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**Subject:** FW: ISGP Interview Request: Sustainable Agriculture: The Role of Plant Breeding Innovation

Dear [REDACTED]  
Thank you very much for your email concerning the forthcoming Sustainable Agriculture: The Role of Plant Breeding Innovation (SA:RPBI), your invitation and request for an interview.  
As the subject of your conference is plant breeding innovation, the information on this issue is already available on our website. For the same reason we cannot give interviews at this point in time.  
In particular I would like to inform you that the Council has requested the Commission to submit "a study on the status of new genomic techniques in light of the Court of Justice's judgement in Case C-528/16 and under Union law". (Council Decision (EU) 2019/1904). We are presently working on this and the process is outlined on the Commission website  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/modern\\_biotech/new-genomic-techniques\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/gmo/modern_biotech/new-genomic-techniques_en).

Finally our schedule is rather heavy and present circumstances will not alleviate this. We therefore have to decline our participation in your conference end of June  
However, if you so wish, we are happy to receive the outcome.  
We thank you very much for your understanding, hope the above is useful to you and wish you a successful conference.  
*Kind regards,*

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** ISGP Interview Request: Sustainable Agriculture: The Role of Plant Breeding Innovation

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope this email finds you well! I am contacting you based on your expertise in biotechnology and food safety.

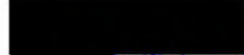
My name is [REDACTED] and I am [REDACTED] at the Institute on Science for Global Policy, a non-partisan not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that does not express opinions nor lobby on any issue. The ISGP was created to address the growing challenges associated with obtaining an accurate understanding of evidence-based scientific options critical in effective private sector and governmental regulatory decisions. The ISGP was founded by [REDACTED] former Science & Technology Adviser to U.S. Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. For more information, please refer to the attached background information on the ISGP, and the website: <http://scienceforglobalpolicy.org/>.

With support from the American Seed Trade Association and Euroseeds, the ISGP is organizing a conference focused on **Sustainable Agriculture: The Role of Plant Breeding Innovation (SA:RPBI)** to be convened June 23-25, 2020, in Brussels, Belgium. This invitation-only conference will be conducted under the Chatham House Rule (i.e., material from the meeting can be used by participants, but no attribution to who said anything can be made) and will assemble key stakeholders and subject-matter experts from across the scientific, technological, private sector, governmental, and public advocacy communities within the European Union and United States. The ISGP-SA:RPBI conference seeks to identify evidence-based options and real-world opportunities consistent with the perspectives and priorities of credible stakeholders and subject-matter experts.

The unique debate/caucus format pioneered by the ISGP over the last decade begins with extensive interviews with domestic and international stakeholders and subject-matter experts. If you are interested and available, I would like to arrange for a member of the ISGP staff to interview you at a mutually convenient time to learn your views on the current realities and priorities pertaining to innovation in plant breeding and sustainable agriculture. This interview would be treated in the same not-for-attribution manner as in all ISGP conferences.

Please let me know if you have any questions! I greatly appreciate your time and interest, and look forward to hearing back from you!

Sincerely,



Institute on Science for Global Policy

