

## Nobel Laureate Richard Roberts: protesting GM crops is a 'crime against humanity'

Nobel Laureate Richard J. Roberts said that protesting the use of genetically modified crops is a "crime against humanity" while speaking at a plenary lecture at the Indian Institute of Information Technology.

Roberts, who won the Nobel Prize for physiology or medicine in 1993, made a "forceful case" for GM crops, saying that they are needed "to at least take care of vitamin and other deficiencies in the developing world." He specifically called out Golden Rice, the GM strain that contains beta-carotene, a molecular precursor to vitamin A.

He also stressed the need for scientists to create awareness among the public and for politicians to create awareness about the scientific facts behind GMOs.

"There is need for more science in politics and less politics in science."

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