

# RAFI's Impact: 1999

## RAFI Publications, Media Coverage, and Outreach

The following records provide a crude measure of RAFI's outreach, and by extrapolation, of RAFI's impact during 1999. Though no replacement for quantitative indicators, these lists - of *RAFI Communiqués*, News Releases, and *GenoTypes* - provide a thumbnail sketch of the issues RAFI has addressed over the year, and the publications we have released about them. The later summaries (of media contacts and coverage in the North and South, and of speaking engagements and other events where RAFI's research was disseminated) provide additional measures of RAFI's contact with the public. Lastly, a summary of RAFI's electronic information services illustrates the dramatic increase dissemination of RAFI's research and publications via the internet. Because we have conducted a periodical search for media references in North America, the media coverage we know about is significantly skewed in favour of North America. Media impact in the South and Europe is almost certainly under-represented on this list. Known citations of RAFI material in academic journals have not been included, because we have not monitored these publications systematically. We do know, however, that RAFI is quoted frequently in a wide range of scientific, legal and other specialized publications. We also know that RAFI material is further distributed, as it appears, on several well subscribed listservers, including GRAIN's "BIO-IPR Resource Pointer", and the Global Forum on Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security.

### RAFI Communiques 1999

By the end of 1999, print copies of the *RAFI Communiques* were mailed to about 850 subscribers, in 88 countries. Three issues of the *Communique* were published during the year. They are:

- **January/February:** *Traitor Technology - The Terminator's Wider Implications*
- **March/April:** *The Gene Giants - Masters of the Universe?*
- **November/December:** *Phase II for Human Genome Research - Human Genetic Diversity Enters the Commercial Mainstream*

**RAFI News Releases 1999:**

By the end of 1999, RAFI News Releases and *GenoTypes* were sent in English to an electronic mailing list of 2,600, and in Spanish to over 500 subscribers. Titles of News Releases and *GenoTypes* in 1999 were as follows:

- **January 27:** *Terminator Seeds - Genetic Seed Sterilization is "Holy Grail" for Agricultural Biotechnology*
- **February 16:** *Legal "Terminator" Threatens Francophone Africa's Farmers / Un "Terminator" juridique menace les cultivateurs franco-africains*
- **March 7:** *Monsanto - Handled with CARE?... or, CARE - Handled with Monsanto?*
- **March 8:** *Monsanto Behind Legislation to Regulate Open Pollinated Seed*
- **March 29:** *Traitor Technology - "Damaged Goods" from the Gene Giants*
- **April 28:** *Terminator Technology Selected as one of Project Censored's Top Under-reported News Stories*
- **May 29:** *Call for Seed Sovereignty Ban on Terminator Patents*
- **June 18:** *Montreal Meeting of the Biodiversity Convention Must Move to Stop the GURT Hurt*
- **June 21:** *It's "The Real Thing" in Paraguay - the folks that brought you the Terminator are now dumping Originator toxic seeds on farmers' fields*
- **June 25:** *Traitor Resolutions*
- **June 28:** *Biodiversity Convention's Terminator Decision Fails Biodiversity and Fails Farmers*
- **September 3:** *World Seed Conference: Shrinking Club of Industry Giants Gather for Wake or Pep Rally?*
- **October 4:** *Terminator Terminated? Monsanto surrenders "suicide seeds" but continues work on other Traitor Technologies*
- **October 29:** *USDA Must Abandon Terminator Technology*
- **November 26:** *"Trait" Sanctions?*
- **November 26:** *Biopiracy Project in Chiapas, Mexico Denounced by Mayan Indigenous Groups*

