

# WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT GMO SAFETY



## THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

*“No effects of human health have been shown as a result of the consumption of GM foods by the general population in the countries where they have been approved.”*

20 Questions on Genetically Modified Foods, 2013



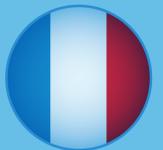
**ANGELA MERKEL**, German Chancellor  
*“Scientific opinions have confirmed time and again to the Commission that the cultivation of approved GM products is of no scientific concern.”*



Wahlen 2014, LVZ-Online, 20.05.2014



**FRANCOIS HOLLANDE**, French President (2012 - present)  
*“Green biotechnology is able to develop new molecules of high added value.”*



30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sofiproteol group, 2013



## ITALIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL GENETICS

*“GMOs on the market today, having successfully passed all the tests and procedures necessary to authorization, are to be considered, on the basis of current knowledge, safe to use for human and animal consumption.”*

Consensus Document on Food Safety and GMOs (by 14 Italian scientific societies), 2004



**THE FRENCH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**  
*“All criticisms against GMOs can be largely rejected on strictly scientific criteria.”*

Report on GMO plants, 2002



**DAVID CAMERON**, Prime Minister of the UK  
*“I think it is time to look again at the whole issue for GM food. We need to be open to arguments from science.”*



The Telegraph, June 2013



## THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

*“The main conclusion to be drawn from the efforts of more than 130 research projects, covering a period of more than 25 years of research, and involving more than 500 independent research groups, is that biotechnology, and in particular, GMOs, are no more risky than conventional plant breeding technologies.”*

A Decade of EU-funded GMO Research (2001-2010), 2010



## THE UNION OF GERMAN ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

*“In consuming food derived from GM plants approved in the EU and in the USA, the risk is in no way higher than in the consumption of food from conventionally grown plants. On the contrary, in some cases food from GM plants appears to be superior in respect to health.”*

Are There Health Hazards for the Consumer from Eating Genetically Modified Food?, 2006



**ANNE GLOVER**, Chief Scientific Adviser, European Commission (2012-end of 2014)

*“I am 99.99 percent certain, from the scientific evidence, that there are no health issues with food produced from GM crops. Just about every scientist I know supports this view. Opposition to GM, and the benefits it can bring, is a form of madness.”*

Interview in Scotsman, September 2013



## EASAC (24 EUROPEAN ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE)

*“Controversies about the impact of genetically modified (GM) crops have too often been based on contested science or have confounded effects of the technology with the impact of agriculture per se or changes in agronomic practice.”*

Planting the future: opportunities and challenges for using crop genetic improvement technologies for sustainable agriculture, June 2013



## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE

*“Currently available genetically modified crops – and foods derived from them – have been judged safe to eat, and the methods used to test them have been deemed appropriate.”*

Biotechnology Fundamentals, 2011



## SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

*“Based on long term observations and many scientific studies, no negative health effects from commercially used GM crops are verifiable.”*

Swiss National Research Programme, 2012



## VATICAN'S PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

*“There is a moral imperative to make the benefits of GE technology available on a larger scale to poor and vulnerable populations who want them and on terms that will enable them to raise their standards of living, improve their health and protect their environments.”*

Journal New Biotechnology, November 2013

