les petits pays
- Jan 26; **Ecoamericas (USA)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 26; **EFE news agency (Spain)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 26; **Montréal Community Radio (Canada)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 27; **Agence France Presse (France)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 27; **CBC (Canada)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 27; Environmental Media Service (USA); interview with Silvia Ribeiro on the Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 28; **CKUT Radio, Montréal (Canada)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 30; **Toronto Globe and Mail (Canada)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †
- Jan 31; National Public Radio Los Angeles "Which Way LA" (USA); interview with Silvia Ribeiro on Biosafety negotiations †

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Oct. 12; **Toronto Star (Canada)**; provided information about Traitor technologies †

Oct. 15; **Agence France Presse (France)**; Critics of genetically altered foods pleased with Monsanto move

Oct. 18; **US News and World Report (USA)**; Seed savers get a break – Monsanto won't sell 'terminator' crops

Oct. 30; **Associated Press (USA/international)**; Government Marketing 'Terminator' Seeds

November; **Diversity vol. 15, no. 3 (USA)**; Terminating the Terminator – Emboldened by Monsanto's Surrender, Coalition of Public Interest Groups Take Demands to USDA Secretary Glickman

November; **Briar Patch Magazine vol. 28, no. 9 (Canada)**; Sowing the Seeds of Discontent – a People's Guide to Genetically Modified Food; by Pat Mooney

November; **Ag Biotech Reporter (USA)**; ACGA, RAFI Denounce USDA Over TPS

Nov. 3; **CBC TV - The Fifth Estate (Canada)**; interview with Pat Mooney for a feature on the biotechnology industry

Nov. 26; **New York Times (USA)**; Biological Products Raise Genetic Ownership Issues

Nov. 30; **media scrum (Seattle/international)**; multiple interviews with Pat Mooney after his presentation to the International Forum on Globalization

Nov. 30; **Belgian National Radio (Belgium)**; interview with Pat Mooney from Seattle, on biotechnology and corporate concentration in agriculture

Nov. 30; **PBS TV, Seattle (USA)**; interview with Pat Mooney on events in Seattle

February; Vamonde Comunicaciones (Spain); sought permission to reproduce RAFI press release on Mexican bean piracy, on BorNet: Red Educativa sobre Ciencias de la Naturaliza †

Feb 18; **Télé Québec (Québec, Canada)**; provided information on biopiracy †

Feb 29; **Der Standard (Vienna, Austria)**; Das sind Junkie Pflantzen

Feb 29; **New York Times (USA)**; New Method of Altering Plants Is Aimed at Sidestepping Critics

March; **The Green Guide (USA)**; "Biopiracy" Raiding our Common Heritage

March; **International Journal**; A global bioprospecting regime: partnership or piracy?

March 1; Native America Calling (Albuquerque, USA); one hour talk show with Hope Shand as guest on human DNA collecting, biopiracy, genetically modified foods, etc. †

March 1; **The Ecologist (UK)**; provided information for upcoming article on the Traitor technologies †

March 1; **London Observer (UK)**; provided information on corporate mergers, and data from February/March Communiqué †

March 2; International Herald Tribune (France); When Did Rice Become Corn?

March 15; CBC Radio Morning Shows (Ottawa, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Yellowknife, Kelowna, Prince George and Edmonton, Canada); separate interviews with Julie Delahanty on the Clinton/Blair human patenting announcement †

March 15; Radio Canada International (international); interview with Julie Delahanty on the Clinton/Blair human patenting announcement †

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December; **Natural Life (USA)**; Monsanto Abandons Terminator Technology

December; **Science Museum of Minnesota (St. Paul, USA)**; exhibit opens citing RAFI material published in Mother Jones, May 1998

Dec. 7; **EFE News Agency (Spain)**; provided information on Chiapas biopiracy story †

Dec, 7; **Mundo Hispanico (USA)**; provided information on Chiapas biopiracy story †

Dec. 7; Atlanta Journal Constitution (USA); Mayans Oppose UGA Research

Dec. 7; **Athens Daily News (USA)**; Professor's Research Pirated, Critics Say

Dec. 8; Macumba International/Télé-Québec (Canada); provided information on biopiracy

