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Dear all

Re are format for the workshop I think I mentioned the plan is to have the morning session devoted to RNAi, with the afternoon session pretty much structured the same as our first workshop on NPBTs.

I have asked [REDACTED] to give an overview of RNAi and its applications in plants, which means I am now after "volunteers" to take on some of the other techniques for the afternoon session [REDACTED] – you have probably already anticipated we might request this). The idea would be for each of you to take responsibility for preparing a short presentation (ie 5-10 minutes) on one of the techniques – give a bit of an overview of the technique itself, and its applications. This is mainly to assist us in our discussion of each technique and get to the question of whether derived food products should be regarded as GM foods or more like conventional foods.

We have three techniques up for grabs – agro-infiltration, accelerated breeding following early flowering, and then we thought we'd also pick up on some of the other targeted mutagenic techniques that wont covered in the first workshop (e.g. TALENs, meganucleases, and possibly also CRISPR RNA guided Cas9 cleavage). We will be able to provide relevant background information and papers if you think this will be helpful.

As a tentative suggestion I was thinking that [REDACTED] could do early flowering, [REDACTED] could take on the other nucleases and [REDACTED] could take on agro-infiltration – but feel free to make other suggestions if you would prefer one of the other techniques. We also have, as a back up, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] so if for whatever reason you didn't think you would be able to prepare a talk then we can probably ask one of them to pick it up.

So, is this OK?

I'm starting to put together a workshop programme and agenda for the day and hope to circulate this in a couple of weeks.

Thanks & Regards
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