



## AGENDA

### NOVEL FOODS: what we should know in order to make informed choices (genetically modified foods and organic foods)

17 November 2005, "Rodopi" Hall, InterExpo Center, Sofia, Bulgaria

- 08:30 – 09:00      Registration
- 09:00 – 09:05      Opening  
**Daniela Tchonkova**, *project co-ordinator, ARC Fund*
- 09:05 – 09:25      Presentation of the project "Empowering civil society – GMO and consumer protection" – main outcomes, issues and consumer recommendations generated in the course of the project implementation  
**Denitsa Marinova**, *ARC Fund*
- 09:25 – 09:35      National Plan for development of organic farming, 2006 – 2013  
**Milena Nikolova**, *expert, "Rural Development" Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry*
- 09:35 – 09:45      Bulgarian GMO legal framework  
**Svetlana Boyanova**, *Bulgarian International Business Association*
- 09:45 – 09:55      Achievements, forthcoming initiatives and expectations in the field of Bulgarian GMO legal framework  
**Dr. Galya Tonkovska**, *expert, "Biodiversity" Department, Ministry of Environment and Waters*
- 09:55 – 10:05      Novel foods and consumer choices  
**Iveta Minkova**, *Bulgarian Consumers Association*
- 10:05 – 10:15      Science supports consumers: steps towards development of informed society  
**Dr. Nevena Alexandrova**, *AgroBioInstitute, Bulgarian Biotechnology Information Center*
- 10:15 – 10:25      Certification of organic production: the guarantee for consumers  
*representative of "BioCert" company*
- 10:25 – 10:35      Control of genetically modified products and foods  
*representative of "SGS" company*
- 10:35 – 10:45      PCR analysis for food products control and identification  
**Dr. Maya Kitcheva**, *manager, "BioSystems Ltd."*



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- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 : 11:25 Contribution of NGOs in response to the consumer requirements on food safety  
**Svetla Nikolova**, “Blue link” – *Civil Environmental Gateway to Bulgaria*
- 11:25 – 11:35 Representative of the media (*title pending*)  
**Galya Starbeva**, *author of the awarded movie “The novel foods”, Nova Television*
- 11:35– 11:45 Biotechnology Information Center “INFOgene”  
**Dr. Armin Spoek**, *Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture, Graz, Austria*
- 11:45 – 11:55 Romanian framework concerning to GMOs  
**Dr. Valeria Gagliu**, *Head of Microbiology Laboratory, Institute of Foodbioresources, Romania*
- 11:55 – 13:00 Discussion
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

### Participants in the “Exhibition corner”

“**Bioselena**” – stand with certified organic products with degustation

“**BlueLink**” – printed materials

“**BioSystems Ltd**” – poster

**AgroBioInstitute** – printed materials, poster

Promotion of projects relevant to the conference topics: “**Quality Meat**” project, “**ERA Environment**” project