

Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

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South American Biosafety Expert Joins Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

The Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network (ABTR Network) proudly announces the addition of Rodrigo Artunduaga, Ph.D. to its team of experts.

Dr. Rodrigo Artunduaga is a Biotechnology/Biosafety, Research and Regulatory Affairs Specialist with more than 12 years of experience. He has been a technical expert of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) assisting the development of the Biosafety Protocol and the Chairman of the Colombian National Biosafety Committee from 1999 through 2002.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Artunduaga led an interdisciplinary research team at the Colombian Agriculture Institute, which is the Ministry of Agriculture's institution in charge of Plant and Animal Health Research and Inspection Services. He currently is serving several plant breeding companies as their Technical Research Coordinator for Biotechnology/Biosafety Experiments in the Andean countries.

Dr. Artunduaga is an invited speaker at a Biosafety Workshop at the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, to be held in Minas Gerais, Brazil in September 2007. Find more information: <http://www.anbio.org.br/eventos/icgeb.htm>

"Rodrigo adds an important resource for the South American region that strengthens our global network," said Scott Thenell, ABTR Network Co-Founder. "We're very pleased to welcome him to our network of regulatory experts."

To learn more about Dr. Artunduaga and other network consultants, visit www.abtrnetwork.com

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