

PSI 2009 Side-Event
"Access and benefit sharing of Genetic Resources in the Pacific"

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8h15: Wellcome and introduction talk by George Henderson, Minister of environment, French Polynesia

8h30: Welcome and introductions, goals of the Event; David Schindel (Smithsonian Institution), Eric Clua (CRISP)

Session 1: Legal Framework (Chair - Davies)

9h00: Current issues in International Intellectual Property Rights; Paul Uhler, National Research Council

9h15: International intellectual property Law on biotechnology and its relationship with biodiversity, Mickaël Macé and Bleuenn Guilloux, University of Nantes

9h30: Legal aspects of traditional knowledge, Carole Martinez, IUCN France

9h45: Pacific concepts of property ownership and implications for biodiversity research, Bruno Saura, UPF

10h00 - 10h30: coffee break

Session 2: ABS Legislation in the Pacific (Chair - Debitus)

10h30: The law of the protection and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in the Pacific

Presentation of the results of the Law project of component 2C (biodiversity and marine natural products) of the CRISP program: "legal aspects of use and benefits of natural marine resources"; Jean-Pierre Beurier, University of Nantes

11h30: ABS and Mega-diverse Developing Countries; Perry Ong, Director, Institute of Biology, University of the Philippines, Diliman

11h45: ABS in Melanesia - Legal aspects related to marine bioprospection in Melanesia: example of Fiji, Salomon and Vanuatu Islands; Bleuenn Guilloux, CDMO, University of Nantes

12h00: lunch break

Session 3: Research and ABS (Chair - Beurier)

13h30: Access and Benefit Sharing and the Convention on Biological Diversity: Perspectives from Non-Commercial Research; David Schindel, Smithsonian Institution

13h45: Intellectual Property issues associated with genetic resources and natural product development; Janna Tom, Univ. California Office of Technology Transfer

Session 4. Case Study – Moorea Biocode (Chair – Schindel)

14h15: Aspects of the Moorea Biocode Project; Sabine Brels, University of California Berkeley Gump Station

14h30: Panel Discussion (Biocode Consortium)

- Tea Frogier and Jean-Yves Meyer, French Polynesia Research Department
- Paula Meyer, Emmanuelle Gindre, French Polynesia Environment Department
- Len Hirsch, Smithsonian Institution
- Neil Davies, UC Berkeley Gump Station
- Hinano Teavai-Murphy, Association Te Pu Atitia

15h15 - 15h45: coffee break

15h45: Open discussion

17h00: Session adjourns