**RAFI GenoTypes 1999:**

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- **February 24:** *Plant Breeder's Rights Threaten Farmers / Les États de l'Afrique francophone ne sont pas au diapason de l'OUA et des autres pays africains*
- **April 12:** *Australia's Unresolved Plant Piracy Problems*
- **April 14:** *Ohio Withdraws Monsanto's Anti-Farmer Bill to Regulate Open-Pollinated Seed Cleaners*
- **May 19:** *TRIPS Traps for Small Farmers*
- **July 2:** *Siege on Genetically Modified Organisms*
- **August 20:** *RAFI Contributes to Human Development Report 1999*
- **November 23:** *GMO (God May Object) - Unholy Alliance-Corporate Cristi at the Vatican*
- **November 25:** *"Give us this day our Bio-Bread"? U.S. Thanksgiving, 1999*
- **December 21:** *Pharma-gedon (What do you get when you make a GM cross of Pharmacia-Upjohn and Monsanto?)*
- **December 22:** *Messages from the Chiapas "Bioprospecting" Dispute*

#### Other Publications 1999

- **Creators and Conservers of Diversity;** a full-colour wall map depicting the relationships between cultural diversity and biodiversity; produced jointly by RAFI and the Indigenous Peoples' Biodiversity Network (April, 1999)
- *Cultural and Spiritual Values of Biodiversity;* includes article entitled **Rural societies and the logic of generosity;** by Jean Christie and Pat Mooney (UNDP 1999)
- *What is Terminator Technology?;* a brochure for government and NGO briefings (June, 1999)
- *Special issue of Biotecnologia Aplicada,;* includes the Spanish translation of an article entitled **Agricultural biodiversity and food security;** by Hope Shand (Cuba, 1999)
- *1999 Human Development Report;* extensive use of material provided by RAFI, in chapter on technology (UNDP, 1999)
- *1999 Canadian Development Report;* extended reference to RAFI in chapter entitled "Fighting Hunger" (North South Institute, 1999)

#### RAFI Media Relations and Coverage in the North 1999:

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Note: *Entries in italics* refer to known media coverage on the dates indicated. Un-italicized entries are for media contacts made on the date indicated, the results of which have not been confirmed.

- **January; Gardener's Supply Catalogue, Vermont (USA);** *cover story, press release and insert on Terminator technology (linked to RAFI website)*
- **January; Alternatives (USA);** *Saving Seeds: farmers and gardeners are best hope for protecting what remains of food plant diversity*
- **Jan. 1; National Public Radio - Science, Year in Review (USA);** (transcript no. 99010101-211) *review of Terminator technology debate*
- **Jan. 9; WARM-AM radio, Pennsylvania (USA);** *call-in radio program "Duelling Gardeners", on Terminator technology; guest Hope Shand*
- **Jan. 19; CBC National Television "Country Canada" (Canada);** *provided information on Monsanto contracts, and suggestions for feature on Monsanto/farmer legal disputes*
- **Jan. 21; Nature vol. 397 (UK);** *letter "Luddites must not block progress in genetics"*
- **Jan. 27; Art Bell radio talk show / syndicated to 243 radio stations (USA and Canada);** *1 hour interview with Pat Money, and open line show on the Terminator technology*
- **Jan. 27; radio interview Gainesville (USA);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- **Jan. 27; radio interview Oklahoma City (USA);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- **Jan. 27; radio interview Seattle (USA);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- **Jan. 27; radio interview St. Louis (USA);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- **Jan. 27; radio interview Winnipeg (Canada);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- **Jan. 27; "MAI Not" electronic mailing list (Canada);** *Alert! Serious Spectre of Suicide Seed Patents (re-issue of RAFI press release)*
- **Jan. 28; KPFK Radio "Up for Air" (Los Angeles, USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Terminator technology*
- **February; 60 Minutes (USA);** *provided information on Terminator technology, Monsanto-grower agreements and legal pursuit of growers*
- **February; CNN Business News (USA);** *provided information on Terminator technology and Monsanto-grower agreements*