Dec. 9; **The Red and Black, Athens, Georgia (USA)** — University of Georgia student newspaper; Mayans Object to Research

Dec. 14; **The Wall Street Journal (USA)**; Raising the Anti: For Those Fighting Biotech Crops, Santa Came Early

Dec. 18; Vancouver Coop Radio (Canada); interview with Pat Mooney on Traitor technology

Dec. 20; **New York Times (USA)**; interview with Pat Mooney on biopiracy †

Dec. 22; **New Zealand Public Radio (New Zealand)**; interview with Pat Mooney on biopiracy

Dec. 23; **BBC Radio (UK)**; interview with Pat Mooney on Seattle protests, and mergers in the life industry

March 15; **CBC "Daybreak" (Montréal, Canada)**; interview with Julie Delahanty on the Clinton/Blair human patenting announcement †

March 15; **CBC Radio Evening News (Canada)**; interview with Julie Delahanty on the Clinton/Blair human patenting announcement †

March 15; **St. Louis Post-Dispatch (USA)**; Clinton, Blair Implore Firms to Share Findings on Life Project; They Want Genome Work to Aid Humanity, Not Profits

March 20; **Télé Québec (Québec, Canada)**; interview with Julie Delahanty for two documentaries: Red Gold and Green Gold for broadcast in Canada, France, Germany and Switzerland †

March 20; Wall Street Journal (USA); Mr. Proctor Patents a Legume, But Is It a Mexican Old Timer?

March 20, **Wall St. Journal (USA)**; U.S. Patent Ignites Fracas Over Frijoles

March 21; **The Denver Post (USA)**; Litigation sprouts up over claim to invent bean

March 21; **The Rotarian (USA)**; interview with Julie Delahanty on Human Genome Diversity, and patenting †

March 21; **Wild Duck Review (USA)**; Interview with Julie Delahanty about Biopiracy and commerce of the Human Genome †

March 24, **Earth Vision Reports (USA)**; Suicide Seeds on the Fast Track, with reference to RAFI's Web site

March 26; **The Boston Globe (USA)**; Biotech Leaders, Foes Come to Town †

March 26; **Boston Phoenix (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on biotechnology †

March 30, **Wall Street Journal (USA)**; interview with Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro about a toxic seed dump in Paraguay †

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Dec. 28; **Danish Public Radio (Denmark)**; interview with Pat Mooney on changes and mergers in the biotech industry

April, 2000, **Natural Life (USA)**; Human genetic diversity goes commercial

April, 2000; The Green Guide (USA); Story on Biopiracy

April 2, **The Observer (UK)**; Junkie' GM Gene Threat to Third World Farmers

April 6; Nature Magazine (UK); Cereal Gene Bank Accepts Need for Patents...

April 7; **KCRW Public Radio, (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on biotechnology †

May 7; Raleigh News & Observer (USA); Profits are the Motive, not People

May 8; **BBC (UK)**; interview with Hope Shand on biopiracy and life patenting †

May 9; **ABC News, (UK)**; interview with Hope Shand on biopiracy †

May 24; **New York Times (USA)**; The Slippery Slope of Patenting Farmers' Crops

Summer 2000; **Earth Island Journal (USA)**; Return of the Terminator

June 13; **WUNC-FM (USA)**; radio interview with Hope Shand about GMOs †

June 27; **Newsday (USA)**; interview with Julie Delahanty on the human genome †

June 30; **The Toronto Star (Canada)**; The Other Genome Project

July 31; **Time Vol 156 No 5 (Canada)**; Grains of Hope August 2000, **Canadian Speeches**; Clashing visions fuel hot GM food debate

Aug 4; Washington Post (USA); Monsanto Offers Patent Waiver on Rice Altered to Fight Illness

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Aug 4; **The New York Times (USA)**; Monsanto Plans to Offer Rights to its Altered-Rice Technology

Aug 4; **Science (USA)**; USDA to Commercialize Terminator Technology

Aug 5; International Herald Tribune (Neuilly-sur-Seine, France); A Gift From Monsanto: Genetically Altered Rice

Aug 11, **thecrimson ONLINE (USA)**; Harvard Wins Patent for Mice in Canada

Aug 17; **New York Times (USA)**; U.S. Food Companies See Little Biotech Backlash

Aug 18; **The Toronto Star (Canada)**; Campus Mice Scampering North Work for Dupont

Aug 29; **National Public Radio (USA)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro regarding Chiapas bioprospecting †

**NOTE:** Entries marked by the "†" symbol represent informational interviews that may or may not have resulted in published articles.

