



Wonbit conference June 21-23/ 2007

Women on Biotechnology, Scientific and Feminist approaches

Aula Convegni CNR Centro Nazionale Ricerche, Auditorium Frentani - Roma

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THURSDAY 21.06

AULA CONVEGNI CNR, PIAZZALE ALDO MORO 7

14.00 - 15.00 Registration

15.00-16.00 Greetings and welcome
(Ministry of Equal Opportunities), (Ministry of Research), (Ministry of Health), **Ekaterina Charvalos** (European Commission), **Annamaria Simonazzi** ("G. Brodolini" Foundation), **Flavia Zucco** ("Donne e Scienza" Association)

Opening: Laura Balbo
(Former Minister of Equal Opportunities, University of Padua, Italy)

An introduction to the debates: Wendy Harcourt
("G. Brodolini" Foundation, Society for International Development, Italy)
"Heading blithely down the garden path? Some entry points into current debates on women and biotechnologies"

16.00-16.30 Break

Women scientists in biotechnological research

Chairperson: Flavia Zucco
(CNR, "Donne e Scienza" Association)

16.30-17.00 Elena Cattaneo
(Centre for Stem Cell Research, University of Milan, Italy)
"Women in science: advanced juggling techniques"

17.00-17.30 Teresa Rees
(Cardiff University, UK)
"Women's careers in academic and industrial research"

17.30-18.00 Nancy Hawkins
(Simon Fraser University, Canada)
"Women in Academia; perspectives from Canada"

Selected papers

18.00-18.15 Branca Nikolic
(University of Belgrade, Serbia)
"Role of open discussion about possibilities and usefulness of collecting and preserving cord blood stem cells after delivery",

18.15-18.30 Katalin Bartok
(Babeş Bolay University, Romania)
"Biodiversity of Romania- stressed by the transgenic cultures?"

18.30-18.45 Georgina Kosturkova
(Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria)
"Women's contribution to plant biotechnology in the institute of genetics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences"

18.45-19.15 Discussion and debate



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FRIDAY 22.06

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Bodies, cultures, scientific metaphors

Chairperson: Francesca Molfino

("Donne e Scienza" Association, Italy)

9.30-10.00 Sarah Franklin

(BIOS Institute London School of Economics, UK)

"Transbiology: the cyborg embryo and feminist politics"

10.00-10.30 Barbara Duden

(University of Hannover, Germany)

10.30-11.00 Elena Gagliasso

(University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy)

"Dividual beings and neoteny"

11.00-11.30 Break

Selected papers

11.30-11.45 Manuela Perrotta and Silvia Gherardi

(University of Trento, Italy)

"The organizational construction of the body in the assisted reproductive technologies"

11.45-12.00 Alexandra Plows

(Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, Cardiff University, UK)

"Egg donation in the UK; Tracing Emergent Networks of Feminist Engagement"

12.00-12.15 Katherine Harrison

(Birbeck University of London, UK)

"What's in a name? The importance of nomenclature in biotechnology"

12.15-13.00 Video-session:

Trish Adams

(Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland, Australia)

"Something Quite 'Other' ": the 'machina carnis' art/science collaborative project"

Catherine Fargher and Terumi Nariushima

(Wollongong University, Australia)

"Laboratory and Biotechnology as Metaphor in Hybrid Arts Practice"

Eleonora Oreggia

(Independent Artist, Netherlands)

"Booting"

Nikole Pruckermayr

(Graz University of Technology, Austria)

"the skin... and space..."

Ruby Sircar

(Graz University of Technology, Austria)

"SNARKing"

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Environmental effects of biotechnologies

Chairperson: Heidi Diggelmann

(Former President FNS Suisse, Switzerland)

14.00-14.30 Qamar Rahman

(Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow University, India)

"Designed nanoparticles: boon or bane for human life"

14.30-15.00 Giovanna Di Chiro

(Mount Holyoke College, U.S.A.)

"Seeking the new biotechnological Fix?:

Toxicogenomics research and environmental Justice policy in the United States"

15.00-15.30 Suman Sahai

(Gene Campaign, India)

"Biotech innovations impacting family food systems in rural areas"

15.30-16.00 Maria Julia Oliva

(UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative, Switzerland)

"Trade, intellectual property and agricultural biotechnology: key links and considerations from a sustainable development perspective"

16.00-16.30 Break

Selected papers

16.30-16.45 Susanne Uusitalo

(University of Turku, Finland)

"Affective implications of GM food on social and individual integrity: an ethical approach"

16.45-17.00 Fabienne Crettaz von Roten and Elvita Alvarez

(University of Lausanne, Switzerland; University of Geneva, Switzerland)

"Women's perceptions of biotechnologies: the case of genetically modified foods"

17.00-18.00 Poster session

20.00 Social Dinner

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SATURDAY 23.06

AUDITORIUM FRENTANI, VIA DEI FRENTANI 4

Facing impact: society and biotechnologies

Chairperson: Annamaria Simonazzi

(University of Rome "La Sapienza", "G. Brodolini" Foundation, Italy)

9.30-10.00 Marsha Tyson Darling

(Adelphi University, U.S.A.)

"Gender and Justice in the gene age: the challenge of reproductive and genetic biotechnologies"

10.00-10.30 Elettra Ronchi

(OECD, France)

"Seeking a seat at the policy table: engaging women in biotechnology policy and decision-making"

10.30-11.00 Amalia Bosia

(University of Turin, Italy)

"Risks and benefits from biotechnology for health"

Selected papers

11.00-11.45 Lucia Martinelli and Floriana

Marin

(IASMA Research Center, Italy)

"An holistic approach to face plant gene transfer technique: from laboratory to society"

11.15-11.30 Judit Beres

(The Hungarian Congenital Malformation Registry and National Rare Disease Surveillance)

"Classical and molecular epidemiology of non infectious and some infectious diseases important for Roma public health"

11.30-11.45 Judit Acsády - Zoltán Ferencz -

Anna Vári

(Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary)

"Perception and attitudes towards biotechnology in Hungary"

11.45-12.00 Break

12.00-13.30

"Insatiable curiosity. Innovation in a fragile future"

Round Table

Moderator: Sylvie Coyaud

(Scientific journalist, Italy)

Judit Acsady (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary)

Laura Balbo (Former Minister of Equal Opportunities, University of Padua, Italy)

Elisa Molinari (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy)

Suman Sahai (Gene Campaign, India)

Gillian Youngs (University of Leicester, UK)

Flavia Zucco (CNR, "Donne e Scienza" Association, Italy)

Final Remarks: Heidi Diggelmann

(Former President FNS Suisse, Switzerland)