



## Agricultural Biotechnology for a Competitive and Sustainable Future

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The annual Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference (ABIC), sponsored by Teagasc, provides a unique forum where the latest scientific advances in agricultural biotechnology are presented, and where future directions of agricultural biotechnology are highlighted and discussed.

The theme of ABIC 2008 is *Agricultural Biotechnology for a Competitive and Sustainable Future*. At a time when global agricultural production (e.g. of food, feed, fibre, fuel) faces very significant challenges due to rising demand, rising prices and population increases, the ABIC 2008 meeting will provide the details on how agricultural biotechnology R & D will continue to significantly impact sustainable social and economic development over the coming years.

The goal of ABIC 2008 is to provide a stimulating forum for delegates to learn about the latest cutting-edge scientific advances in agricultural biotechnology research. The conference facilitates world-leading authorities on agricultural biotechnology research to present their latest research advances and future directions, across 12 parallel and 2 plenary sessions. Session themes include:

- Agbiotech: The sustainability challenge facing society (plenary session)
- Biofuels and bioenergy biotechnology research
- Marine & algal biotechnology
- Crop breeding, genetics & genomics
- Domestic animal breeding, genomics & biotechnology
- Role of agbiotech innovation for national and international competitiveness
- Seed, fruit & reproductive plant biotechnology
- Molecular pharming in plants & animals
- The future of plant genetic engineering
- Ag-biotech regulations, rules & perceptions
- Functional foods, nutrition, nutraceuticals & bioactives
- Agricultural biotechnology & developing countries
- Food & dairy agricultural biotechnology

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