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- February; **Gene Letter, vol. 3, issue 2 (USA)**; *The Double Jeopardy of IPR*
- February; **Natural Life (USA)**; *Monsanto considers terminating terminator*
- Feb. 1; **Time, vol. 153, no. 4 (USA /international)**; *The Suicide Seeds*
- Feb. 2; **Washington Post (USA)**; *Sowing Dependency or Uprooting Hunger*
- Feb. 3; **Washington Post (USA)**; *Gene Police Raise Farmers' Fears*
- Feb. 4; **Washington Post (USA)**; *Farmers Accused of Piracy in a Landmark Gene Case; Producer of Seeds Charges They are Misused*
- Feb. 4; **Washington Post/International Herald Tribune (France/international)**; *Farmers Accused of Piracy in a Landmark Gene Case; Producer of Seeds Charges They are Misused*
- Feb. 4-5; **Alex's Restaurant internet cartoon strip - Nandotimes (USA)**; two cartoon strips on terminator technology
- Feb. 5; **National Public Radio, Boston (USA)**; *interview with Edward Hammond on Terminator technologies*
- Feb. 8; **National Public Radio and 25 radio stations (USA)**; *interview with Edward Hammond on the Terminator technology, and debate with Delta and Pine Land*
- Feb. 10; **Inter Press Service (international)**; *Agriculture: Seed Giants Increase Sterile Technology*
- Feb. 15; **KTNU-FM, Boulder Colorado (USA)**; *interview with Hope Shand on Terminator*
- Feb. 16; **CKCU Radio, Ottawa (Canada)**; *interview with Jean Christie on Terminator technology*
- Feb. 17; **CBC Radio , Winnipeg (Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- Feb. 17; **Le Monde (France)**; *L'avenir du commerce des produits génétiquement modifiés se joue a Cartagène*
- Feb. 18; **CNN Business News (USA)**; *story on Terminator technology, including images from RAFI website*
- Feb. 18; **Casper Wyoming Star Tribune (USA)**; *interview with Edward Hammond on Terminator technology*
- Feb. 19; **"Wild Oats" organic grocery chain (USA)**; *Terminator alert sent to listserver of 35 000 people (with link to RAFI website)*

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- Feb. 20; **National Post (USA)**; *Terminator Gene Trips Alarms*
- Feb. 20; **WHYN FM, Springfield, MA (USA)**; *interview with Hope Shand on Terminator*
- Feb. 20; **The Irish Times (Ireland)**; *Dark Harvest of the Suicide Seed*
- Feb. 21; **The Observer, London (UK)**; *Monsanto Saw Secret EU Document and US Biotech Firm Under Fire in Europe: Hundreds of Farmers Face Legal Action Over Genetic Copyright*
- Feb. 22; **KPFA Pacifica Radio, San Francisco (USA)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- Feb. 23; **Stanford University Alumni Magazine (USA)**; *interview with Edward Hammond on human tissue sampling*
- Feb. 23; **FM Radio station, Adrian, MI (USA)**; *interview with Edward Hammond on the Terminator*
- Feb. 23; **Sueddeutsche Zeitung (Germany)**; *Samen-Piraten auf der Spur*
- Feb. 26; **CBC Radio (Charlottetown, Halifax, Québec City, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver, BC interior, Canada)**; *separate interviews with Pat Mooney on the Terminator*
- Feb. 26; **CBC Morning (Winnipeg, Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on the Terminator*
- Feb. 26; **CCIC Flash (Canada)**; *Right to Save Seed in Poor Countries May be Eliminated*
- Feb. 26; **Popular Science (USA)**; *research interview on human tissue sampling*
- Feb. 27; **Manitoba Television Network (Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on the Terminator*
- Feb. 28; **Winnipeg Free Press (Canada)**; *Farmers hear horror story of neutered seed*
- March; **Peace and Environment News, Ottawa (Canada)**; *"Improving" Nature and Threatening Our Food*

