Anti-GMO activists' attempt to stage circus debate on GMOs at Cornell University flops—but not before they spread misinformation

In poking through my Twitter feed I find a curious post. It is being circulated that I agreed to do a debate, but then backed out.

What?

[T]o read online that I was invited to a debate and then backed out was quite surprising.

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Turns out that it starts from that guy in Ithaca that is obsessed with legitimizing his anti-GMO crusade. He has been harassing people on Facebook for some time.

Apparently he and Jonathan Latham... organized a debate, only didn't bother to actually extend real invitations to me, Jon Entine or Karl Haro von Mogel, of course, saying that they did, and that we won't show.

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...if you want me to come to any event that requires travel... you ... can't organize something next week...

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...if you want me to attend a debate, you need to let me know first. USRTK and others have made sure that my email address, phone number and address are plastered all over the web, so don't say you can't find me!

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Turns out,... Latham... put an "invitation", ...in the comments section of a September 2, 2016 blog post on September 26... ...nine days before the event...



J Latham September 26, 2016 at 8:45 AM

Dr Folta, We have organised a panel discussion on Cornell University campus (Oct 5th at 7pm) to debate GMOs in agriculture. However, no one at Cornell University has yet come forward to present the pro-GMO side. As a regular speaker and PhD scientist you would be perfect. Please come if you have time in your schedule. Thank you. Jonathan

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...The anti-GMO movement can't discuss evidence...

All they have left is to create fake events, like this "debate" or the upcoming Monsanto Tribunal...

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...[T]his topic needs honest debate... Karl, Jon and I ... [are] willing to take part in such events, provided there was an actual invitation and... reasonable advanced notice.

The GLP aggregated and excerpted this blog/article to reflect the diversity of news, opinion and analysis. Read full, original post: Fake Debates, Bogus Tribunals—Hallmarks of a Lost Argument