

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES OF TRANSGENIC CROPS. Kathrin Schirmacher, Christina D. DiFonzo, Karim Maredia, and James J. Kells, Graduate Student, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, Professor, Institute of International Agriculture, Professor, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1325.

A field site was established in 2005 as a hands-on component of several short courses organized by the Institute of International Agriculture at Michigan State University. The site consisted of demonstration plots in which different conventional crops were planted side-by-side with their transgenic counterparts. All of the participants in the courses took part in a GMO detection activity using rapid field testing methods. Plots and activities were designed to foster discussion on various topics ranging from regulatory, environmental, agronomic, and health issues. Participants came from countries worldwide and included professionals with varying levels of familiarity with transgenic crops. Participants discussed the adoption of transgenic crops in their countries.