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- **March 1; CKUT Radio, Montreal (Canada);** *interview with Hope Shand on the Terminator*
- **March 3; KPFA Pacifica Radio (San Francisco, USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on the Terminator*
- **March 3; BBC “The Money Show” (UK);** *interview with Hope Shand on the Terminator*
- **March 3; National Public Radio (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on the Terminator*
- **March 3; CONUS TV (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Terminator*
- **March 11; Nature (UK);** *Africa Splits Over Bar to Plant Patents*
- **March 11; Winnipeg Free Press (Canada);** *U of M lands crop lab*
- **March 12; Le Monde (France);** *La sterilisation végétale, nouvelle arme biologique*
- **March 24; KBOO Radio, Portland, Oregon (USA);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator technology*
- **April; Harper’s (USA);** *The Green Machine: Is Monsanto Sowing the Seeds of Change, or Destruction?*
- **April; National Film Board, Montreal (Canada);** *interview with Pat Mooney on RAFI's work and the issues RAFI addresses*
- **April 6; Eye Magazine, Toronto (Canada);** *provided information on genetically engineered food*
- **April 6 ; CBC TV “Fifth Estate” (Canada);** *provided research material on food industry consolidation, and genetically engineered crops in agriculture*
- **April 9; The Western Producer (Canada);** *interview with Jean Christie on farmer-company “technology use agreements” for genetically engineered crops*
- **April 11; The Washington Post (USA);** *Variety, the Vanishing Crop*
- **April 19; The New York Times (USA);** *Plant Sterility Inflames Debate on Biotech’s Role in Farming*
- **April 22; WNYC Radio “On the Line”, New York (USA);** *live call in show on Terminator, with Hope Shand*

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- April 23; **Saskatoon Star Phoenix (Canada)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto's gene police and bioserfdom
- April 23; **St. Louis Post Dispatch (USA)**; *Monsanto will wait for studies of disputed new gene technology*
- April 23; **UNESCO Courier (international)**; provided information on Terminator technology and Farmers' Rights
- April 23; **NGO News Release (Italy/international)**; *Governments Terminate Farmers' Rights to Seeds?*
- April 24; **The Washington Post (USA)**; *Crops for the Future*
- April 29; **Biotechnology Forum (Canada)**; interview with Jean Christie on Biosafety Protocol
- May 7; **CCIC Flash (Canada)**; *report on RAFI's Project Censored award*
- May 9; **CBC TV Newsworld (Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on genetically modified crops*
- May 12; **Manitoba TV Network (Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on corporate concentration in agriculture*
- May 13; **The Observer, London (UK)**; provided information about human gene hunting
- June; **Natural Life (USA)**; *Over two dozen suicide seed patents are registered*
- June 3; **CBC Radio "Land and Sea" (Canada)**; interview with Pat Mooney on corporate concentration in agriculture
- June 17; **CJAD Radio, Montreal (Canada)**; *40 minute open line radio program on genetically modified food with Jean Christie as guest*
- June 23; **CBC Radio, Montreal (Canada)**; *interview with Jean Christie on SBSTTA and Terminator debate*
- July 1; **CBC Radio One, The World at 6 (Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on Terminator*
- July 1 - 8; **The Mirror, Montreal (Canada)**; *Death to the Suicide Seed*
- July 2; **The Independent (London, UK)**; *Philippines: the seeds of life*