### 1999

Oct. 5; Inter Press Service (international); Cheers for Monsanto's Reversal on Terminator

Oct. 8; **South African Broadcasting (South Africa)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision

Oct. 27; Inter Press Service (international); Environment-Rights: Citizens Groups Increase Power Worldwide

Dec. 15; **SCOPE Pakistan/Coalition Against Desertification Listserver**; Terminator Terminated? (RAFI press release)

During December, we know that **La Jornada**, **in Mexico City** carried a special feature on the Gene Giants, which extensively cited RAFI materials, and drew heavily on the RAFI Communiqué by that name. Coverage of RAFI also appeared in the newspapers **Novedades**, **La Jornada**, **El Universal in Mexico**, and in **Estesur magazine**.

### 2000

Jan 27; **Notimex (Mexico)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro in Montréal on the Biosafety negotiations †

Jan 28; **press briefing (Montréal)**; briefing with Silvia Ribeiro for Spanish speaking media at the Biosafety negotiations in Montréal †

Jan 28; Inter Press Service (Mexico/international);
Developing World Fights for Control Over Genetic Resources

Feb 2; Inter Press Service/COMTEX Newswire (international/Mexico); Biotechnology: Critics Fear New Treaty

Feb 2; **El Pais (Uruguay)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro about biopiracy and biosafety †

Feb 4; La Jornada (Mexico); Saqueo de la riqueza herbolaria

Feb 20; **La Jornada (Mexico)**; Es falso que se busque patentar la herbolaria: CFS

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Feb 18; **Africa News (Tanzania)**; 'Terminator'; Technology And A Dilemma Of Farmers In Tanzania

Feb 24; Inter Press Service (Mexico/international); Trade: Environmental Protection Runs Up Against Free Trade

March 1; **Veja Magazine (Brazil)**; interview with Hope Shand for an article on Monsanto †

March 13; Inter Press Service (Penang, Malaysia); Consumer Groups Press for Mandatory Labelling of GM Food

March 24; **Africa News**; USDA Betrays Public Trust with Two New Terminator Patents

April 2000; Third World Resurgence – Publication of the Third World Network (Penang, Thailand); RAFI Genotype: Decoding the Clinton/Blair Announcement, as well as the Wild Duck Review article as a separate feature article for their mailing list

April 1; **O Globo (Brazil)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro and Pat Mooney about biotechnology †

April 3; Argentinean Network Against Transgenics (Buenes Aires, Argentina); interview with Pat Mooney about transgenics †

April 10; La Jornada del Campo, (Mexico DF, Mexico); a biodiversidad como materia prima del desarollo de la biotecnología y la piratía del conocimiento indígena

April 13; **Africa News**; Oil on Troubled Waters... Or just a Tempest in a Test-tube?

April 24; **La Jornada (Mexico DF, Mexico)**; Censuran la decisiùn del Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maìs: Patentat·n la propiedad intelectual de investigaiones

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May 16; Third World Network Website (Thailand); Corporate Claims to End Terminator Seeds Belied

May 19; **Africa News**; The Captain Hook Awards For Outstanding Achievements in Biopiracy

June 8; **The East African**; Scientists in Africa call for GM moratorium; also appeared in

terminatorseedwatch@egroups.com

June 8; **El Universal (Mexico DF, Mexico)**; interview with Silvia Ribeiro on biopiracy †

June 8; COMTEX Newswire; Suspend GM Crops for 5 Years

June 9; Radio UNAM (Mexico DF, Mexico); interview with Silvia Ribeiro on biopiracy †

July 9; La Jornada (Mexico DF, Mexico); Capitán Garfio 2000: Tres menciones a Mexico en premio a la "biopiratería"

July 28; La Jornada (Mexico DF, Mexico); Espera Semarnap firmar acuerdos con comunidades indígenas

Aug 10; **La Jornada (Mexico DF, Mexico)**; Aclaración sobre una inserción pagada de la Semarnap

Aug 14; La Jornada (Mexico DF, Mexico); Nuestros recursos, nuestro saber, inalienables

Aug 15; **La Jornada (Mexico DF, Mexico)**; El anuncio de Seminis provocara caida dramatica de granos tradiocionales: RAFI

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RAFI contributed substantially to 50 workshops, seminars, conferences or briefings, in nine countries in the South, and seven in the North.

