

## Creator of Golden Rice weighs in on the continuing debate

(Summary)

Ingo Potrykus, chairman of the Golden Rice Humanitarian Board and former professor of plant sciences at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, developed Golden Rice in the 1990s along with Peter Beyer, professor of cell biology at the University of Freiburg. Since then, Golden Rice has been under constant attack by environmental activist organizations such as Greenpeace, who are staunchly against any genetic modification in agriculture.

In an interview with *New Scientist* writer Andy Coghlan, Potrykus weighs in on the Golden Rice debate, commenting on long term goals for the project, its potential usefulness to developing countries and recent events such as UK Secretary of Environment Owen Paterson's recent harsh criticisms of anti-GMO activists.

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