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- July 5 ; **BBC World Service (UK/international)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on CBD SBSTTA and Terminator*
- July 20; **New Scientist (UK)**; provided information and contacts on Monsanto legal case against Saskatchewan farmer
- July 23; **Documentary Channel - TV (UK)**; provided information on genetically modified crops in India; the Terminator; and Paraguay toxic seed dump
- August; **World Council of Churches Echoes, vol. 15, 1999 (international)**; *TRIPS - Trap or Dice? Gambling with World Food Security*; by Pat Mooney
- Aug. 12; **Canadian Press Wire Service (Canada)**; provided information and contacts in North America and Europe on health effects of genetically modified food
- Aug. 12-13; **Canadian Business (Canada)**; provided information on corporate concentration in agriculture
- Aug. 16; **New York Times (USA)**; provided information on Terminator, biosafety, and biological warfare
- Aug. 16; **CNN (USA)**; provided information on Monsanto
- Aug. 16; “**Quarks and Quarks**”, **CBC Radio National (Canada)**; provided information on agricultural biotechnology and the Third World
- September; **Tol Blong Pasifik (Canada)**; *Patenting People - the Human Genetic Goldrush*; by Jean Christie
- Sept. 2; **CBC National News (Canada)**; *interview with Jean Christie on launch of Canadian public education campaign on genetically modified food*
- Sept. 2; **Reuters (international)**; *interview with Jean Christie on Canadian campaign launch on genetically modified food*
- Sept. 2; **Grand Prairie Cable TV (Canada)**; *panel discussion on genetically modified food*; Pat Mooney
- Sept. 7; **Financial Times, London (UK)**; *Prince firm on rice patent dispute*
- Sept. 11; **New Scientist (UK)**; *Operation Eradicate*

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- **Sept. 19; St. Louis Dispatch (USA);** *Biotechnology companies face new foe: the internet and Critical German report quickly makes its way around the world*
- **Sept. 27; Financial Times, London (UK);** *Prince firm on rice patent dispute*
- **October; Christian Social Action (USA);** *Terminator Technology and excerpts from RAFI's book "Enclosures of the Mind"*
- **Oct. 1; San Francisco Chronicle (USA);** *Monsanto Won't Market Sterile Seeds*
- **Oct. 4-7; Canadian Public Affairs Channel - TV (Canada);** *four part series on genetically modified food; feature interviews with Jean Christie (frequently re-broadcast)*
- **Oct. 5; Wall Street Journal (USA);** *Monsanto to Not Commercialize Terminator Gene*
- **Oct. 5; New York Times (USA);** *Monsanto Says it Won't Market Infertile Seeds (front page) and Stung by Critics, Monsanto Bars Sale of Infertile Seeds*
- **Oct. 5; CBC Radio - Atlantic region (Canada);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision not to commercialize the Terminator*
- **Oct. 5; BBC Radio (UK);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision not to commercialize the Terminator*
- **Oct. 5; San Francisco Chronicle (USA);** *Monsanto Won't Market Sterile Seed*
- **Oct. 5; Environmental News Network (UK);** *Monsanto Puts Terminator Seeds on the Shelf*
- **Oct. 5; Manchester Guardian (UK);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 5; Associated Press (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 5; Voice of America (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 5; Libération (France);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 5; press service (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 6; Capital Press (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 6; National Public Radio, "Living on Earth" (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- **Oct. 6; The Saratogian, Saratoga Springs, NY (USA);** *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*

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- Oct. 6; **Philadelphia Inquirer (USA)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision
- Oct. 7; **Environmental News Network (USA)**; *one hour open line show with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- Oct. 8; **MacLeans Magazine (Canada)**; interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision
- Oct. 8; **Deutschewelle (Germany)**; *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- Oct. 12; **Wall Street Journal (USA)**; *A Group Sows Seeds of Revolt*
- Oct. 12; **Toronto Star (Canada)**; *provided information about Traitor technologies*
- Oct. 15; **Agence France Presse (France)**; *Critics of genetically altered foods pleased with Monsanto move*
- Oct. 18; **US News and World Report (USA)**; *Seed savers get a break - Monsanto won't sell 'terminator' crops*
- Oct. 30; **Associated Press (USA/international)**; *Gov't Marketing 'Terminator' Seeds*
- November; **Diversity vol. 15, no. 3 (USA)**; *Terminating the Terminator - Emboldened by Monsanto's Surrender, Coalition of Public Interest Groups Take Demands to USDA Secretary Glickman*
- November; **Briar Patch Magazine vol. 28, no. 9 (Canada)**; *Sowing the Seeds of Discontent - a People's Guide to Genetically Modified Food; by Pat Mooney*
- November; **Ag Biotech Reporter (USA)**; *ACGA, RAFI Denounce USDA Over TPS*
- Nov. 3; **CBC TV - The Fifth Estate (Canada)**; *interview with Pat Mooney for a feature on the biotechnology industry*
- Nov. 26; **New York Times (USA)**; *Biological Products Raise Genetic Ownership Issues*
- Nov. 30; **media scrum (Seattle/international)**; *multiple interviews with Pat Mooney after his presentation to the International Forum on Globalization*
- Nov. 30; **Belgian National Radio (Belgium)**; *interview with Pat Mooney from Seattle, on biotechnology and corporate concentration in agriculture*
- Nov. 30; **PBS TV, Seattle (USA)**; *interview with Pat Mooney on events in Seattle*
- December; **Natural Life (USA)**; *Monsanto Abandons Terminator Technology*

