

Voice of the Farmers event counterpoint to faux Monsanto tribunal

The [activist-organized, mock 'Monsanto Tribunal'] isn't about Monsanto at all, but about stifling tools like genetic engineering, and agricultural chemicals like herbicides and insecticides that help farmers. The public generally doesn't realize that the lobby against technologies like genetic engineering fuels unscientific bureaucracy, ... and keeps benefits of these tools from the farmers who need them.

Opponents of the Monsanto Tribunal want to make this clear, and have organized [a counter-event](#) on October 14th, also at The Hague. The Voice of the Farmers event intends to explain "why agri-tech is essential for farming and to address concerns about modern agriculture before the fear-mongers have their little political show-trial." The event will feature remarks from Indian cotton farmer Ganesh Nanote, Hawaiian papaya farmer's daughter Joni Kamiya ... with additional comments from farmers all over the world who have made submissions online.

The Voice of the Farmers is being arranged by David Zaruk, who is *The Risk-Monger* blogger and EU risk and science communications specialist...

"This seems like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have at least a dozen unethical fear-mongering opportunists in one room," says Zaruk of the tribunal's steering committee. ... "[I]t would be irresponsible to not stand up to them..."

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