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Third International Conference "Genetically modified organisms: the history, achievements, social and environmental risks"



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Third international conference "GMO: history, achievements, social and environmental risks" was held on October 3–5, 2023 in Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg, Russia in mixed format (on-site and on-line). The conference was attended by researchers from Russia, China, Germany, Spain, India, Moldova, Tadjikistan, Belarus. They discussed new genetic engineering methods, promising results and their promotion in society. A lot of interest was attracted to the sections devoted to the genome editing of various organisms and genetic engineering in agriculture. A number of reports aimed to study the fundamental problems of biology and medicine using genetically modified microorganisms and animals. The whole section was traditionally devoted to environmental studies, involving transgenic organisms, natural GMOs that arose without human intervention. Discussion of society's attitude towards GMOs concluded the conference, where the importance of improvement of GMO diagnostics, as well as closer interaction between biologists and lawyers for improving legislation in the field of GMOs was noted.

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