

Quotes of Anne Glover

„No other foodstuff has been so thoroughly investigated as GM,” she said. “No scientist will ever say something is 100 per cent safe but I am 99.99 per cent certain from the scientific evidence that there are no health issues with food produced from GM crops. Just about every scientist I know supports this view. Opposition to GM, and the benefits it can bring, is a form of madness I don’t understand.”¹

“I think we need to be more aggressive when people say there is not enough evidence to support GM.”

“There has been a lot in the media over the last 15 years about possible dangers, and it is fair and right to be curious or cautious — but we have now spent so much time gathering evidence to the contrary, it is time to say we know enough to prove GM foods are safe,” she said.²

It would apply to how we implement regulations around genetically modified organism (GMO) foods, because we have so much very robust evidence, and the precautionary principle is no longer relevant with GMO foods or crops.³

Many people do have an ethical problem with genetically modified organisms – but it's not related to science⁴

“If we just looked at the evidence base, we would have GM in the EU without a doubt. GM crops are subject to more scrutiny than any other type of agriculture.”

“There is no substantiated evidence that I have ever seen that GM crops are harmful to the environment, animals or people”.⁵

You are right to mention the public view of things, because the public remembers in the 1980s and 1990s, when we started hearing about a lot of discomfort around the subject of GMO crops, and felt perhaps they were being manipulated by industrial interests. But that is a generation ago, we’ve moved on and the challenges are completely different and we are not having that debate. ⁶

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2 <http://www.thecourier.co.uk/business/farming/news/enough-known-to-prove-gm-foods-are-safe-claims-glover-1.133175>

3 <http://www.euractiv.com/innovation-enterprise/chief-scientific-adviser-policy-p-interview-514074>

4 <http://www.nasaonline.org/attachments/article/173/Agricultural%20biotechnology%20in%20Europe%20and%20Africa-Anne%20Glover.pdf>

5 http://www.farminguk.com/news/Embrace-GM-crops-campaigner-tells-consumers_27288.html

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