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- **December; Science Museum of Minnesota (St. Paul, USA);** *exhibit opens citing RAFI material published in Mother Jones, May 1998*
- **Dec. 7; EFE News Agency (Spain);** provided information on Chiapas biopiracy story
- **Dec. 7; Mundo Hispanico (USA);** provided information on Chiapas biopiracy story
- **Dec. 7; Atlanta Journal Constitution (USA);** *Mayans Oppose UGA Research*
- **Dec. 7; Athens Daily News (USA);** *Professor's Research Pirated, Critics Say*
- **Dec. 8; Macumba International/Télé-Québec (Canada);** provided information on biopiracy
- **Dec. 9; The Red and Black, Athens, Georgia (USA) - University of Georgia student newspaper;** *Mayans Object to Research*
- **Dec. 14; The Wall Street Journal (USA);** *Raising the Anti: For Those Fighting Biotech Crops, Santa Came Early*
- **Dec. 18; Vancouver Coop Radio (Canada);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Traitor technology*
- **Dec. 20; New York Times (USA);** *interview with Pat Mooney on biopiracy*
- **Dec. 22; New Zealand Public Radio (New Zealand);** *interview with Pat Mooney on biopiracy*
- **Dec. 23; BBC Radio (UK);** *interview with Pat Mooney on Seattle protests, and mergers in the life industry*
- **Dec. 28; Danish Public Radio (Denmark);** *interview with Pat Mooney on changes and mergers in the biotech industry*

### **RAFI Media Relations and Coverage in the South - 1999**

- **Jan. 27; Financial Post Daily (Karachi, Pakistan);** *Suicide Seeds threaten 1.4 Billion Farmers in S. Asia*
- **Feb. 13; The Independent (India);** *Are genetically engineered seeds to kill the farmers?*
- **Feb. 16; Inter Press Service (international);** *North and South Face Off Over Genetic Engineering*
- **Feb. 18; Africa News Service (Africa);** *Legal "Terminator" Threatens Francophone Africa's Farmers*

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- Feb. 25; **Africa News Service (Africa)/ Inter Press Service (international)**; *Francophone African OAPI States Out-of-Step with OAU*
- March 5; **Inter Press Service (international)**; *Small Farmers' Seed Rights Up for Grabs?*
- March 6; **Inter Press News Service (international)**; *Small Farmers' Seed Rights Up for Grabs?*
- March 10; **Africa News Service (Africa)**; *Who's Helping Who?*
- April; **Red de Permacultura de Mexico (Mexico)**; translation of RAFI press release on Terminator and Traiton technologies
- April 27; **Inter Press Service (international)**; *Africa: Farmers Urged to Resist Genetically Modified Seeds*
- Oct. 5; **Inter Press Service (international)**; *Cheers for Monsanto's Reversal on Terminator*
- Oct. 8; **South African Broadcasting (South Africa)**; *interview with Hope Shand on Monsanto decision*
- Oct. 27; **Inter Press Service (international)**; *Environment-Rights: Citizens Groups Increase Power Worldwide*
- Dec. 15; **SCOPE Pakistan / Coalition Against Desertification listserver**; *Terminator Terminated? (RAFI press release)*
- During December, we know that **La Jornada, in Mexico City** carried a special feature on the Gene Giants, which extensively cited RAFI materials, and drew heavily on the *RAFI Communique* by that name. Coverage of RAFI also appeared in the newspapers **Novedades, La Jornada, El Universal in Mexico**, and in **Estesur magazine**.

