Fake websites, fake emails - new tactics in the fight against science

Beware. The underhanded elements of the anti-GM world are now impersonating scientists and companies in the electronic media.

A few weeks ago I received a frantic email from a plant scientist I know needing advice. I'll give details soon.

In general, he was the organizer for a plant biology conference where transgenic (GMO) plants were part of the discussion. Activists bought a URL similar to the conference URL, using a corresponding email account, using his name in an attempt to defame him.

They wrote fraudulent emails with harmful content. The idea was to cause harm to his reputation and the conference. Several emails were sent that may impact his career, and certainly they have caused him substantial grief.

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