

## The Future of Plant Biotechnology in Europe – Emerging Technologies and Policy Making

A SEMINAR DAY ORGANIZED BY PLANT LINK, MISTRA BIOTECH AND PARTNERSHIP ALNARP

Europe has adopted restrictive policies on genetically modified crops. This restrictiveness has partly been dictated by a prevailing skepticism among the general public and NGOs. As a consequence the cultivation of genetically modified crops has remained limited in Europe. Still, several research groups continue to develop crops with new traits, refine breeding technologies, and develop new ways to improve crop properties with the help of biotechnology. But what are the future prospects for these projects and which is the way forward?

This seminar day will give insight on current plant biotech research in Europe, legislative processes, new technologies and farmer and public acceptance. The day will provide good possibilities to discuss the future for plant biotechnology in the EU.

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012, THE CRAFOORD HALL, ALNARP

- 09:30 **Coffee**
- 10:00 **Welcome from the organizers**
- 10:10 **Experience with GMOs in Spain, the first country in Europe cultivating Bt-maize**  
- Dr. Pere Puigdomènech<sup>1</sup>
- 10:40 **Risk assessment of GM crops within EFSA and experience of GM field trials at Rothamsted Research** - Prof. Huw Jones<sup>2</sup>
- 11:10 **The Amiga project: Assessing and monitoring the impacts of genetically modified plants on agro-ecosystems** - Dr. Tina d'Hertefeldt<sup>3</sup>
- 11:40 **Lunch**
- 13:00 **Emerging techniques** - Dr. Marie Nyman<sup>4</sup>
- 13:30 **Risk assessment and regulation of new breeding techniques**  
- Dr. Frank Hartung<sup>5</sup>
- 14:00 **Policy of Federation of Swedish Farmers on GM plants** - Jan Eksvärd<sup>6</sup>
- 14:30 **Coffee**
- 15:00 **Public acceptance of different biotech and GM-technologies**  
- Prof. Sven Ove Hansson<sup>7</sup>
- 15:30 **Panel discussion**
- 16:30 **Closing**

Register by filling in the form [here](#) before October 22<sup>nd</sup>



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*There is no cost for participation. Coffee and lunch are free to those that register, but will be charged to those who do not attend and fail to cancel their registration. If you have any questions please contact Erik.Alexandersson@slu.se or Anna.Lehrman@slu.se.*

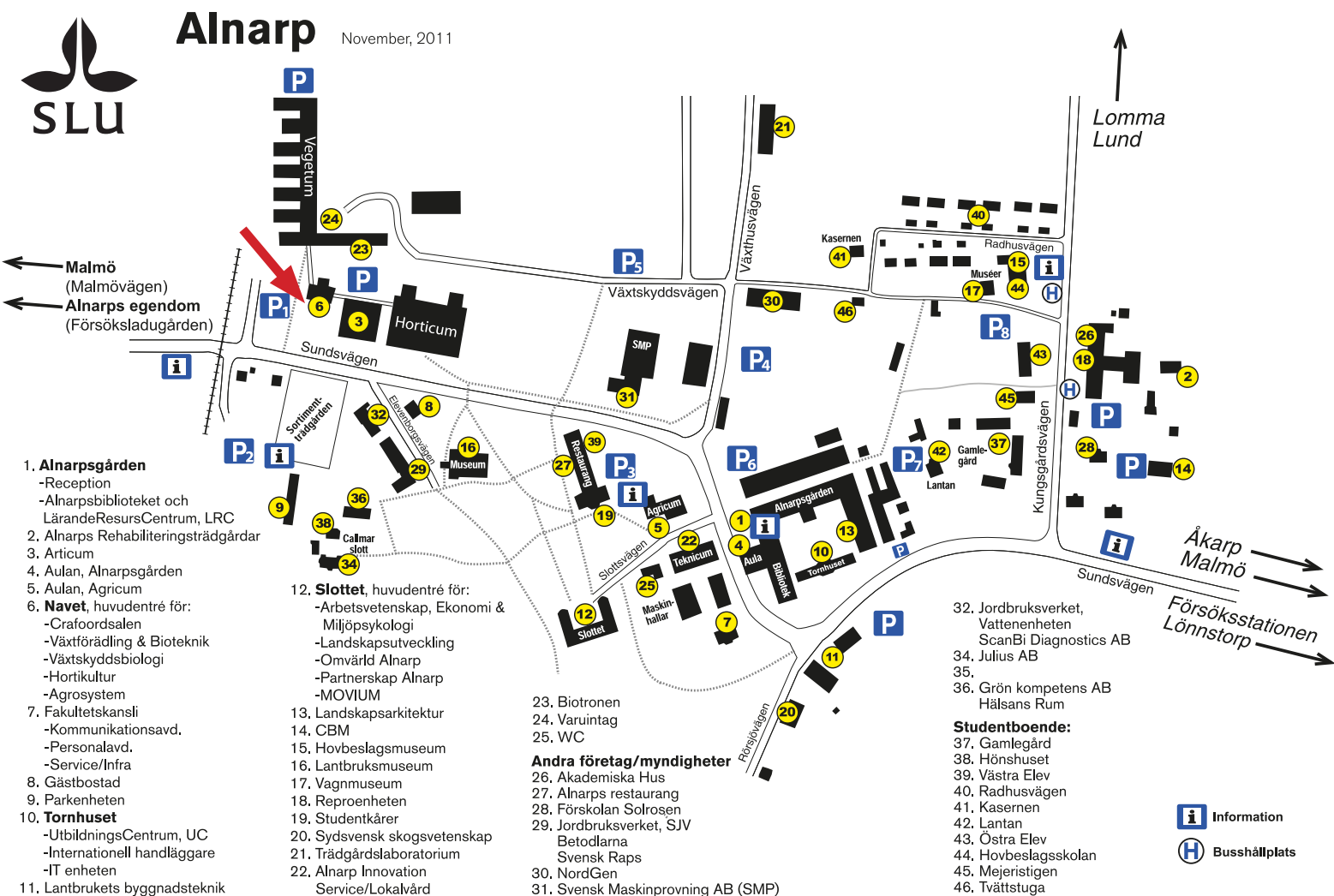
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**Train:** The closest railway station is in Åkarp. From there it is an easy walk (about 2 km)

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