### **RAFI Speaking Engagements, Workshops and Briefings - 1999:**

- Jan. 29-30; **Toronto (Canada)**; Canadian Environmental Law Association "Life Form Patents Workshop"; strategy session to address patent law reform in Canada; invited participation by Jean Christie
- Feb. 7; **Nairobi (Kenya)**; African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) / UNEP conference on TRIPS and the Convention on Biological Diversity; presentation by Pat Mooney on behalf of the Crucible Group

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- Feb. 8-12; **Nairobi (Kenya)**; Crucible Group Seminar to review draft Model Acts for national legislation, and a RAFI-coordinated draft for a second Crucible book on intellectual property in agriculture; participation by book coordinator Hope Shand and Pat Mooney
- Feb. 10; **New York/international (international)**; preparation of briefing notes for UNDP *Human Development Report* on the implications of intellectual property for health and agriculture in developing countries; Jean Christie
- Feb. 18; **Washington, DC (USA)**; four person briefing of US Deputy Secretary of Agriculture on Terminator technology and licensing of USDA patent; Hope Shand
- Feb. 18; **Francophone Africa (Africa)**; written briefing of 16 member states of OAPI - the Organisation africaine de propriété intellectuelle, on the implications of adopting UPOV 91
- Feb. 27; **Winnipeg (Canada)**; Organic Agriculture Conference; keynote address on Terminator seeds; Pat Mooney
- March 2; **Winnipeg (Canada)**; Canadian Wheat Board Annual "Outlook Conference"; keynote presentation by Pat Mooney
- March 2; **Davis, California (USA)**; meeting of government, industry and academic researchers, to discuss on Terminator technology; invited participation by Edward Hammond
- March 3; **New York (USA)**; briefing of 15 UNDP Africa staff on the implications for developing countries of new obligations regarding intellectual property; Jean Christie
- April 5-8; **Harare (Zimbabwe)**; Community Biodiversity Development and Conservation Program , workshop on intellectual property and biopiracy; resource person Pat Mooney
- April 17-18; **Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA)**; La Montanita Co-op's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate the Earth Festival; keynote address entitled "*Biotechnology and Terminator Technology: The Wider Implications for Farmers, Food, Biodiversity and Our Future*, and two workshops entitled "Food Security for the Future" and "Sustaining Community"; by Hope Shand
- April 19-23; **Rome (Italy)**; FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; participation in debate on Farmers' Rights; Pat Mooney
- April 20; **Rome (Italy)**; FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; RAFI seminar for delegates on the Terminator technology
- April 21; **Rome (Italy)**; FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; RAFI seminar on Farmers' Rights
- April 21; **Ottawa (Canada)**; Indigenous Women of the Americas - Inter-American Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights; panelist, Jean Christie
- April 29; **New York (USA)**; "Project Censored" award ceremony for the most under-reported stories by the US media; Hope Shand received award for RAFI article on the Terminator Technology

