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## MEXICAN CORN & THE THREAT TO FOOD SECURITY

NAFTA has been engaged in a 3-year study on whether genetically modified U.S. corn poses a threat to Mexico - the Adam and Eve of the world supply. Those intimately involved in the study and in its implications will share with us the bumpyroad to uncovering the facts.

**3-5 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 23 2005**

**ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM, BOURNS A265**

**NORM ELLSTRAND:** UCR Professor of Genetics, Director of the Biotechnology Impacts Center, an expert on gene flow & its consequences & author of "Dangerous Liaisons: When Cultivated Plants Mate with Their Wild Relatives," he will discuss unintended consequences of moving genetically modified corn to Mexico.

**PEGGY LEMAUX:** Director, UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources Biotechnology Workgroup/Genomics Workgroup, lecturer in plant biotechnology at UC Berkeley, she will address the potential benefits for Mexico in transgenic maize & the industry perspective.

**ALEJANDRO NADAL:** Professor in El Colegio de Mexico's Science, Technology & Development Program, who lead the first study on NAFTA's effect on Mexico, will discuss the socioeconomic consequences on maize production & the report's relevance to discussing genetically modified crops.

**JOSÉ SARUKHAN-KERMEZ,** chair of the experts group that prepared the report (North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation) & senior professor of ecology at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). He will discuss the value of the trinational report and political obstacles to its dissemination.