

Introduction: Session 1: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) In Controlled Environments

The general perception in the UK is that working with organisms that have been genetically modified is easier in North America than Europe. The assumption is that the legislation is more relaxed and that the constraints imposed upon researchers are less exacting.

The first two speakers, Dann Adair and Paul Logan, provided overviews of the legislation in North America and Europe, so that two systems could be compared and contrasted.

Dann Adair and the third speaker, Steve Millam, provided an insight into working within the legislations as a facility manager and a researcher respectively. It is clear that the *modus operandi* for both is ultimately very similar. The problems and solutions to containing organisms within controlled environments result in very similar facilities and operating procedures.

The panel for the discussion comprised the above speakers plus Julian Franklin (IACR Rothamsted, Harpenden, UK) and Richard Denis (Agritechnove, St Anselme, Canada).