



Year of Regeneration

Global Alliance for Organic Districts (GAOD): Scaling Up Organic Agriculture

Oliver Gardener writes for Regeneration International:

“During these trying times, Regeneration International (RI) has remained steadfast in its efforts to spread the word about organic regenerative agriculture to local governments, municipalities, cities and regions worldwide.

Our latest endeavor includes participating in the virtual launch of the first Global Alliance for Organic Districts (GAOD), an alliance announced on World Food Day 2020 between Asian Local Governments for Organic Agriculture (ALGOA) and the International Network of Eco Regions (I.N.N.E.R.).”

One of the key projects in this global endeavor is the Billion Agave Agroforestry Project in Mexico, applicable to much of the 40% of the world that are desertified, arid, or semi-arid.

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/2KZA616>

The Myth of No-Till: The Future is Regenerative & Organic

Written by Regeneration International Director, André Leu:

“It is a myth that the toxic degenerative GMO herbicide no-till systems can give higher crop yields and significant increases in soil organic carbon.

The fact is that we have enough high-quality studies now to show that Regenerative Organic Agriculture has the highest yields and the best increases in soil organic carbon.

The Rodale Institute’s 40-Year-Report on their Farming Systems Trial should end the myth of the toxic, GMO herbicide, no-till systems. Rodale’s scientific trials clearly show that these degenerative no-till systems are inferior to Regenerative Organic Agriculture on every key criterion. (Rodale 2022)

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3QNTpYp>

2023: A Year for Natural Health?

Alliance for Natural Health looks ahead to 2023:

“Congress remains deadlocked. In the 2022 midterms, Democrats lost control of the House but retain a slim majority in the Senate. A divided Congress means it is difficult to enact major changes to current policy. But we still must be on the lookout for bad policies (like Sen. Durbin’s “mandatory product listing” for supplements) hidden in larger pieces of must-pass legislation because they lack the political support to pass on their own. A divided Congress makes it difficult for our opponents to get what they want, but it also makes it a challenge to enact proactive reforms that ANH supports, such as a bill allowing expanded free speech about the benefits of supplements, a bill to stop the FDA back-channel that allows natural substances like NMN to be turned into monopoly drugs, or a bill to protect access to homeopathic medicines...”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3iHIYBH>

Monsanto & Pesticide Industry Wrote the “Playbook” for Big Oil & Tobacco

Dana Drugman writes:

“As regulators in the United States and European Union prepare to review and potentially reauthorize the controversial weedkiller glyphosate, a new report reveals the stealth tactics and narrative spin deployed by the chemical’s manufacturer to discredit inconvenient science and protect profits.

The report, published by Friends of the Earth and nonprofit investigative organization U.S. Right to Know, uses the case study of Monsanto (now owned by Bayer) and its widely used glyphosate-based product Roundup to illustrate the pesticide industry’s deceptive tactics and communications strategies — which mirror those of the tobacco and fossil fuel industries.”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3IXg4j2>

Yes, Gene-Editing is GMO (Requiring Labeling & Safety Testing)

Claire Robinson reports:

“Currently, governments around the world are moving to scrap regulatory safeguards around genetically modified organisms (GMOs) that are claimed to contain no foreign genes or foreign DNA. They choose to believe GMO lobby assertions that GM gene-edited plants and animals don’t contain any foreign genetic material in their genomes and are therefore as “natural” and safe as conventionally bred plants and animals.

But this is false. GM gene-edited organisms pose risks that are not confined to the presence of foreign DNA. And GM gene-edited plants and animals can and do contain foreign genetic material in their genomes, either by intention or inadvertently due to the imprecision and limitations of the gene editing process. Below are some of the ways that foreign DNA can get into the genomes of gene-edited GMOs: (1) Foreign genes or DNA can be intentionally inserted... (2) Fragments of foreign plasmid DNA can inadvertently integrate into plants’ genomes... (3) GMO developers often turn a blind eye to foreign DNA... (4) Claims that using pre-assembled editing tools avoid foreign DNA are false... (5) Foreign DNA from gene editing “kill switches” could contaminate the genome... (6) Foreign DNA from animal-derived culture media can be inserted into the genome of gene-edited animals... (7) GMO developers fail to clean up foreign DNA... and (8) Risks not confined to foreign DNA.”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3ZW4Fq2>

The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know Is Possible

Charles Eisenstein writes: The year 2023 will be a year of enlightenment. More and more, we will feel lightness. We have passed already through the darkest hour.

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