



A special note to our readers:

### Information Systems for Biotechnology Program to End

After twenty years of serving the agricultural and environmental biotechnology research community, the National Biological Impact Assessment Program (NBIAP) grant was not included in the Federal appropriations budget this year. Although the National Biological Impact Assessment Program funding is in the proposed Federal budget for 2009, we do not know at this point if that funding will be authorized. Of course, without continued funding, the ISB program will terminate. Please be assured, however, that we are tirelessly working toward the reinstatement of the NBIAP grant. The many letters of support received from our readers over the years continue to be very helpful in that regard.

Through two decades, ISB has provided informational resources to researchers, educators, regulators, and the public to assist in the safe application of agricultural biotechnology. Through the monthly News Report, the greenhouse containment guide, conferences and symposia, field test and other databases, and the web site, ISB has endeavored to be an impartial and unbiased resource on the current use of agricultural biotechnology and on the biosafety and risk assessment considerations of transgenic organisms.

Regardless of the outcome, we at ISB would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our program over the last twenty years. We hope we have provided a valuable service that has been useful and informative to the agbiotech community.

With our sincere thanks,

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