### 1999

Sept. 1; **Ottawa (Canada)**; Council of Canadians national strategy session for campaigning on issues related to genetic engineering; participation by Jean Christie and Julie Delahanty

Sept. 6-8; **Cambridge (England)**; World Seed Conference; guest speaker Pat Mooney

Sept. 7; **Cambridge (England)**; Seeds of Resistance (counter conference to the World Seed Conference); guest speaker Pat Mooney

Sept. 8-15; **Maastricht (Netherlands)**; FAO/Netherlands Conference on the Multifunctional Character of Agriculture and Land; participation on RAFI's behalf by Patric Mulvany

Sept. 9-10; **Montréal (Canada)**; Forum International de Montréal; invited participant at an international conference to consider the role of civil society organizations in the multilateral system; Jean Christie

### 2000

Jan 12-13; **Mexico City, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro participated in a meeting of Mexican NGOs to plan a response to Chiapas biopiracy case

Jan 24-28; **Montréal, Canada**; Silvia Ribeiro and Julie Delahanty participated in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Biosafety Protocol meeting

Jan 25; **Montréal, Canada**; Silvia Ribeiro chaired the NGO meeting of the "Miami Group" of governments opposing the Biosafety Protocol

Jan 25; **Montréal, Canada**; Silvia Ribeiro met with the Uruguayan delegation (Miami Group) at the CBD Biosafety Protocol meeting to discuss negotiations

Jan 26; **Montréal, Canada**; Silvia Ribeiro met with the Peruvian delegation at the CBD Biosafety Protocol meeting to discuss negotiations

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Speaking Engagements, Workshops and Briefings

- Sept. 14; **Wageningen (Netherlands)**; Agricultural University of Wageningen; seminar by Pat Mooney
- Sept. 16; **Mulheim (Germany)**; Global Forum on Agricultural Research; speaker Pat Mooney
- Oct. 6-10; **Blue Mountain, NY (USA)**; Blue Mountain Meeting; international strategy meeting on biotechnology; participation by Pat Mooney, Silvia Ribeiro
- Oct. 16; **Hamilton (Canada)**; McMaster University Ontario Public Interest Research Group, "Attack of the Corporate Tomatoes" conference by Jean Christie
- Oct. 20-23; **Washington (USA)**; World Bank meeting on biotechnology; participation by Hope Shand
- Oct. 25-26; **Egham, Surrey (UK)**; Keystone Biotechnology meeting; Pat Mooney
- Oct. 27; **Washington (USA)**; briefing for US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, on the Terminator patent, by 10 civil society representatives; Hope Shand
- Oct. 28; **Washington (USA)**; joint press conference with 7 other organizations, on Terminator technology; participation by Hope Shand
- Nov. 13; **Kitchener/Waterloo (Canada)**; Global Community Centre 25th Anniversary Conference on Multinationals and Biodiversity; panel presentation by Jean Christie
- Nov. 15; Winnipeg (Canada); University of Winnipeg seminar on biotechnology and biopiracy; Pat Mooney
- Nov. 30; **Seattle (USA)**; International Forum on Globalization; presentation to an audience of 7000 on Traitor technology and bio-warfare; by Pat Mooney