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- May 13; **Concord, New Hampshire (USA)**; Hearing in the State Legislature on the Terminator; RAFI provided support to hearing organizers; briefing materials for legislators, and gave testimony; Hope Shand
- June 10; **Montreal (Canada)**; Concordia University Institute in Management and Community Development Summer School; day long workshop on RAFI methodology; Jean Christie
- June 21-26; **Montreal (Canada)**; Biodiversity Convention SBSTTA; lobbying on Terminator technology; Jean Christie, Edward Hammond, Pat Mooney, Silvia Ribeiro, Hope Shand
- June 21; **Montreal (Canada)**; RAFI seminar for SBSTTA delegates and observers on Terminator technology; presentations by Pat Mooney and Edward Hammond
- June 22; **Montreal (Canada)**; Joint seminar for SBSTTA delegates and observers, by RAFI and Sobrevivencia/Friends of the Earth Paraguay, on Delta and Pineland toxic seed dump in Paraguay; Jean Christie, Edward Hammond, Silvia Ribeiro
- June 23; **Montreal (Canada)**; NGO seminar for francophone African members of l'Organization africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI); presentation on implications of OAPI decision to join UPOV 91; by Jean Christie
- June 23; **Winnipeg (Canada)**; Public meeting organized by local Member of Parliament, on genetic manipulation of crops and animals; guest speaker, Pat Mooney
- June 24; **Washington, DC (USA)**; briefing of US Deputy Secretary of Agriculture on the Terminator technology; participation in the delegation by Hope Shand
- June 29; **New York (USA)**; Rockefeller Foundation seminar for US foundations; panel presentation on Terminator technology; Pat Mooney
- Aug. 10; (**Montreal, Canada**); North American Congress of Phytopathologists; participation by Julie Delahanty
- Sept. 1; **Ottawa (Canada)**; Council of Canadians national strategy session for campaigning on issues related to genetic engineering; participation by Jean Christie and Julie Delahanty
- Sept. 6-8; **Cambridge (England)**; World Seed Conference; guest speaker, Pat Mooney
- Sept. 7; **Cambridge (England)**; Seeds of Resistance (counter conference to the World Seed Conference); guest speaker Pat Mooney
- Sept. 8-15; **Maastricht (Netherlands)**; FAO/Netherlands Conference on the Multifunctional Character of Agriculture and Land; participation on RAFI's behalf by Patrick Mulvany

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- Sept. 9-10; **Montreal (Canada)**; Forum International de Montréal; invited participant at international conference to consider the role of civil society organizations in the multilateral system; Jean Christie
- Sept. 14; **Wageningen (Netherlands)**; Agricultural University of Wageningen; seminar by Pat Mooney
- Sept. 16; **Mulheim (Germany)**; Global Forum on Agricultural Research; speaker Pat Mooney
- Oct. 6-10; **Blue Mountain, NY (USA)**; Blue Mountain Meeting; international strategy meeting on biotechnology; participation by Pat Mooney, Silvia Ribeiro
- Oct. 16; **Hamilton (Canada)**; McMaster University Ontario Public Interest Research Group, "Attack of the Corporate Tomatoes" conference by Jean Christie
- Oct. 20-23; **Washington (USA)**; World Bank meeting on biotechnology; participation by Hope Shand
- Oct. 25, 26; **Egham, Surrey (UK)**; Keystone Biotechnology meeting; Pat Mooney
- Oct. 27; **Washington (USA)**; briefing for US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, on the Terminator patent, by 10 civil society representatives; Hope Shand
- Oct. 28; **Washington (USA)**; joint press conference with 7 other organizations, on Terminator technology; participation by Hope Shand
- Nov. 13; **Kitchener/Waterloo (Canada)**; Global Community Centre 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on Multinationals and Biodiversity; panel presentation by Jean Christie
- Nov. 15; **Winnipeg (Canada)**; University of Winnipeg seminar on biotechnology and biopiracy; Pat Mooney
- Nov. 30; **Seattle (USA)**; International Forum on Globalization; presentation to an audience of 7000 on Traitor technology and bio-warfare; by Pat Mooney
- Dec. 8; **Washington (USA)**; meeting organized by Ralph Nader's "Public Citizen" with Robert Shapiro, CEO of Monsanto; participation by Hope Shand

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