- Jan 27; **Montréal, Canada**; Silvia Ribeiro chaired a second NGO meeting with the "Miami Group of governments opposing the Biosafety Protocol"
- Jan 31 Feb 4; **Montréal, Canada**; Silvia Ribeiro and Julie Delahanty participated in the SBBSTA V meeting
- Feb 10-13; **Toronto, Canada**; Julie Delahanty participated in the Conference on Women and the New Genetics and contributed an article to the conference proceedings
- Feb 11-12; **Oaxaca, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro offered a workshop on genetically modified organisms to the Bioprospecting & Biopiracy seminar attended by 30 NGOs
- Feb 20-22, **Singapore**; Julie Delahanty offered a workshop on biopiracy to RAFI partners of the South East Asian Anti-Biopiracy Programme
- Feb 22-25; **Singapore**; Julie Delahanty acted as a Technical Advisor to the ASEAN's (Association of South East Asian Nations) working group drafting regional legislation on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources
- Feb 23; **Mexico City, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro met with NGOs and academics to plan Mexico's anti-biopiracy strategy
- Feb 23; **Mexico City, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro offered a workshop to UNAM students doing fieldwork in Chiapas
- Feb 25-28; **Penang, Malaysia**; Julie Delahanty held meetings about bioprospecting with the Third World Network and Pesticides Action Network
- March 9; **Maryland, USA**; Hope Shand assisted in coordinating expert witnesses and offered a testimony to the Legislative Committee on Environmental Affairs, at a Hearing on legislation that would ban the Terminator in Maryland

Dec. 8; **Washington (USA)**; meeting organized by Ralph Nader's "Public Citizen" with Robert Shapiro, CEO of Monsanto; participation by Hope Shand

March 15-16; **La Paz, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney gave four presentations on the ETC Century at a seminar for NGOs and academics, as well as a public presentation in the evening — with much media coverage

March 4-26; **Boston, USA**; Hope Shand participated in the Biodevastation IV conference, where she gave a speech entitled "Update on Terminator Technology", and offered two workshops, one on "Globalization of the Life Industry", the other "Update on Terminator Technology"

March 6-29; **California, USA**; Hope Shand gave a speech entitled "Optimal Genetic Diversity" at a conference called "Soil, Food and People"

April 1; **Porto Alegre, Brazil**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro held a workshop with EMATER (Extension Service of the Secretary of Agriculture of the State Government) and the Agriculture Department of Rio Grande de Sol regarding biotech trends and biodiversity

April 2; **Porto Alegre, Brazil**; Pat Mooney was a keynote speaker at the Farmers' Biodiversity Fair (with participation of 50 farmers' associations — 15,000 people)

April 2; **Porto Alegre, Brazil**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro had an information session with the Centro Ecologico and the Landless Peasants' Movement

April 3; **Buenes Aires, Argentina**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro attended the public presentation of the RAFI-supported LA regional website, **www.biodiversidadla.org** 

April 3; **Buenes Aires, Argentina**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro held an information session with members of the Argentinian Congress, the Medical Association, the Pharmaceutical Association, NGOs and GM soybean producers

April 3; **Buenes Aires, Argentina**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro held further briefings with INASE (National Seed Institute) and CONABIA (of the Ministry of Agriculture) and the Secretary for Sustainable Development and Environment Policy

April 3; **Buenes Aires, Argentina**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro had an information session with the Network on GMOs (REDAST), and offered an evening public presentation on GMOs

April 25; **Sucre, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney gave a presentation on the ETC Century to NGOs

April 26; **Santa Cruz, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney gave presentation on the ETC Century to NGOs

May 11; **Geneva, Switzerland**; Silvia Ribeiro participated in a public debate on new technologies organized by the IUF (International Union of Farmers)

May 14; **Geneva, Switzerland**; Silvia Ribeiro held information sessions with the IUF and the WCC (World Council of Churches)

May 15; **Stockholm, Sweden**; Pat Mooney presented a paper on the socio-political impact of new technologies on agricultural biodiversity and food securities at a seminar of the Swedish Development Forum

May 15-26; **Nairobi, Kenya**; Julie Delahanty and Silvia Ribeiro participated in and offered a workshop at COP V, where they also presented the first annual Captain Hook Awards for outstanding examples of biopiracy or acts to prevent it

May 16-20; **Dresden, Germany**; Pat Mooney presented papers to the NGO preparatory meetings, offering analysis about the context and issues to be addressed by the Global Forum on Agricultural Research

May 17-21; **Dakar, Senegal**; Hope Shand was a resource person for an international meeting of the Pesticide Action Network

May 21-23; **Dresden, Germany**; Pat Mooney participated in GFAR-2000 Conference, offering an alternative vision for an international research agenda

May 21-27; **Dresden, Germany**; Pat Mooney participated in and monitored the CGIAR Mid-Term Meeting

June 1-2; **La Paz, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney was a panellist with Bolivian Government officials in a public discussion on new agricultural technologies

June 15: **Sucre, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney provided information on new biotechnologies at an in-service training program for the Society of Agricultural Engineers

June 15; **Chiapas, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro provided a briefing on bioprospecting to the Council of Traditional Indigenous Midwives and Healers of Chiapas

June 17; **Chiapas, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro briefed representatives of ECOSUR (Mexico) and researchers of the University of Georgia (US) on bioprospecting in Mexico

June 18; **Chiapas, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro participated in the Annual General Meeting of the Mexican umbrella group of indigenous peoples, ICGB-Maya, where discussion focused on the research project in Chiapas

July 19-24; **Managua, Nicaragua**; Silvia Ribeiro acted as a resource person to the Central American regional meeting of farmer representatives working on issues of plant breeding

July 22-23; **Iowa, USA**; Pat Mooney participated in the Seed Savers Annual Retreat

August 3-4; **Mexico City, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro spoke about biopiracy and the protection of indigenous rights to 100 indigenous leaders at a conference organized by CENAMI

August 18, **Oaxaca, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro assisted in a participatory analysis of strategic genetic resources.

August 19, **Sierra Juarez near Oaxaca, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro acted as a resource person in a "Forum on Globalization and Natural Resources"

Sept 14-15, **Mexico City, Mexico**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro gave a presentation at a conference on "Bioprospecting or Biopiracy? – Biodiversity, Farmers' and Indigenous Rights" organized by CECCAM, CASIFOP, and RAFI

Sept 19-20, **Chiapas, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro gave a workshop at a seminar on bioprospecting — the National Indian Institute

Sept 24-27, **Bangalore, India**; "Bija Panchayat — Seed Tribunal" Hope Shand gave a presentation on "New Threats from the Gene Giants"

Sept 28, **Ottawa, Canada**; Julie Delahanty participated in the Canadian Biosafety Consultations

Oct 6, **Mexico DF, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro participated as an international observer in a meeting with the Mexican Environmental Ombudsman about a legal challenge of a bean patent by UNAM-Diversa

Oct 12, **Des Moines, USA**; Hope Shand gave a presentation at the World Food Prize Symposium with the theme of "The Role of GM Foods for the Developing World"

Oct 23-27, **Washington, USA**; Five RAFI staff participated in the CGIAR International Centres' Week, where a CGIAR policy on patenting and CGIAR restructuring were both debated

Oct 24-27, **Georgia, USA**; Pat Mooney and Silvia Ribeiro attended a conference of the Foundation on Ethnobiology, specifically to raise concerns about bioprospecting in Mexico

Nov 7, **Mexico DF, Mexico**; Silvia Ribeiro participated in a follow-up meeting to the Sept 14-15 seminar: "Bioprospecting or Biopiracy? – Biodiversity, Farmers' and Indigenous Rights"

Nov 12-17, **Neuchâtel, Switzerland**; Silvia Ribeiro participated in a FAO Contact Group on the International Undertaking on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Nov 16-24, **Stockholm, Switzerland**; Silvia Ribeiro gave a presentation at a seminar on World Trade, organized by the Swedish Society for the Conservation of Nature

Nov 20-25, **Rome, Italy**; Julie Delahanty participated in a WHO meeting on Public/Private Sector Partnerships

Nov 27, **Ottawa, Canada**; Pat Mooney participated in the Canadian Biotech Advisory Committee Meeting

Nov 29, **Cochabamba, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney met with NGOs to discuss the future biotechnologies at the Agricultural University

Dec 15, **La Paz, Bolivia**; Pat Mooney spoke about Intellectual Property Rights at the Organic Exporters' Fair, with a public evening presentation on biotechnology

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